



**KENNETH EDWARD ABERNATHY** - Died Monday June 12, 2017 in Madison, Alabama at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Florence, Alabama on April 25, 1947 to Agnes Abernathy and the late Bennie Abernathy. He graduated from Rogers High School in 1965. After serving in Vietnam with the United States Air Force, he attended the University of North Alabama, receiving his degree in 1977. Mr. Abernathy was a member of the Madison Church of Christ where he served in the past as a deacon and loved Tuesday mornings with the Men's Prayer Breakfast. A lifetime outdoorsman, he was often found on the water fishing with family and friends. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. Mr. Abernathy is survived by his wife of 47 years Dianne (née Tharp) Abernathy; mother, Agnes Abernathy; daughter, Leigh Ann Miles (Chris); son, Kenny Abernathy; grandsons Aaron Miles and Mark Miles; sister, Shirley Woodis; brothers, Jimmie Abernathy and Ronnie Abernathy (Bonita); much loved nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM followed by a Noon service at the Legacy Chapel Funeral Home, 16 Hughes Road, Madison. The graveside service was at the Tri-Cities Memorial Gardens in Florence, Al at 3:00 PM.



**MARTY SAPIEN ACEVES** – Died Sunday, May 28, 2017 in Cutler, California at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 12, 1951. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cutler Chapter #643**. Visitation was held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. Interment was in the Smith Mountain Cemetery. Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel were in charge of the arrangements.



**RONNIE D. ADAMS** – Died Thursday, May 18, 2017 in Magnolia, Mississippi at the age of 70. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on October 15, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, of the home. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sunset (Louisiana) Chapter #141**. Visitation was from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Resthaven Gardens of Memory Funeral Home at 11817 Jefferson Highway in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on May 20, 2017 at the Resthaven Gardens of Memory and Funeral Home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The interment was in the Resthaven Gardens of Memory in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



**EDWARD LEE AGUERO** - Died Sunday, December 11, 2016 in Baytown, Texas at the age of 68, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 29, 1948 in Crosby, Texas to the late Crecencio and Helen Aguero. Edward graduated from Crosby High School. He was a devoted father to his children, grandchildren and husband to his wife of 48 years, Marguerita. He was a faithful member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church. He also enjoyed singing and listening to good old country music, taking trips to the casino, was an avid Houston Oilers fan, and enjoyed cheering for the Houston Texans and the Astros. He is preceded in death by his parents, Crecencio and Helen Aguero; sisters, Mary Bauer, Virginia Aguero and Anita Munos; brothers, Crecencio Aguero, Jr., and Philip Aguero. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marguerita Aguero; daughter, Gina Aguero Mullins; son, Chris Aguero and wife Caprile; grandchildren, Jamie Mullins, Tera Aguero and Brittany Mullins; sisters, Ophelia Parker and husband John, Stella Jimenez and husband Reymundo, Mary Helen Rangel and husband Mike; brother, Richard Aguero and wife Rhonda; also many nieces, nephews and cherished friends. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baytown Chapter #922**. His family received friends at the Navarre Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 PM with a rosary to follow at 7:00 PM. There was a funeral mass on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1907 Carolina Street, Baytown, TX 77520 with Reverend Father Edmund Eduarte officiating. The burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery. The pallbearers were Greg Jimenez, Gerald Jimenez, Paul Jimenez, Dwayne Hernandez, Tom Capetillo, and Tony Hinojosa. The honorary pallbearer was Richard Aguero. To view the online obituary or to post a tribute for the family, go to [www.navarrefuneralhome.com](http://www.navarrefuneralhome.com) Arrangements were under the direction and personal care of Navarre Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2444 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, TX, 77521.



**RAYMOND J. ALDAO, JR.** - Died Thursday, May 25, 2017 at his home in Forest Hill, Maryland at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on October 8, 1946 to the late Raymond John and Anna Celia (née Norris) Aldao. He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving our country from 1966-1970. His first deployment on the ship was to Guantanamo Bay for carrier training for the ship's personnel. The second deployment was to Vietnam and served on the USS Forrestal during the catastrophic fire and explosions that occurred in the Gulf of Tonkin. His GQ station was in Engineering's Central Control, manning the communications to the aft steering compartments, one of which was severely damaged with a loss of personnel in the port steering section. After repairs were made to the ship, Ray made two more deployments. One cruise was to the Mediterranean and then another to Gitmo. He returned to the decommissioned Forrestal in 1994 serving as Executive Vice President of the USS Forrestal Museum, Inc. This effort was a valiant attempt to save the ship after decommissioning as a naval heritage museum in

Baltimore. Ray's principle responsibilities included major contributions into the museum's master plan. He was the principle guiding liaison in the minting of a commemorative medallion from the Franklin Mint for the museum. He was the past president of the Maryland State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America, and was the present *President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Deposit Chapter #722**. He was also a Life Member of the Bel Air American Legion #39. He was a member of the Port Deposit Fire Department from 1981-1992, serving as a firefighter and an ambulance driver, and a member of the Jarrettsville VFC from 2013 to present as a support member and train garden member. Ray taught ballroom dancing at the Arthur Murray School of dance in Norfolk, VA. Ray was also a Boy Scout troop leader in the Baltimore area as well as an Eagle Scout. Raymond retired, after 31 years of service, from BG&E on Feb. 1, 2002, where he worked as a high voltage electrician. After retirement, he worked at Reuter Hanney Electrical as a high voltage electrical tester. Mr. Aldao is survived by his wife, Teresa A. Grant Aldao; seven daughters: Annette Twadell of Coates, NC; Joyce Westbrook of North East; Kathryn Poisal of Ellicott City; Monica Aldao Petr of Parkville; Rebecca Aldao; April Fava of Bel Air; Jenn Grant of Fallston; brother, Skip Aldao of North Carolina; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Steven Aldao. Visitation hours were held at the family owned and operated McComas Funeral Home, Bel Air, MD, on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00-7:00 PM. Services were at 7:00 PM with Chaplain Terrence Murphy officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Baltimore Area Council, 701 Wyman Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21211 or Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1235 South Clark Street, Arlington, VA 22202.



**ROBERT J. "PaBob" ALLGEYER** – Died Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in Heavener, Oklahoma at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 28, 1937 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Ferdinand Allgeyer, Sr. and Janette (née Moeglin) Allgeyer. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Allgeyer, of the home; four daughters, Geraldine Filippi and husband Ron, of Sanger, California, Vicki Biocic, of Grand Junction, Colorado, Earline Correll and husband Jim, of Wytheville, Virginia and Joni Fitzgerald, of Heavener, Oklahoma; six sons, Jeff Wise and wife Darlene, of Arkansas, Rich Fitzgerald, Jr., of Arizona, Kevin Fitzgerald and wife Darinda, of Farmington, Arkansas, Rick Burns and wife Carolyn, of Reno, Nevada, Ted Burns, of Hermosa Beach, California and David Ardemagni and wife Sandie, of Heavener, Oklahoma; his best friend, Bob Biocic and wife Delores, of Grand Junction, Colorado; one sister-in-law, Veda Allgeyer of Port Republic, New Jersey; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; great-great-great-grandchildren, and; nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Nydene; two sons, Jerry Wise and Kenny Wise; and one brother, Shush Allgeyer. Robert was retired from the United States Marine Corps, where he served his country during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Heavener Chapter #784**. In lieu of flowers or plants the family request you make a donation in his honor to the charity of your choice.

Cremation arrangements were made under the direction of Dowden-Roberts Funeral Home of Heavener, Oklahoma.



**GILBERTO "El Caracol" ARGUIJO, JR.** - Died Monday, August 1, 2016 in Corpus Christi, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 22, 1941 in Beeville, Texas to the late Gilberto and Eva (née Garcia) Arguijo. He married Julia Rodriguez in Beeville on September 11, 1971. He had worked for Bowman Distributing for 29 years and at Classic Cleaners for 13 yrs. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beeville Chapter #929**. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Beatrice Arguijo and one grandson, Eric Sean Trevino. He is survived by his wife, Julia R. Arguijo of Beeville; one son, George A. Arguijo of Beeville; two step-daughters, Debra G. (Gilbert) Trevino of San Antonio and Emily G. Stover of Victoria, TX; two sisters, Carolina A. (Luis) Contreras of Reseda, CA. and Alicia Arguijo of Austin, TX; 5 step siblings; seven grandchildren, Felicia Misty Guerrero, Gilbert Azul Trevino-Peek, Cecilio Andrew Ortiz, Julie Louise Flores, Aaron Ryan Ortiz, Amber Elaine Trevino and Imagen Caracol Arguijo. He is also survived by 12 great grandchildren. Visitation hours were held at Oak Park Memorial Funeral Chapel on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-9:00 PM with a holy rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM. Visitation resumed on Friday from 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon at Oak Park Chapel. The body of Mr. Arguijo laid-in-state at 1:00 PM on Friday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church with a funeral mass celebrated at 2:00 PM. Interment with full military honors was at the Beeville Memorial Park. Serving as pallbearers were Gilbert Azul Trevino-Peek, Cecilio Andrew Ortiz, Aaron Ryan Ortiz, Rudy Guerrero, Eloy Flores III, George Arguijo and Gilbert Trevino. Honorary pallbearers were Julie L. Flores, Amber E. Trevino, Felicia Guerrero, Korina Odom Guerrero and Imagen Caracol Arguijo. The arrangements were under the direction of Oak Park Memorial Funeral Chapel.



**ARTIS ARRINGTON** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Monday, July 10, 2017 at home in Browns Mills, New Jersey, with his wife by his side. He was 81 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on February 7, 1936. He was a resident of Browns Mills since 1979. He joined the United States Army and made it his career serving 2 tours of duty in Korea and 1 tour in Vietnam. After his retirement in 1985 as a Sergeant Major (E-9) with 30 years of service, he went to work for the Willingboro Board of Education in maintenance for 15 years. Artis was a life member and Commander from 1993 to 1994 of the Browns Mills Memorial VFW Post #6805, and was a member of the Eden-Stanley American Legion Post #294 Pemberton, the DAV Chapter #27 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. Artis was a very warm and caring individual who cherished his friends and family. He was the beloved husband of Shirley J. (née Jones); dear father of Sandra K. Arrington and Patricia J. Trotter and husband, Leon all of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also survived by seven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren;

four great-great-grandchildren; four half-brothers; four half-sisters, and; a host of relatives and friends. Relatives and friends of Artis's family were invited to his funeral service at 12:00 Noon, on Monday, July 17, 2017 at the Courtney Temple Church of God in Christ, 740 Pennington Avenue, Trenton where there was a viewing from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Interment with Military Honors was in BGWCD Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 350 Provinceline Road, Arneytown, North Hanover Township.

**ELWIN EARL BACON** - Died Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at home in Athol, Massachusetts at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 1, 1949 in Gardner, Massachusetts to the late Earl Bacon. He grew up in Athol and lived in Athol all of his life. After high school he served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1967 until 1969, and was recalled during the Persian Gulf War in 1991. Elwin was employed as a farrier for 26 years and also worked for L. S. Starrett Company for 24 years. He was very active in the community and was the founding father of the New England Equestrian Center. He was a *Founder and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Athol Chapter #340*, and served as constable and president for the Athol Conservation Area for over 40 years. He is survived by two daughters: Kelly Boudreau and her husband David of Orange, and Elisha Becker and her husband Jon of Phoenix, MD; one sister: Ruthie Allen and her husband David of Athol; one brother: Earl Bacon and his wife Debbie of Westminster; He also has three grandchildren; Caleb, Brody and Hunter; two nephews, Derek, and Timothy; one niece, Terrie; dear friend, Robin Warren of Royalston, and his ex-wife and the mother of his children, Kim Isrow of Las Vegas, NV. He is predeceased by his sister, Judith, nephew, Corey, and grandson, Owen. The funeral was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, MA. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.mackfamilyfh.com](http://www.mackfamilyfh.com). Arrangements were in the care of Higgins-O'Connor Funeral Home, 146 Main Street, Athol.

**EDITH BAKER** – Died Monday, June 26, 2017 in Rock Spring, Georgia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 7, 1943. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.



**AUGUSTIN "Augie" BARRIOS** - Died Sunday, April 23, 2017 in Edna, Texas with his family by his side, at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in La Salle, Texas on July 8, 1946 to the late Victoriano Ortiz Barrios, Sr. and Sabina Perez (née Gonzales) Barrios. Augie graduated from Industrial High School in 1965, and then served in the United States Army for five years and the United States Navy for four years. He served three tours in Vietnam and became Shellback after crossing the equator on board USS Gridley (DLG-21). He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898*. Augie was a loving and caring father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He loved baseball and was a coach and umpire for Jackson County. He was his grandchildren's biggest supporter with sports and school activities. Augie will be remembered for his beautiful green eyes, his smile, and the jokester that he was. Augie is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Veronica Soto (Sammy), Josie Lannette Barrios and Roxeanna Jean Gonzales; his son and daughter-in-



law, Lionel Barrios (Jackie); his sisters and brothers-in-law, Emily Benavides (Paul), Teresa Ortiz (Carmen), Lenora Perez (Robert), and Olivia Barrios; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Victor Barrios, Jr., Joe Lopez (Olga), Lupe Lopez (Judy), and Felix Lopez; fifteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his life-time companion and best friend, Janie Castillo Barrios; his sister-in-law, Nancy Lopez, and; numerous nieces and nephews. Augie is preceded in death by his parents; his mother, Teofila Barrios; his son, Augustin Jamie Barrios; his sister, Maria Elena Cantu; his brother, Danny Lopez, and; his grandson, Richard Brandon Martinez, Jr. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, from 5:00-6:30 PM with a rosary to be recited at 6:30 PM in the Oaklawn Funeral Home Chapel. The Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 10:00 AM, in the Saint John Bosco Parish of Vanderbilt. The burial with full Military Honors was in the Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Inez. Reverend Father Johnson Owusu-Boateng was the celebrant. The pallbearers were Joshua Benavides, Edward Bermea, Javier Sanchez, Sr., Wesley Unger, Jorge Gomez, and Sammy Ray Soto. The honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, Jesse Escalona, Sr., and the DAV Chapter #169. Military honors were conducted under the auspices of the Victoria County Veterans Council, Victoria, Texas.



**CLARENCE D. "Butch" BELL, JR.** Esq. (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Monday, December 28, 2015 in Nottingham, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 17, 1941 in New Orleans, Louisiana but was raised in Upland, Pennsylvania. "Butch", as he was known, graduated from Pennsylvania Military College in 1963 and obtained his J.D. from Temple Law School. He served in the United States Army. Butch served two tours in Vietnam, earning the Purple Heart, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" device, the Air Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Butch continued to serve his country honorably, ultimately attaining the rank of Colonel in the United States Army Reserves. Colonel Bell was a member of VFW Post #845 in Downingtown, PA and the American Legion Post #194 in Rising Sun, MD. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Trappe Chapter #436**. For many years, he was involved with the Oxford Golden Bears and the Oxford Little League as a coach. He will be remembered for many things, but most of all for being a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Colonel Bell is survived by his wife, Mary Lou (née O'Hara) Bell of Nottingham, PA; two daughters, Allison Bell Royer (Shannon) of West Chester, PA and Christine Mary Bell of Rock Hill, SC; one son, Kevin James Bell (Andrea) of Lancaster, PA; and eight grandchildren: Lauren, Kate, and Jack Royer; Patrick Boardwine; and Kevin, Emily, Liam, and Natalie Bell. He was preceded in death by his parents, Senator Clarence D. Bell and Mary James Bell; as well as by his sister, Mary Davenport Bell. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the Edward L. Collins, Jr. Funeral Home, Inc., 86 Pine Street, Oxford, PA, where friends and family may visit from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Interment with full military honors was in Arlington National Cemetery, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758518, Topeka, KS 66675.

**HARVEY HOUSTON "Hap" BERRYHILL, JR.** - Died Sunday, June 11, 2017 in Hanceville, Alabama at the age of 89. The cause of death was a cardiac arrest resulting from a hip fracture from a

fall. He was born in Huntsville, Alabama on January 4, 1928. He served in the United States Navy from 18 May 1946 to 18 October 1967 with a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. Graveside services with full military honors were on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, AL. The Hanceville Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**GARY LEE BIRDELL** - Died Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the River Oaks Nursing Home in Clarksburg, West Virginia at the age of 66. He was a resident of Fairmont, West Virginia. The cause of death was failure to thrive. He was born in West Virginia on October 29, 1950. Gary proudly served our country for 27 years in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – White Hall Chapter #874**. He is survived by his wife Janis Birdsell; and his father, Byron H. Birdsell, Jr. There was a graveside service held at West Virginia National Cemetery in Pruntytown with the Taylor County Honor Guard performing military rites. Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.carpenterandford.com](http://www.carpenterandford.com).



**ROBERT H. "Bob" BLACKWELL** - Died at 7:29 PM on Monday, July 17, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Riverton, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. Bob was born on March 16, 1946 in Danville, Illinois to the late Robert S. Bratton and Gladys Surratt. He married Judith Knight on December 28, 1967 in Jacksonville. Bob graduated from Springfield High School and proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the USS Okinawa. He was employed as a janitor with the State Journal-Register until his retirement and was previously employed as a cement finisher. Bob was a founding member of the Northenders VFW Post #10302, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534** and the Navy Club. He enjoyed riding his Harley, woodworking, and was an avid Saint Louis Cardinals fan. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Judith Blackwell of Riverton; his son, Travis Blackwell of Riverton; his daughter, Dena Reece; four grandchildren, including Alaina Blackwell; siblings, Rita Hill of Ashland, Patricia J. Surratt of Fresno, CA, Bobby Bratton of Tipp City, OH, Roberta Marquis of Phillipsburg, OH, and Darlene Bratton of Jamestown, OH; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Cremation was accorded by Butler Cremation Tribute Center prior to ceremonies. A graveside ceremony was at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Camp Butler National Cemetery with Celebrant Judy Woerner officiating.



**DOROTHY RUTH "Dot" (née Porter) BOLDEN** - Died Sunday, Saturday, July 30, 2016 Smyrna, Georgia at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on April 15, 1927. Dot lived in Roselle, New Jersey, for many years before moving to North Carolina and Georgia. She was a cafeteria worker in the Roselle school system before taking a teacher's assistant job at Union Campus Regional School, retiring in 2012. Dot was loved by many and was also referred to as "Mom." She was a Gold Star Mother. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #779**. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles "Freddie" Bolden; her sons, Dennis and Leon Ruth; stepson, Charles Bolden, Jr.; her parents; her brothers, Robert "Sonny" Porter, Jr., Bernard Porter, Leon Porter, and David Porter; her sisters, Gladys "Babe" Ruth, Thelma "Poopie" Bolden, and Marian "Peanut" Sims. She leaves to cherish loving memories her sons, Donald Ruth, Jr. and Stanley (Selena) Ruth; her stepdaughter, Hazel Bolden Heard; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; her brothers, Elder Russell "Ted" Porter, Raymond (Beverly) Porter, Donald Porter; her sisters, Anne Toney and Carolyn Shipman, and; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Nesbitt Funeral Home, 165 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ. Visitation was from 10:00 AM until time of the services.



**STUART WAYNE "Skip" BORSUK** – Died Monday, May 15, 2017 in San Bernardino, California at the age of 69. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest. He was born on November 23, 1947 in San Bernardino and graduated from San Bernardino High School. He served our country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Army and later joined the United States Navy Seabee Reserves. He worked as a machinist for the Santa Fe Railroad and later briefly worked in real estate, but he never lost his love of trains. He was a member of the Riverside Live Steamers, giving rides for children and adults on his own miniature steam engine. Skip also served the community as part of the San Bernardino/Highland Optimist Club and continued to oversee the club's scholarship program after it disbanded, as well as establishing the Borsuk Family Scholarship. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**. Skip died unexpectedly at home. He is survived by his wife, Jewell; his daughters, Corina and Marlene; and his sister, Sharon Thomas. Visitation hours were on May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Bobbitt Memorial Chapel in San Bernardino. Services were on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 AM, at Bobbitt's with burial at 12:30 PM at Riverside National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, send donations in Skip's name to Riverside Live Steamers, P.O. Box 5512, Riverside, CA 92517.

**LAWRENCE G. "Larry" BOYCE** - Died Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Arbors at Delaware in Ohio at the age of 72. He was a resident of Delaware, Ohio. The cause of death was Agent Orange-



related kidney disease and renal failure. He was born on July 18, 1944 in Wellsville, New York to the late Maynard and Kathryn (née Collins) Boyce. Larry graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor's Degree in Labor Relations. He was a Vietnam Veteran proudly serving his country in the United States Army. He was past Commander of the Delaware VFW. He was a member of AMVETS, American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware Chapter #1095**, Moose, and spent time working at the Delaware County Veterans Service. Larry enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, travelling with his wife, bowling, and golfing. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sharon; two daughters, Michelle (Ken) Gray of Prospect and Janet Boyce of Delaware; and four grandchildren, Nathan, Hayden, Olissa, and Casey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Michael. Memorial contributions may be made to Ohio Health Hospice, the American Kidney Foundation and/or a veteran's organization of your choice. Visitation hours were on Tuesday from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Robinson Funeral Home where a Masonic service was at 7:00 PM followed by military honors presented by the Delaware County Veterans Association.



**ROBERT JOHN “Bob” BRANDSFIELD** – Died Sunday, August 6, 2017 at VA Hospice in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 67. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange-related progressive supra-nuclear palsy and Parkinson's disease. He was born on May 19, 1950 in Des Moines, Iowa. Bob is survived by his wife, Darla of 46 years; two children, Aaron (Karri) Brandsfield and Nina Brandsfield (Jason Graham); three granddaughters, Courtney and Kiley Brandsfield and Mykaela Graham; two brothers, Bud (Kristi) and Mike (Nancy) Brandsfield; one sister, Penny (Pete) Rounds; his father-in-law, Russ Dent; his brother-in-law Mike (Paula) Dent, and; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, sister, aunt, nephew, great-nephew and his mother-in-law. Bob earned his accounting degree from Iowa State University and went on to earn his CPA and CFP designations. He ran a successful family business in financial planning, tax and accounting for over 35 years. Bob served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from 1970-1971 with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490**. He also served on many committees over his years. Visitation hours were held from 5:00-7:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Vigil Service on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at Saint Boniface Catholic Church, 1200 Warrior Lane in Waukee, Iowa. The Funeral Mass was at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, also at the church. An 11:00 AM graveside service took place on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Iowa Chapter of Vietnam Veterans or to the VA Hospital.



**RICKY LEE “Rick” BRENNAN** - Died Wednesday, June 22, 2016 in Clearwater, Florida at the age of 64, surrounded by a loving family. The cause of death was septic shock, myelodysplastic syndrome, cellulitis, right arm, renal failure and diabetes mellitus type II. Rick

was born on August 4, 1951 in Goshen, Indiana to the late Leslie and Norma Brennan who both predeceased him as did his brother, Buddy Brennan, of Huntington, Indiana and his canine fur babies Rebel, Sammi and Buddy. He was raised in the small town of Syracuse, Indiana and joined the United States Army at the age of 17 where he served a total of 24 years, retiring as a First Sergeant in 1993. Rick was a 100% service-connected disabled veteran who served overseas in Vietnam and Germany with his remaining time served in the states. During his distinguished military career, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Service Ribbon, seven Good Conduct Awards, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon with a #3, two National Defense Service Medals, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 service stars, the Presidential Unit Citation, his Driver and Mechanic Badge, his Expert Marksmanship Rifle Badge, the Gold Recruiting Badge with three Sapphire Achievement Stars, and the Army Recruiting Ring. Rick was active in numerous veterans organizations and was a life member of VFW Post #10093, where he twice served as Commander, a life member of DAV - Chapter #11 and was a member of the American Legion Post #238 in Safety Harbor, Florida where he served as Finance Officer for three years where he and his wife were very much involved in the Homeless Program. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522*. He was also a member of the Oldsmar Moose Lodge #2373. Although he was known to be frequently blunt and to the point, those that truly knew him knew that he had a soft spot especially when it came to the homeless and to animals. Survivors include his wife Dottie Brennan of 19 years, son's Rick (Angie) Brennan of Trinity, Florida; Steven (Kari) Brennan of Dunedin, Florida; stepson's Brian Roberts of Belfast, Maine; Brad (Kari) Roberts of Milan, Illinois; brother Garry (Karen) Ringler of Syracuse, Indiana; sister's Kandy Domonique, Sandy (Mike) McRobbie, Sally (Kirk) Beck all of Archbold, Ohio; Ann (Bruce) Booher, and Kathy (Phillip) Lindsay both of Huntington, Indiana; seven grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and his beloved dogs, Zoe and Molly. A memorial service was on July 10, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the VFW Post #10093 where the American Legion Post #238 Honor Guard will provide military honors. The graveside service was on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 10:45 AM at Bay Pines National Cemetery with the United States Army providing military honors. The family requests that memorial contributions to be made to your nearest animal shelter in Rick's memory.



**GARY DANE BRINK** - Died Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Geisinger Community Medical Center at the age of 69. He was a resident of Madison Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was sudden cardiac death and Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on August 8, 1947 to the late Robert W. and Charlcie Lee (née Barrett) Brink. His wife is the former Peggy (née Paragino) Brink. The couple would have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 4, 2017. Gary attended North Pocono High School and went on to serve his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served two tours during the war, working as a heavy equipment engineer with the 20<sup>th</sup> Brigade. He later became a heavy equipment instructor and obtained the rank of Specialist 5. Following his honorable discharge, Gary worked as a truck driver for numerous local companies, including Roadway Express, Coon

Concrete, Edwards Concrete and RLE. Gary was a member of the Cortez VFW Post #6520. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Thornhurst Chapter #1035**. Gary had a passion for race car driving at Moc-A-Tek speedway from when he was 16 years old. In his 30's, he discovered modified tractor pulling, only to return to dirt-track racing later in his 50's. The Brink brothers had their own race car driven by the late Thomas and Kenny Brink. Also surviving are a daughter, Shelly Brink Youshock and husband, Paul; two brothers, Robert Brink and wife, Cindy; and Kenny Brink and wife, Lori; a sister, Sheila Brink White and husband, James; a sister-in-law, Jill Brink; two grandchildren, Nicholas and Gabriella Youshock; and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a younger brother, Thomas Brink, who died in 1997. The funeral was on Friday at 11:00 AM from the Brian Arthur Strauch Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, LLC, 3 First Street, Spring Brook Township, with services by the Reverend John Craig. Interment with full military honors was in the Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst. Viewing hours were on Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #6250, 846 Cortez Road, Jefferson Township, PA 18436.



**HARRY ALFRED BRIZEE, JR.** (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Monday, September 24, 2012 at his residence in Annandale, Virginia at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 26, 1931 in Twin Falls, Idaho to the late Harry Alfred Brizee, Sr. and Lucile (née Cartwright) Brizee. He attended schools in Twin Falls until his father's death in 1942. After his father's death, his mother took a job on a cattle ranch teaching at a one-room school where Harry and his two brothers became students. After his mother's remarriage, the family moved to a farm on the Snake River; following this, Harry graduated from Buhl High School in 1949. During high school, Harry joined the National Guard (at age 16) and, following graduation, enrolled at the University of Idaho and obtained an undergraduate degree in forestry as well as a United States Army commission. While at the University of Idaho, Harry was a charter member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and served as its chapter president during his senior year. He was also elected into the Xi Sigma Pi Forestry honor organization. During the summer months, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service, which included a summer as a smoke jumper in Montana. As a distinguished military graduate in 1954, Harry was assigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division. While stationed in Germany, he met and married his first wife, Veronika (Niky) Braun, who died in 1968. He was married to Paula (née Hudson) Brizee in 1969 and celebrated the birth of his only child, Allen, in 1970. His marriage to Paula ended in divorce in 1994. During his Army career, he served in Germany, Korea, Vietnam and England; as well as at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and he served as legislative liaison in Washington, DC. His military awards include two awards of the Legion of Merit, a Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, and the Senior Parachute Badge. After retiring from the Army in 1976, he took a position at Melwood Training Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. When he retired from this organization in 1999, he was the director of Service Contracts with responsibility for more than 600 employees, most of them individuals with a developmental disability working on government contracts. Harry's hobbies included

gardening, Civil War history and wildlife. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Harry is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Rebecca (née Wright) Brizee; his son, Assistant Professor Harry Allen Brizee, Ph.D., of Baltimore and his fiancée, Assistant Professor Elizabeth Angeli, Ph.D.; his stepdaughter, Abigail Rawlins and her husband, LT Steve Rawlins, currently deployed with the USMC; stepgrandchildren, Ella, Steve, Jr. and Violet; brothers, COL Harold Brizee, U.S. Army (Ret.) and wife, Patti of Boise, Idaho, and their daughter, Becky; Robert Brizee, Ph.D., and wife, Adrienne of Wenatchee, Wash., and children, Jody and Joy. The family received friends from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Road, North Springfield, VA 22151, where the funeral was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery at later date. Donations may be made in his memory to the American Freedom Foundation online at [americanfreedomfoundation.org](http://americanfreedomfoundation.org) or to the Vietnam Veterans of America at [vva.org](http://vva.org). Flowers may be sent to Demaine Funeral Home in North Springfield, VA.



**DONALD RAY BROWN** - Died Wednesday, June 25, 2014 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 25, 1945 to the late William Brown and Edith Marie (née Robertson) Brown. He was also predeceased by his wife, Vivian G. Brown. He is survived by his children, Eddie Ray Brown, John Phillip Prosser IV, Valerie G. Stell (Kenneth), Krystal D. Horne, Carol Spence, Cathy Brown; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and; brother to many, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of VFW Post #10838, AMVETS Post #106 Honorary Guard and the Patriot Guard Riders. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. Visitation hours were on Monday, June 30, 2014 from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Paul Funeral Home, 240 North Kings Highway, Saint Charles, MO. The funeral service was on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 9:30 AM at the Paul Funeral Home. The interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Saint. Louis, MO. Memorials can be made in Honor of Mr. Brown to American Cancer Society.

**GEORGE RUSSELL BROWN** – Died Friday, August 12, 2016 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was complications of sigmoid volvulus and Parkinson's disease. He was born on July 29, 1949 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late George Milton Brown and Mary Lee (née Tesh) Brown. He is survived by his wife, Mary Judith Brown, of the home. He served in the United States Air Force from 29 April 1966 to 22 January 1970 with a year tour of duty in Vietnam. He attained the rank of Sergeant (E-4). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia Beach Chapter #48**. He was cremated. The Neptune Society – Summerfield in Summerfield, Florida was in charge of the arrangements. He was inurned in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg, Florida.



**JOHN EDWARD BURNS** - Died suddenly on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at the McLaren Lapeer Region Hospital at the age of 68. He was a resident of Imlay City, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 12, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Frank George Burns and the late Betty Lee (née Eldridge) Burns. John grew up in Detroit and Utica. He

was a graduate of Utica High School, Class of 1965. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War (1965 – 1969). John married Penny Mae Smith on April 15, 1972 in Goodison, Michigan. They lived in Gulfport, Mississippi for a few years and while there, John graduated from Mississippi Business College with a degree in Accounting. John and Penny have lived in the Imlay City area for 31 years. John took classes at Macomb County Community College in Machine Operation. He found that he was a very good welder and he was employed by McLane's Welding, Jervis B. Webb in Detroit and Waste Management as a welder. John was a member of Crossroads Baptist Church in Imlay City; the Imlay City VFW Post and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lapeer Chapter #287**. John made hand-made leather crafts. He liked to make and sell his handmade leather goods. John loved to ride his Harley-Davidson Motorcycle whenever and where-ever he could. John is survived by his wife, Penny Mae Burns, of Imlay City; two daughters, Betty Jean (and John) Cassidy of Romeo and Jennifer Mae (and Cindy Sue Fry) Taylor, of Washington Township, MI; a brother, Frank (and Mary) Burns, of Smiths Creek, MI; a sister, Janice McNichols, of Utica, MI, and; six grandchildren, John Cassidy III, Jean Cassidy, Morgana Cassidy, Delaney Cassidy, Kristin Taylor, and Wesley Fry-Taylor. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Betty Burns and his brother-in-law, Ross McNichols. A Funeral Service was held at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Crossroads Baptist Church, 6835 Weyer Road, Imlay City, MI with the Reverend Kenneth Renard officiating. Burial was in the Imlay Township Cemetery. A Veterans Salute was held at 7:15 PM on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City, 225 North Main Street, Imlay City, MI. The family was available for visiting from 2:00–5:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City, 225 North Main Street, Imlay City, MI and from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Crossroads Baptist Church, 6835 Weyer Road, Imlay City, MI. Those interested in making memorials contributions may direct them to Helping Hands in Lapeer or to the Burns Family.

**EDWARD GERALD BURWELL** - Died Sunday, May 28, 2017 at Heartland of Union, South Carolina at the age of 69. He was a resident of Union, South Carolina. The cause of death was rectal cancer. He was born in Flint, Michigan on September 23, 1947 to Virginia Lee Burwell of Florida and the late Gerald Burwell. He was a graduate of Bloomfield High School, Oakland University and received his Master's Degree from Wayne State University. Mr. Burwell retired as Librarian of the Union County Carnegie Library. He was a member of the Historical Society; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #644**; the American Legion Post #22 and also a member of Friends of the Library. Mr. Burwell was a Veteran of the United States Army having served in the Vietnam War. Surviving are four brothers: Phillip Burwell and wife Carol of Washington State, Seattle, Patrick Burwell and wife Thu-Ha of FL, Douglas Burwell and Nicholas Burwell and wife Betsy all of MI. Mr. Burwell was predeceased by a sister, Martha Burwell. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at Veterans Park conducted by the Reverend Tommy Vaughn. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery with Military Honors. Active pallbearers and Honorary Pallbearers were members of the American Legion Post #22 and members of the Vietnam Veterans of America #644. Visitation hours were held from 1:00-2:00 PM on Wednesday prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the Union County Historical Society, P.O. Box 220, Union, SC 29379. The family will be at their respective homes.

**HENRY G. CAMPBELL, JR.** – Died recently in 2017 in Checotah, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 2, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Norma. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite (Texas) Chapter #137**.



**THOMAS CHARLES "Tom" CARLSON, SR.** - Died Friday, July 14, 2017 in a local hospital near Rossville, Georgia where he is resides. He was 70 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Gary, Indiana on February 13, 1947 to the late Rudy and Georgiana Carlson. He was a 1965 graduate of Wirt High School in Indiana. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and achieved the following medals: National Defense Service, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Air Medal and Two Overseas Service Bars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Thomas was of the Christian Faith and enjoyed playing golf, watching football and baseball. His life-long dream came true when his Chicago Cubs won the World Series. He also enjoyed reading, being a frequent visitor to the local library. His greatest desire was spending time with his wife, daughters and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary D. Carlson, daughters, Samantha (Bobby) Johnson and Georgiana (Chris) Clary, grandchildren, Piper, Melissa and Camille Clary and little "O" on the way, brothers, Warren and Charlie Ahlgren. Funeral services were held at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 in the South Crest Chapel with Pastor Tim Millsaps officiating. Expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.lane-southcrestchapel.com](http://www.lane-southcrestchapel.com). In memory of Thomas, the family requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to help with expenses to contact Samantha Johnson at (423) 503-1841. The family received friends from 4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 in the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory, located at the end of historic Missionary Ridge, Rossville.

**ARNALDO CARRASCO** – Died recently in 2017 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 19, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**.



**VIRGIL FRANK CHASE, SR.** (MAA`ISHU SHIBISHA "Black Eagle") – Died Saturday, February 11, 2017 in New Town, North Dakota at the age of 74. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on October 12, 1942 in Elbowoods, North Dakota to the late Frank and Eleanor "Red Bear-White Bear" Chase. He had a family rich in culture through the teachings of both of his parents and grandparents. Virgil's early year teachings carried him throughout his life and helped Virgil to become the selfless, ambitious, creative, honorable, courageous, sensitive, loving, kind, poetic, thoughtful and an awesome competitive jokester. Virgil travelled with his parents throughout the United States and performed for thousands with their style of Pow-Wow Dancing. He was a champion Grass Dancer and was the very first Fancy Dancer on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Virgil loved to dance traditional and



many younger dancers would leave the contest Pow-Wows once they saw Virgil. He was an awesome performer who danced on the Lawrence Welk Show. It was told that Virgil and Yvonne danced and impressed President Eisenhower and saved our way of life on reservations. He was a crowd pleaser and had fans throughout Indian Country. Virgil graduated from Mandaree High School in May of 1960 and he then went on to KU and Haskell. Virgil joined the United States Marine Corps on November 8, 1961 and was honorable discharged in 1967. He was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Force Service Regiment, 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in Camp Pendleton, California. Virgil also served in Que-Sohn, Vietnam with the 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Battalion. He was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Badge, National Defense, Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifleman, Sharpshooter, Marksman Badges and achieved the rank of Corporal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Town Chapter #487**. Virgil was a rough-neck upon his return to Fort Berthold in which he lived and loved the thrill of his career with his many hardworking partners who shared many stories of hardship, near disaster, triumph and tears through long days and nights. In 1983 Virgil lived his passion of being a coach in the Golden Gloves Boxing in which lasted up until his death. He enjoyed coaching disadvantaged children and relatives who sought to better themselves and become champions. Long hours of training, blood, sweat and tears committed to the betterment of the youth, is what Virgil enjoyed along with his companions throughout the years. VIRGIL was an entrepreneur and enjoyed his many adventures throughout his life. Some of his childhood and teenage stories remain to be told, but they say “What happened in bear den stays in bear den.” Virgil had companions to enjoy his years that blessed him with wonderful times, his children and grandchildren. Like Elvis Pressley “no matter what he did everyone still loved him.” Virgil was a believer in the Kingdom of God and served the Lord to the best of his ability. He never professed to be complete and without sin, but acknowledged his faults and tried to be better than he was the day before. Virgil was diagnosed in 2015 with pancreatic cancer and continued to be the courageous man, we all came to know and love. Virgil was surrounded by friends and family when he was welcomed home to heaven. Survivors included: adopted Mother, Sally White; sisters, Yvonne Chase-Merrick, Frances (Velson) Black Tail Deer, of New Town and Claudine Smith, of Inchelium, WA; children, Cheryl Chase, of California, Kimberly (Frank) Chase-Philips, Marilyn Dye, of New Town, Kathy (Charlie) Chapin, of Bismarck, Myron Chase, of Salt Lake City, UT, Lance and Virgil, Jr., of Mandaree, and; many nieces, nephews and grandchildren who loved him dearly and whom he loved as well. Those who preceded him in death were his loving parents; son, Barrett Chase; sisters, Ernestine Chase, Louise Caroline Pleets, Sylena Chase, Carolina White Bear, Genevieve White Bear and Athelia White Bear; brothers, Bernard Chase, Sr., Crosby Chase, Frank Chase, Jr., Elijah Chase, William White Bear, Joseph White Bear and Alton White Bear. The wake was on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the Johnny Bird Veterans Memorial Hall in Dragswolf Village, New Town, ND. The funeral service was on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Johnny Bird Veterans Memorial Hall in Dragswolf Village, New Town, North Dakota.



**UNA LOIS COFFMAN** – Died peacefully on Monday, July 3, 2017 at the Kent General Hospital surrounded by her family at the age of 76. She was a resident of Magnolia, Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. Lois, or G-MA, as she was affectionately known by most, was born on July 22, 1940 in Hollywood, West Virginia to the late Mary Pauline Turner. She was a graduate of Gap Mills High School in Union, West Virginia. Lois married the love of her life, Donald, on October 2, 1969. In addition to raising six children and many grandchildren, Lois enjoyed bowling, watching golf, and crocheting blankets for anyone who asked. She was heavily involved in all of her family's activities, especially those of her grandchildren. Lois always had a meal ready for anyone who knocked on her door. She was a member of Saint John Lutheran Church in Dover, Delaware and was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her sister, Janet Pyne; son-in-law, D. Paul Thomas, Jr.; granddaughter, Mikayla Coffman; and grandson-in-law, Sean Hudson. Lois is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Donald of Magnolia; children, Debbie (Scott) Handges of Magnolia, Dianne (Frank) Coppola of Felton, Michael (Sheila) Coffman of Willow Grove, Dawn (Ben) Hollinger of Magnolia, Denise (Tony) DeVary of Magnolia, and Billie Ann (Matt) Bennett of Dover; Beth (Mike) Scott, Sara Hudson, A.J. Handges, Jonathan Gemmill (Nicky grandchildren, Sullivan), Donald W. Coffman, Daniel (Diann) Coffman, Anna Coffman, Johnny DeVary, Seth Ramsey, and Morgan Ramsey; great-grandchildren: Michael Scott, Lauren Scott, Donald W. Coffman, Jr., Serenity Sells, and Parker Hudson. She is also survived by her siblings, Wanda (Kyle) Largen, Patsy Nelson, Randy (Susan), Carol (Sonny) Pyne, and Robert (Tammy) Turner. Services were held at Noon on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Torbert Funeral Chapel South, 1145 East Lebanon Road, Dover. A visitation was held from 10:00 AM until Noon, when a service was held. Interment was at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro. In lieu of flowers the family asks contributions be made in Lois's honor, to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #850, P.O. Box 1718, Dover, DE 19903. Letters of condolences may be sent and guest book signed at [www.torbertfuneral.com](http://www.torbertfuneral.com).



**EDWARD ALBERT "Eddy" CONRAD** - Died Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital at the age of 74. He was a resident of Ypsilanti, Michigan. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on November 25, 1942 in Ypsilanti to the late Bert L. and Marie L. (née Tackmann) Conrad, the youngest of seven children. Eddy attended Ypsilanti High School, leaving school to join the United States Air Force. He was in the Air Force from October 1963 through 1967, where he did one tour of duty in Vietnam and where he obtained his G.E.D. while he was enlisted. After his discharge, he returned home and worked for NSK from November 30, 1967 until his retirement September 1, 2000. Eddy leaves: his daughter Kristin (Shahid) Malik-ul-Mulk and son Tony (Stacy); sisters, Marilyn Guck, Martha (Pete) Kellersohn and Ruth Rumberger, all of Ypsilanti; one brother Bert (Lynn) of Belleville; three grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; special friends and adopted neighbors Maureen, Brice, Bree, Tracy and Pam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Carl and one sister Carolyn Workman. The funeral service was

at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 24, 2017 at the Stark Funeral Service with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. He was cremated. Contributions in his memory may be made to either the American Lung Association or the D.A.V. Envelopes were available at the funeral home where the family received friends from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday. Our thanks to Dr. Wylie for his care over the past years. A special thank you to all the doctors and nurses for his care at the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital – 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Thank you also to the IHA Palliative Care Team for their compassion and guidance in Eddy's final days. Please sign his guest book at [www.starkfuneral.com](http://www.starkfuneral.com).

**CLIFFORD J. COON** – Died Monday June 16, 2008 in Moline, Illinois at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Iowa on November 29, 1934. He is survived by his wife, Betty. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**.



**DANIEL McKAY "Dan" CORBETT** - Died Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in Winchester, Kansas at the age of 69 from lung cancer. He was born in Redwood Falls, Minnesota on August 12, 1947 to the late Audrey and Wyman Corbett. His family of 10 moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where he grew up. He joined the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1971. He received several medals for his service. The one that meant the most was his Purple Heart. He was initially awarded it while he was in the service, but refused. He had heard about soldiers who were awarded the Purple Heart, only to have had it sent directly to their parents. When the soldier's parents received it, they interpreted it as their child's death in service, and were devastated. He did not want that to happen to his mother. He finally accepted his Purple Heart in May of 2007. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. Dan retired from Jack Cooper Transport, Kansas City, MO, where he worked as a car hauler for 30 years. After retirement he attended Washburn Tech in Topeka where he earned an associate degree in Graphic Design. He also spent time as a substitute teacher for the Topeka Public School system. Dan also volunteered his time to the Veterans Administration. Dan was a man who loved nature. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and loved watching his pigeons; usually with a cup of coffee in his hand. He never passed up a church bake sale. Corbett was generous to a fault, and those who knew him were often on the receiving end. He was a well-loved unforgettable character. He passionately protected his family and felt his main mission in life was to help them succeed. One of his regrets was that he couldn't remember or pronounce the Latin words for plants. He is survived by Mary Corbett (1<sup>st</sup> wife of 10 years), and Susie Corbett (current wife of 40 years); his children, Carrie Winn, of Oklahoma; Joseph, and Robert Corbett, of Topeka; sisters, Sally (Ed) Reed, Mimi (Steve) Mack, Nancy (Ron) Davis, and Molly Macchiaroli, all of Arizona; brothers John and Richard Reed, of Minnesota; three grandchildren, Ashley and Chase, of Oklahoma, and Michael of Topeka. He is preceded in death by his parents, Audrey and Wyman Corbett, of Arizona; and a brother, Michael. Dan Corbett was buried in Redwood Falls, MN on August 12, 2017 with full military honors. His family requested that

memorial contributions in his honor be made to the Jefferson County Health Department Home Health and Hospice, 1212 Walnut, Oskaloosa, KS, 66066.



**RANDY J. "JR" COTE** - Died peacefully on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in South Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 11, 1947 to the late Arthur Cote and Ella Cote. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Sokolowski; daughters, April Cote and Ali (Jim) Nelson; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; siblings, Sandy Sanderson, Denise Leary & Greg (Marty) Cote; and many nieces, nephews, cousins & friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. JR was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. Come and have a beer and a little food with JR one last time at Bugg's Bar, 925 North Concord Street in South Saint Paul on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 PM. Private inurnment was at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



**WILLIE J. CRAWLEY** - Died Monday, June 26, 2017 in Blackstone, Virginia at the age 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1946 in Lunenburg, County, Virginia to the late Willie and Della Sue Crawley. In addition to his parents, Willie was preceded in death by his sisters, Martha Sue Andrews, Frances Andrews and Thedell Crawley Lambert. Willie is survived by his daughters, Vonda Booker (George) of Chesterfield, Xavier Jackson (George) of Dinwiddie, and Ursula Crawley-Price (Steven); a son, Willie Crawley, Jr. (Katherine); seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; devoted cousins, Albert and Elizabeth Crawley; a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Not only was Willie a hardworking and devoted father, he but also a loving uncle, mentor and friend to many. He served his country honorably while in the United States Marine Corps earning the recognition of Sergeant and MP, and the distinction of being awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. Willie was deployed to Vietnam on two tours during that war. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackstone Chapter #806**. Truck driving was his passion. He worked many years at Southside Transportation and later in life, after Southside closed its doors, Willie became an instructor for Southside Virginia Community College. Willie enjoyed the hands-on learning with his students. He worked at SVCC for nearly 20 years until his health began to decline resulting in his having to reduce his hours to part-time. Hardworking and ambitious, Willie never took the easy road. When faced with a task or decision, Willie's favorite thing to say would be to "get it done." Chapel services with military honors were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, 10300 Pridesville Road, Amelia, VA 23002. The family received friends following the services at the Amelia County Veterans Center, 16440 Five Forks Road, Amelia Court House, VA 23002. The arrangements were made by the Joseph McMillian Funeral Home, 1826 Cox Road, Blackstone, VA 23824.



**CHARLES V. "Sonny" CRISSMAN** - Died Monday, May 15, 2017 Frewsburg, New York at the age of 71. He fought a courageous battle with cancer. Sonny was born in Chickasau, Pennsylvania on June 15, 1945 to the late Mildred Ruth (née Smith) Crissman and Donald Vinton Crissman. He graduated in 1963 and was a United States Navy veteran serving during Vietnam from 1964-68. He had been employed as a trucker for Regal Services. He also worked for Suit-Kote. Most recently, he was employed by Buckler Transport out of Coudersport, PA. He was the top revenue driver. Sonny was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars #6533 in Randolph, N.Y. He was also an avid member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. He loved "*Shelly Rae*." He enjoyed NASCAR. His drivers were Earnhardt, Sr., Tony Stewart and Kyle Bush. He attended his grandson, Austin Edson's baseball games. He loved taking Bailey, Austin "AJ" and Peyton for ice cream afterward. He truly enjoyed eating his favorite canned pickles from his sister, Opal. He looked forward each week eating twice a week at Falconer Foods from "*chicken king*." He enjoyed eating his homemade cheesy potato soup from Edith Goulding. He spent a lot of his spare time riding his Harley Davidson bikes. He is survived by his companion of 17 years, Carrie Edson; a son, Donald V. Crissman; a daughter, Sonja; Carrie's children, Jacob, Briane and Brandon; and his grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; a brother, Donald; two sisters: Dalphine and his cherished sister, Opal; two nieces: Donna Riemer and Susie Duncan; and a nephew, Frank Everett. Last, but not least, his very dear and close friends: Jimmy and Sandra Brooks. A celebration of life was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 4:00 PM at the Vietnam Veterans Association. Any donations may be made to the Veteran Veterans Association of Jamestown, NY.



**DAVID H. CROSS** - Died Saturday, March 15, 2014 at his home in Oconto, Wisconsin at the age of 65, with his wife, Sue, by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 11, 1948 in Waukesha, Wisconsin to the late Ken and Ruth (née Raduachel) Cross who survives in Oconto. He married Susan Williams on December 13, 1976. David served his country in the United States Marine Corps from June of 1966 to June of 1970 as Crew Chief, Medivac Unit. Serving during the Vietnam War, David was awarded 3 Purple Hearts, Silver Star, Air Medal with 24 OLC, Navy Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Air Crew Insignia with 3, President Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. David worked as DNR Warden for Oconto County for 8 years and then retired from the Oconto, US Post Office. He was a member and Deacon of First Presbyterian Church, Oconto, member and Past Commander of American Legion Post #74, Oconto, and member of Oconto County Historical Society. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**. David is survived by his wife, Sue Cross, Oconto; mother, Ruth Cross, Oconto; sister, Barbara

Weber, Waukesha; brother, Bruce Cross, Waukesha; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Ken Cross; his sister, Diana Fleischman and his brother Scott Cross. The family received relatives and friends at the First Presbyterian Church, Oconto from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 20, 2014. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 PM on Thursday at the church with the Reverend Craig Alwin officiating. The Military Rites were accorded by the American Legion Post #74, Oconto. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.gallagherfuneralhome.net](http://www.gallagherfuneralhome.net).



**JERRY LEE CURRY** - Died Saturday, September 3, 2016 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 73. Jerry passed away in comfort and peace after a long battle with cancer. He was born on May 22, 1943. He was a decorated United States Army Vietnam Veteran serving with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, receiving the Bronze Star and many other awards. He is now with his beloved wife Victorea who passed away March 8, 2016. She was buried along with Jerry. Jerry was a long-haul truck driver seeing much of the United States with his wife by his side. Jerry is survived by his half-brother William Kent Barker, his sister-in-law Jean and husband Ron, several cousins and his brothers in the **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574** of which he was a *Life Member*. Funeral Procession will be departing Sunset Funeral Home-East at 12:30 pm for the Graveside Service for Mr. and Mrs. Curry were held on Monday September 19, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Military Honors. A Memorial Service was held at the VFW Post #574 located at 9170 Cananea on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 2:30 PM. Mr. Curry's family and friends express their gratitude in this time of grief. Memorial contributions can be made to the VVA or Humane Society of El Paso. Services entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-East.

**THOMAS RICHARD CURRY** – Died Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in Mart, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kirk, Texas on December 30, 1948 to the late Dwain and Mary Curry. He was reared and raised in the Mart area where he attended the Ben Hur and Mart Schools. From 22 June 1966 to 1970, he proudly served with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He did a tour of duty in Vietnam from 26 February 1968 to 18 February 1969. A devoted veteran, he supported his fellow veterans at every opportunity. After his discharge from the Army he worked many years as a plumber. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012**. He is survived by his brother, Marion D. Curry. Services were at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Littlepage Funeral Home in Mart. Visitation hours were from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the funeral home before the service. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Mart, Texas.



**RAYMOND JAMES "Ray" CUTTING** - Died Friday, August 4, 2017 in his home in Woonsocket, Rhode Island at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Woonsocket on April 21, 1946 to Evelyn (née Frechette) Cutting of Woonsocket and the late



Addison Cutting. Ray was a blaster for Bella Construction Company. He served in the United States Army from October 1, 1965 until July 12, 1967 with one year tour of duty in Vietnam. Ray was a recipient of the Combat Infantryman Badge serving the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade and finished his service in HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He also served in the National Guard where he earned his Air Assault Badge. Ray was a member of the VFW, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray (Woonsocket) Memorial Chapter #818** and an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Besides his mother, Evelyn; he leaves his son, William J. Cutting, of North Providence; two stepchildren, Karen Kay, of Cumberland and Kevin Kay and their mother, Jackie Kay, of Lincoln; his sister, Carolyn Jarret, and her husband James, of Woonsocket, and; his grandson, Carson Cutting. He was predeceased by his stepdaughter, Kimberly Kay, and his sister, Christine Pullen. His funeral was held on Friday, August 11, 2017 with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 1409 Park Avenue, Woonsocket. The burial was in the Rhode Island State Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, RI. Calling hours were omitted. Arrangements were under the direction of the Holt Funeral Home, 510 South Main Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.



**THOMAS FORREST “Tom” DANIELSON** - Died peacefully at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the age of 67. He was a resident of Big Stone City, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 28, 1949 to the late Theodore and Francis Danielson, who survives. He is survived by his mother, Francis Danielson; his brother, Jeffrey Danielson (Tammy); his sister, Patricia Smith (Darrell); his son, Dylan Baron (Heather), and; his nieces and nephews, Eric Danielson, Darren Smith, Trevor Smith, Dana Forslund, and Jessie Greenwald. Tom was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart. Tom was a life member of the VFW Post #246, the Minneapolis Charter of the Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**, and a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #407. Tom was an avid fisherman and hunter, and enjoyed spending time with his dog, Fritz. Tom was an electrician by trade and worked at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis. In 2011, Tom moved to Big Stone City, South Dakota to enjoy his retirement. Burial services were held on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 11:45 AM at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The burial service was followed by a Celebration of Life at the VFW located at 2916 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408.



**PAUL DE CILLIS** - Died Thursday, December 29, 2016 in Cupertino, California at the age of 70, from the effects of cancer with his family by his side. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey on

April 9, 1946. He lived in Garfield, New Jersey and Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey before moving to Cupertino, California 41 years ago. He served with distinction in the United States Army in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (IVY) from July of 1969 through August of 1970, during which time he was promoted to Specialist 5. Paul's military decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Paul returned to New Jersey to establish a photo shop. After several cross-country trips, he moved to California where he worked at a winery and then at AT&T as a communications technician. Paul's life was heavily affected by his experiences in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose Chapter #201**. Having decided that young people should know about the conflict, he volunteered over 20 years as a research assistant at DeAnza College. He started buying books and accumulated a collection of some 700, plus videotapes, magazines, and other Vietnam memorabilia. These items became the nucleus of the De Cillis Vietnam collection along with continuous donations from the De Cillis family and friends of the collection. The collection opened in 1994. It ultimately totaled 3000 books and 1000 DVD's, the second largest of its kind in the U.S. Consequently, Vietnam became the centerpiece of his life, and Paula, his daughters, and two grandchildren became his salvation. Paul De Cillis was a true Cupertino hero, a warrior, a philanthropist, a great father, grandfather, and husband. His collection lives on at De Anza College and his spirit is among us. He also made major gifts to the Marine Memorial Association in San Francisco and the Wyandotte Nation, a Native American tribe. Paul is survived by his wife of 26 years, Paula (née Winkelman), two daughters, Rebecca Hobson and husband Jason, and Cassidy DeCillis and husband Brandon Clark, two grandchildren, Levi and Axel Hobson, and three sisters, Marie Swisstack, Malvina Carpentier and husband Jerry, and his twin sister, Paulette Gola and husband Ed. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery 22555 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Theodore C. Kappmeyer and Vincent J. Weedo Memorial Scholarships for veterans at De Anza College. Donations can be made online at [fhda.edu](http://fhda.edu) (click on "how to give"). You may also give by sending a check payable to FHDA Foundation. Please write Paul De Cillis in the memo and mail to 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.



**JACOB RUSSELL "Jake" DeBUSK** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, July 15, 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 78. He was a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death was cancer. Jake was born on September 3, 1938 in Harlan, Kentucky to the late James Russell and Elizabeth Louise (née Angel) DeBusk. He grew up in Kentucky where he attended school. Jake joined the United States Army in September of 1956 and served in Korea, Germany and Vietnam as well as many states in America. While stationed in Germany, he married Erika Konig on May 5, 1958 in Wurzburg, Germany. Jake retired on November 1, 1977 at his last active service command at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. While in the military, he received many awards and medals including the National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Unit Citation with Palm, two Overseas Service Bars, Air Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal Sixth Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign

Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Soldier's Medal, Sharpshooter Qualification Badge, Marksman Qualification Badge and the Rifle M-14. Jake then worked as a mechanic for Montgomery Ward for three years, and was the Fleet Manager at Budweiser Company for another three years and later was the manager at the PX at Fort Sill for five years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Jake was a member of the First Christian Church and was one of the first volunteers at Fort Sill National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Erika, of the home; two daughters and sons in law, Margaret and James Lyons, and Peggy and Robert Lopez, all of Fletcher, Oklahoma; one granddaughter, Michelle Stellflug and husband, Justin; and two great grandchildren, Adisyn and Mia Stellflug; and granddaughter, Alicia Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Mary Alice Perkins. The memorial service was at 11:30 AM on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at the Lawton-Ritter-Gray Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Brandon Johnson, pastor of First Christian Church officiating. Inurnment was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma.



**NICHOLAS WERNER “Nick” DENMAN** - Died Saturday, May 13, 2017 in Wooster, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 27, 1946 in Rottenberg, Germany and immigrated to the United States when he was 5 years old. He enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 17 where he valiantly served his country for five years earning a Silver Star and two Bronze Stars for acts of bravery during his tour in Vietnam in 1966. He remained a proud member of the First Calvary Division and the 1-37<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. He recently learned that he will be inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor in May 2018. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wooster Chapter #255**. In 1967, he walked into Timken Mercy Medical Hospital in Canton and found the love of his life, Barbara Schiltz whom he married on October 12, 1968. Nick and Barb had four children and four grandchildren. Nick's life was all about his family, whom he loved to help with countless home projects and with whom he shared his wisdom, dreams, and life lessons with. Nick served as a Canton, OH police officer for five years during which time he attended and graduated from Kent State University in 1974. With degree in hand, Nick joined Nationwide Insurance Co. starting in claims and later moving the Denman family to Wooster, OH in 1983 for an opportunity to own a Nationwide Insurance Agency in Shreve. For the next 24 years, he built a successful business by caring for each and every one of his customers on a personal level. Nick was a life-long learner earning many professional certifications throughout his career including the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and the Certified Financial Planner (CFP). He contributed his time and talents to many organizations throughout his life. Nick's favorite hobby was photography, making sure there was never an empty spot on the wall of photos of God's creations from Barb and Nick's travels around the world. In retirement, he also added woodworking, creating beautiful pieces for his home and children. He also enjoyed gardening and cooking, preparing wonderful meals for his family and friends. Nick will greatly be missed by his loving wife, Barb of 49 years; children, Stephen (Rishanna) Denman of

Columbus, OH, Lara Denman Stiltner of Columbus, OH, Shawn (Jessikka) Denman of Clarksburg, MD and Nicole (Shaun) Duff of Seattle, WA; four grandchildren, Cara, Clayton, Zachary and Graysen. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Wooster, OH on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Father Stephen Moran officiating. Visitation took place an hour prior to the Mass from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the church. Military rites were accorded at the end of the Mass at the church. A luncheon for family and friends took place immediately in the church fellowship hall. A private interment was at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC at the convenience of the family. Custer-Glenn Funeral Home in Wooster was honored with serving the family. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to either: the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, (vvmf.org) 1235 South Clark Street, Suite #910, Arlington, VA 22202 or The Magic Foundation. (magicfoundation.org) 4200 Canterd Drive, Suite #106 Warrenville, IL 60555. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: [www.custerglenn.com](http://www.custerglenn.com).

**RICHARD A. "Dick" DENOO** - Died Friday, July 28, 2017 at home in Moses Lake, Washington at the age of 73 with his family at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 2, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Ramona (née Haney) Denoo. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moses Lake Chapter #686**.



**ROBERTO ABREGO DIAZ** - Died Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Edinburg Renaissance at the age of 72. He was a resident of Harlingen, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 13, 1945 to the late Cristobal Diaz, Sr. and Felipa (née Abrego) Diaz. He was a member of a pioneer Harlingen family. Mr. Diaz served his country honorably with the United States Air Force and retired at the rank of Tech Sergeant. He served three tours in Vietnam and was a highly decorated soldier. He received numerous medals too many to mention but was recipient of a Purple Heart and Bronze Star, which he was most proud of. He was a member of the Last Patrol, Purple Heart and Wounded Warriors, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856**, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #121. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Perla Zamora Diaz; two children from a previous marriage, Rebecca Lynn Diaz and Robert A. Diaz Jr.; a grandson, Edward Diaz; sister, Isabel Diaz; brother, Cristobal Abrego Diaz. He is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces and 2 fur babies, Sugar and Lady Bug Diaz. Roberto is preceded in death by his parents, Cristobal Diaz Sr. and Felipa Abrego Diaz; siblings, Armando Diaz, Margarita Diaz Madrid, his twin brother, Gilberto Diaz. Those who served as pallbearers were members of the United States Air Force. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a rosary service to begin at 7:00 PM in the evening. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday June 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. Interment was in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, La Feria with full military honors under the auspices of the honor guard from Lackland Air Force Base of San Antonio, TX. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Trinity at Harrison Funeral Home 1002 East Harrison Avenue, Harlingen, TX 78550.



**GORDON ROLLO DIERKS** – Died Monday, May 29, 2017 at his home in Flagstaff, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Monticello, Iowa on July 26, 1944 to the late Harry and Winnoa Dierks. He attended local schools and graduated from Iowa State University. He enlisted in the United States Navy after college and served in the Vietnam War. After serving on active duty, he continued serving in the Naval Reserves and retired as a Commander after 30-plus years of service. Most of his working life was spent in the aerospace industry and ended at Northern Arizona University working with contract negotiations. He enjoyed gardening, motorcycling, serving as Vice President of the Military Officers Association, and the Green Bay Packers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flagstaff Chapter #95**. He is survived by his wife, Cathy of 50-plus years; his son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Kenya; his daughter, Rachel; his grandson, Nickolaus and his wife, Kristin; his granddaughter Thairyn; his sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Kurt Gunther; his brother and sister-in-law, Neil and Kristie, Dierks, and; many nephews and nieces. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Errol Dierks. There were no services in lieu of flowers, support your local military veterans.



**CHARLES R. DOBBS** - Died Friday, August 4, 2017 in Smyrna, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death was complications from a stroke. He was born on February 15, 1949 in Beaufort, South Carolina to the late Charles Alvie and Willa Dean (née McDonald) Dobbs. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 10 years before going in to law enforcement. He and his wife were over the road truck drivers for several years before he worked for the Town of Smyrna as a network administrator. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089**. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sherri Dobbs; siblings, Mary Cook of Fayette, AL, Donna Johnson and her husband Raymond of Double Springs, AL, Brenda Rushing and her husband Danny of Jasper, AL, and Ivan L. Dobbs of Fayette, AL; brother-in-law, Gary Manasco of Double Springs; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his children, Shantelle Dobbs and Matthew Dobbs, and a sister, Julia Dean Dobbs Manasco. Visitation with the family was on Thursday, August 10, 2017 from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the Woodfin Funeral Chapel, Smyrna. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the Woodfin Funeral Chapel, Smyrna. Burial took place at the Philadelphia United Methodist Church Cemetery in Heidelberg, MS.

**GERALD E. "Jerry" DOBMEIER** - Died Sunday, May 14, 2017 in Medway, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 26, 1945 in Buffalo, New York to the late Edward and Geraldine Dobmeier. In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in



death by his sister, Donna Mae Dobmeier. Jerry is survived by his sister and brother-in-law: Diane and David Gannon; niece: Kristin (Jared) Donohoo; nephew, Shaun Gannon; great-nieces: Abigayle and Emma. Jerry was veteran of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. Jerry retired from the Hamburg (NY) Police Department. Visitation hours were held from 2:00-5:00 PM on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the Newcomer Funeral Home, 4104 Needmore Road. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Saint Peter Catholic Church, 6161 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights. Burial and Military Honors were at the Dayton National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to either the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #97, P.O. Box 2707, Dayton, OH 45401-2707 or to the Hospice of Dayton.

**JAMES F. "Jim" DONAHUE** - Died Friday, May 26, 2017 in Ocean City, New Jersey at the age of 69, with his family by his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 4, 1947. He graduated from Philadelphia Community College with an associate degree in applied science, LaSalle College with a bachelor's degree in psychology and Temple University with a master's degree in education (counseling psychology). Jim was the executive director for the mental health center known as Citizen's Acting Together Can Help, Inc. (C.A.T.C.H) located in Philadelphia for more than 30 years. He worked with chronically mentally ill and homeless. Before retiring Jim developed a program; Patriot House for homeless veterans providing them newly renovated apartments and all social services necessary to be successful. Jim was an active member of Saint Joseph Church; he was most recently the commander of AMVETS Post #911 in Somers Point which he co-founded, a member and former commander of the VFW of Somers Point, an active member of the America Legion, Elks, Knights of Columbus, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**, Korean War Veterans Association and a member of the Pine Hollow Hunting Club. Jim served honorably in the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force and was awarded the Air Force commendation medal. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Judy Donahue (née Robson); his daughter Shannon and son-in-law, Brent Ebinger; two brothers, Tom and John; a sister, Peg Haskins; along with several nieces, a nephew and cousins. Relatives and Friends were invited to attend his viewing on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30-10:45 AM at Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 606 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ. His Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM. The burial was in the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations should be made to AMVETS Post #911, PO Box 413 Somers Point, NJ 08244.



**TIMOTHY BRIEN DRISCOLL, Esq.** - Died Saturday, March 1, 2014 in Elmhurst, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 4, 1943 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Timothy Driscoll of Crosshaven, County Cork and Mary Driscoll (née O'Brien) of Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland. He graduated from Mount Saint Alphonsus Redemptorist Seminary as President of the Student Body in 1965. He served with the 39<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers in Chu Lai, Vietnam (1967-68). Upon his return he received a Master's



Degree in Sociology from Saint John University. In 1976 Governor Carey appointed him Liaison to Veterans- the first Vietnam Veteran to hold the position. Determined to practice law, he returned to school and graduated from Fordham University Law School in 1984 at the age of 41. A popular lecturer at Brooklyn's NYCTC for forty years, he co-authored An Album (History) of Irish Americans. Tim co-founded the Bay Ridge Branch of the Irish Immigration Reform Movement and the American Committee for Ulster Justice. In 2012 he received the Frank T. Carvill Distinguished Service Award from the County Cork Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. He is survived by his wife, Hilda Lam and her family, his sister Isabelle Murray, brother in law Jim, nieces and nephews Peggy, Barry, Jimmy, Shelley, Shaun, Lynn and grand-nephews Kevin, Tim, Calum, and Finn and extended family. Services were held at the M.V.Cosgrove and Son Chapels, 5723-5<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at 9:30 AM at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The interment was in the Calverton National Cemetery.



**PAUL J. P. DUFAULT** - Died peacefully on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at his home in Mattydale, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 30, 1941 to the late Paul and Annette Dufault. Paul was raised in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Paul was a United States Army Veteran serving in the 3rd Infantry during the Vietnam War. Before moving to the Syracuse area in 1969, Paul worked for the Roxboro Quebec Police and was a member of the Montreal Airport Fire Dept. After migrating here, he worked at RJ Reynolds for a number of years and the Syracuse Airport Fire Dept. ARFF for almost 30 years. Paul was a current member of the Mattydale Fire Department and also served as its past President, treasurer and Fire Police Captain in his 42-year affiliation. At any event, Paul was the first to arrive and setup a table to sell raffle and 50/50 tickets. He was past President of the Onondaga County Firemen's Association, past Treasurer of the Onondaga County Fire Northern Line Officers Association and a member of SPAAMFAA - Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Motor Fire Apparatus in America. Paul was a member of the VFW Post #3146 and the American Legion Post #1832, both in Mattydale and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103**. Paul was predeceased by his wife of 33 years, the former Anna Hymson and by an infant sister, Francine. He is survived by his son and his wife, Paul "PJ" and Shelly Dufault; four grandchildren: Jennifer and Paul "JP" Dufault, Amber and Brandon Sandford; seven great-grandchildren: Leo, Calvyn, Jaxson, Preston, Brayden, Briana, and Terry Jr.; and his companion, Shirley Mott. Contributions in Paul's memory may be made to the Mattydale Volunteer Fire Department or to Hospice of CNY. Friends visited on Thursday from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Krueger Funeral Home, 2619 Brewerton Road, Mattydale. Prayer services were at the funeral home on Friday at 9:15 AM, followed by a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Margaret Church. Burial was in the North Syracuse Cemetery.



**JEFFREY GOODWIN "Jeff" DULIN** - Died peacefully on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Mercy Hospital surrounded by family and friends. He was 68 years of age and a resident of Janesville, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin on June 1, 1948, the second son of the late Stanley S. Dulin and Gladys M. (née Oyen) Dulin. Jeff graduated from Madison East High School and enlisted in the United States Army on May 22, 1967, serving in Vietnam as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, both as a Small Arms Repairman and as a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter Crew Chief and Door Gunner. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6), going on to serve with the Wisconsin Army National Guard before retiring with over 20 years of service to his nation. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter # 236**. He was an avid deer hunter, hunting the Necedah, WI property he shared with friends every fall, without fail, since 1973. A lifelong target shooter, he won numerous medals in the Badger State Games for Shotgun Shooting during the 80's and 90's. Jeff was briefly married to Sue Blanding of Janesville, during which time he welcomed a son and daughter. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents and older brother Roger. He is survived by his son, USAFR Maj. Art (Erin) Dulin of Colorado Springs, CO, and their children: Kaedyn, Brynn, Ellesyn, and Madilyn; as well as by his daughter, Anna (Andrew) Filipowski of Glen Ellyn, IL and their son, Wynnston. A Celebration of Jeff's life was held at the Schneider Funeral Home and Crematory, 1800 East Racine Street in Janesville, WI on Sunday, March 12, 2017. A visitation began at 2:00 PM with the service that followed at 3:00 PM.



**JOHN DANIEL DULISSE** - Died Thursday, July 13, 2017 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, NY at the age of 66. He was a resident of Nanuet, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 11, 1950 in Bronx, New York to the late Daniel and Marion Dulisse. John was an electrician for Mehl Electric Company in Pearl River, NY. He served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1972 earning a Parachute Badge. He was a member and Post Commander of the American Legion Post #794 in Nanuet and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. He was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2016. He is survived by his brother, Robert Dulisse, of Nanuet. He is predeceased by his wife, Susan A. Dulisse (February 2012). Visiting hours are on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the Wyman-Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.

**MICHAEL JEFFERSON DYCHES, SR.** - Died Thursday morning, February 9, 2017 at his residence in Hampton South Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Barnwell, South Carolina on May 15, 1947 to the late Cecil and Sarah (née Way) Dyches Spearman. He had retired as a Project Manager with Fluor Daniels Construction Company, was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam, and was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church. He enjoyed Fishing, Clemson Football, and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina**. He is survived by wife, Lynda Gail (née Mixon) Dyches, of Hampton; his sons, Ralph James "Jay"

Dyches and wife Suzanne, of Taylors, SC and Michael Jefferson Dyches, Jr., of Hampton; his brother, Buck Dyches of Orangeburg; his sister, Cecilia Kearse, of Barnwell, and; two grandchildren, McKenna and Benjamin Dyches. Funeral services were at 4:00 PM on Sunday in the Hopewell Baptist Church, conducted by the Reverend Mark Dellinger, with burial in the Hopewell Cemetery with full Military Honors. Visitation hours were on Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Chapel of Peoples-Rhoden Funeral Home located at 300 Mulberry Street West in Hampton and on Sunday until 3:00 PM when the casket will be placed in the church prior to services.



**EDWARD E. "Eddie" EBENHOE** - Died Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 68, following a life of service to others. He was formerly from Whitelaw, Wisconsin. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Manitowoc on July 16, 1948 to the late Edward and Charlotte (née Backhaus) Ebenhoe. Eddie graduated from Reedsville High School in 1966 and joined the United States Army in 1968. He courageously served in the Vietnam War for three years, beginning with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division as an Infantryman from May 1968 through August 1969. After grave injuries, he spent until April 1971 recuperating at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver. He was awarded three Purple Hearts, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart and several other medals for his bravery during the war. He married Lynn Rhode on May 25, 1974, and together they built a full life in Whitelaw. Eddie's primary career was as a Rural Letter Carrier with the US Postal Service from 1976-2003, where he brought friendliness and care to those he encountered along the route. He carried a strong dedication to the community, serving on the Whitelaw Village Board for eight years and on the Saint Michael School Board for 11 years. He served on the Saint Michael Parish Council for over 20 years, first as Council Member and later as President; he also led the Saint Michael Holy Name organization as President for over 20 years. Eddie was a proud veteran and gave tirelessly to these organizations. He was a member, Treasurer and Vice-Commander of Disabled American Veterans Andrew Miller Chapter #24 from 1986 through his death. As an active *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731*, he served as Board Member, Color Guard and Honor Guard from 2009 to 2015. He was also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Unit #164. Eddie lived and breathed for his wife Lynn, who he loved and cherished for 42 years. His greatest joys came from spending time with his kids and grandkids - going fishing, riding bikes, golfing, going on road trips, camping and playing card games. He loved teaching them about the outdoors and through his last days he continued to learn from them as well. His compassion stretched far beyond his family to those he met along his earthly journey: neighbors, fellow veterans, people along his mail route and the medical staff who cared for him. He is survived by his loving wife: Lynn Ebenhoe, Whitelaw; three children: Andy (Julie) Ebenhoe, Sheboygan; Cherie (Dan) Leonard, New York, NY; Marcus (Elsbeth) Ebenhoe, Rochester, NY; four grandchildren: Ethan, Rebecca, Camden and Fitzpatrick. He is further survived by four brothers: Ralph (Bonnie) Ebenhoe, Menomonee Falls; Marvin (Millie) Ebenhoe, Manitowoc; Howard Ebenhoe, Manitowoc; Joe (Kitina) Ebenhoe, Orange, CA; five sisters: Lorraine Ebenhoe, Manitowoc; Jane Ebenhoe, Manitowoc; Marilyn (Jerry) Neuser, Mishicot;

Margaret Philip (fiancé Don), Forest Junction; LindaJean Ebenhoe, Green Bay; mother-in-law: Joyce Rhode, Whitelaw, other in-laws: Barb (Paul) Bonde, Nekoosa; Randy (Jane) Rhode, Manitowoc, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents: Edward and Charlotte Ebenhoe; one brother: Ronald Ebenhoe and infant brother: Roger Ebenhoe; father-in-law: John Rhode; and brother-in-law: Dennis Philip. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, September 12, 2016 at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Whitelaw. The Reverend Father Richard Klingeisen celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial with cremation that followed and burial of his cremated remains in the parish cemetery. Military Honors were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731 and the Disabled American Veterans Andrew Miller Chapter #24. Relatives and friends visited on Sunday at the church from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM and on Monday from 9:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM. There was a parish prayer service at 7:30 PM on Sunday led by Randy Meidl. The Reinbold and Pfeffer Family Funeral Home of Kellnersville was in charge of the funeral arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.jensreinboldandpfeffer.com](http://www.jensreinboldandpfeffer.com). The family extended a special thank you to Dr. Yetter and the team at the Aurora Cancer Center for their care and support, as well as Eddie's teams at Zablocki VA Hospital in Milwaukee, M.D. Anderson in Houston, and Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City.

**THOMAS J. EDGMAN** – Died recently in 2017 in Sierra City, California at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 19, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grass Valley Chapter #535**.



**RALPH EMCH** - Died Sunday, July 9, 2017 at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, Vermont at the age of 70, with his family by his side. He was a resident of Enosburg Falls, Vermont. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Franklin, Vermont on November 16, 1946 to the late Kenneth and Constance (née Cabana) Emch. Ralph was a graduate of Franklin High School. He then served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Swanton VFW Post #778 and Enosburg American Legion Post #42. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**. Ralph worked at Rock-Tenn paper mill in Sheldon for 36 years, where he retired in 2010. Ralph was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, who enjoyed attending school activities, sporting events and watching his girls grow. He enjoyed spending time with his large family, loved to crack jokes and make everyone laugh. Some of his favorite pastimes were NASCAR Racing including going to the Loudon, NH races with friends, golfing with his buddies, gardening, cooking, and traveling. Ralph's Christmas decorating became the talk of the town, once winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in a contest. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Emch of Enosburg Falls; four daughters, Dawn Schafer and her husband Scott of Swanton, Marcy Emch of Swanton, Christie Ballard and her husband Justin of St. Albans and Kyla Roach and her husband Corey of Swanton; two grandchildren, Amber and Kira Schafer; his siblings, Ruth Quintin of Colchester, Arreta Boyd of Berlin, Wendell Emch and his wife Bev of Enosburg Falls, Shirley Paradee and her husband Brad of Fairfield, Jean Richard and her husband Bubby of

Franklin and Joan Myott and her husband Allen of Enosburg Falls; his in-laws, Ray and Polly Myott of Enosburg; brother-in-law, Dean Myott of Berkshire; special friends, Doug and Jeanne Harrod and Gary Deaette; his golfing buddies, Chad and Dean Parent; racing friends, Ken and Doreen Laplant and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his parents, Ralph was predeceased by his sister, Carol Greenwood and brothers-in-law, Paul Quintin and Bruce Boyd. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Spears Funeral Home, 96 Dickinson Avenue, Enosburg Falls, VT. A memorial service was on Friday, July 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Spears Funeral Home. Interment was in the Saint John the Baptist Cemetery in Enosburg Falls. For those who wish, contributions in Ralph's memory may be made to the University of Vermont Cancer Center, The courtyard at Given, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor North, 89 Beaumont Avenue, Burlington, VT 05405 or the charity of your choice. Condolences, photos and favorite memories may be shared through [www.spearsfuneralhome.com](http://www.spearsfuneralhome.com).



**JOE G. ESPINO** - Died Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in Oroquieta, California at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 6, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cutler Chapter #643**. A Rosary was recited at 12:30 PM on May 26, 2017 at Saint Mary Catholic Church, Cutler. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 1:00 PM on May 26, 2017 at the church. Dopkins Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

**THOMAS F. "Tom" EVANS, JR.** – Died recently in 2017 in Topeka, Kansas in the Rose Villa Residential Care Facility in Topeka at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 18, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**.



**DONALD FRANKLIN FARRIS** – Died Sunday, April 16, 2017 in Beltsville, Maryland at the age of 68. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction due to Crohn's Disease and Colon Cancer. He was born in Washington, DC on August 28, 1948. He was the beloved husband of Bette Farris; the brother of Robert Farris, Kenneth Farris, and the late James Farris; uncle of Debbie Richmond, James C. Farris, Scott Farris, Michael Farris, and Kristin Jendrek and was also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Relatives and friends came visiting at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Wednesday from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 13611 Laurel Bowie Road, Laurel, MD on Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 10:00 AM until the time of funeral service at 11:00 AM. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery Crownsville, MD, on Friday at 10:00 AM. Contributions may be made to the Honor Flight Network or to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.



**FRANCISCO L. FOURNIER** – Died recently in 2017 in Boqueron, Puerto Rico at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Puerto Rico on November 28, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Juan Chapter #59**.



**GERALD F. "Jerry" FOX** - Died Saturday, July 1, 2017 at Manor Care in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 71. He was a resident of Rock Island, Illinois. The cause of death was a fall which caused acute subarachnoid hemorrhage, acute right temporal hematoma and Parkinson's disease. Jerry was born on August 29, 1945 in Algona, Iowa to the late Wilbur and Anna (née Rustemier) Fox. He married Rosellen B. Moseley on June 13, 1970 at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Milan, Illinois. Jerry retired from John Deere Harvester, East Moline in 2009 as an assembler, after 32 years. Jerry was a member of Saint Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus serving as a Fourth Degree Knight. Jerry was a United States Army Veteran in the Vietnam War serving from 1966-1969, and later served with the Illinois Army National Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299** and a long-time member of the VVA #299 Honor Guard. Jerry's survivors include, his wife, Rose; his son and daughter-in-law, Alex and Heather Fox, Omaha, NE; his daughter, Jennifer Fox, Fountain, CO; his grandchildren, Allie Fox, Fountain, CO, Tyler McDanel, Fort Drum, NY, Makenzie Fox and Ethan Fox both of Omaha, NE; his brothers and their spouses, Dave and Jean Fox, Webster City, IA, Joe and Cathy Fox, Blue Earth, MN, Jerry's twin brother, Larry Fox, Cottage Grove, MN, Pat and Rita Fox, Orland Park, IL, and Mike and Mary Jo Fox, Olathe, KS; his sisters and their spouses, Joan and Jerry Harper, Brooklyn Park, MN, Mary and Art Patterson, Emily, MN, and Kate Buff, Cleveland, OK; his sisters-in-law, Claire Fox, Northfield, MN, Betty Fox, Bancroft, IA, and Kate Fox, Snellville, GA; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, John, Jim, Bill, Bernie, Dick, Roger, and Gene; his brother-in-law, Roy Buff, and; his sister-in-law, Judy Fox. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 7, 2017 at Saint Pius X Catholic Church, 2401-31<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Rock Island. Visitation hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at the Esterdahl Mortuary and Crematory, Ltd., 6601-38<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, with the recitation of the Rosary at 4:00 PM. Burial was in the National Cemetery at the Rock Island Arsenal with Full Military Honors conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America-Quad Cities Chapter #299, of which Jerry was an active member. Memorials may be made to St. Pius X Food Pantry, where Jerry was a volunteer.



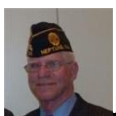
**MULEY MARK "Skinner" FRENCH** - Died Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the age of 63 at a local hospital following a lengthy illness. The cause of death was esophageal varices bleed, cirrhosis and steatohepatitis. He was a resident of De Pere, Wisconsin. The cause of death is



unknown. He was born on April 29, 1952 in Green Bay, Wisconsin to the late Melville "Chuck" and Florence (née Campbell) French. He graduated from East De Pere High School and NWTC, where he received a degree in Mechanics. Muley served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War for 3 years in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry. He married Marlene Jean Becks on October 8, 1977 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He worked as a Machine Operator in the Paper/Dairy Industry. Muley was a member of the VFW and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224** and Christ Alone Church. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, camping, boating and hiking. He also enjoyed baking, especially cakes, gunsmithing, watching the Packers, and wrestling. Survivors include his wife, Marlene French; children: Ben (Marian) French, Amanda French, Ashley French; sisters: Marsha (Steve) Rienow and Margot (Bob) Smith; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Dr. Edward S. "Eddy" Orman, Linda Nuthals, Bonnie (Rich) Staffen, Richard Becks, Laurie (Frank) Helebrant; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Matthew; sisters, Mary and Mildred "Millie"; and brothers: Kenneth "Mex" and Walter "Whoopie". Family and friends visited the Cotter Funeral Home, 860 North Webster Avenue, De Pere, on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 from 2:00 PM until the hour of the Memorial Service at 5:00 PM, with the Reverend Dr. Ted L. Tromble officiating. Full military honors were accorded to the deceased. Inurnment was in the Greenwood Cemetery in De Pere. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.cotterfuneralhome.com](http://www.cotterfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.



**RONALD KAY "Ron" FREY** – Died Saturday, April 8, 2017 Longview, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death was Ischemic Heart Disease due to complications of Agent Orange exposure from his tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967-68. He was born August 19, 1947 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri to the late Leo and Lillian Frey. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987**. Ron worked in the grocery business for over forty years, working the majority of those years for Safeway and later for Kroger. He is survived by his wife of forty-two years, Judy, and his children Carrie (Jake) Carter and Phillip Frey. He is also survived by the light of his life, grandson, Kaden Carter. Other survivors include his twin, Donald (Cindy) Frey; his sister, Elizabeth Frey; his brothers-in-law Bill Swartz and Donald (Deb) Swartz. Additionally, he is survived by his devoted friend, Danny (Gunny) Whyte, his Vietnam service brothers and other extended family members. Visitation hours were held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rader Funeral Home in Longview with services conducted at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. The family requested that remembrances be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation.



**JOHN PATRICK GALLAGHER** - Died Saturday, June 24, 2017 in Lakewood, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on January

3, 1947 to the late Charles and Emily Gallagher. He lived most of his life in Neptune, New Jersey before moving to Lakewood. John graduated from Ocean Township High School. He served in the United States Army. He worked for the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a Maintenance worker until he retired. John was a Life Member and Past Commander of American Legion Post #346 in Neptune Township. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his wife of 25 years, Janice. He is survived by his loving children, Charles Gallagher and his wife Ruth of Pleasantville, his daughter Dorothy Alvarado and her husband Agustin of Neptune, Doreen Gallagher of Lakewood, and Patrick Gallagher and his wife Melinda of Jackson; his grandchildren Charles and Frank Gallagher, Agustin and Elizabeth Alvarado, Monica Thomas, Madison and McKayla Alby; and his sisters Dorothy Critchley and her husband Joe, Katherine White, Patricia Cummins, and Anne Gallagher. Friends and family were invited to view from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Thursday June 29, 2017 at Ely Funeral Home, Neptune. A funeral mass was held on Friday, June 30, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Holy Innocents Church, of Neptune followed by the interment in Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown.



**THOMAS GANNON** - Died Sunday, July 23, 2017 at the Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey at the age of 71. He was a resident of Neptune. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 27, 1945 to the late John and Margaret Gannon. Thomas lived in Bradley Beach, New Jersey before moving to Neptune 15 years ago. Thomas served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. He was a Regional Clinical Supervisor for Child Protection and Substance Abuse Initiative for Preferred Behavioral Health, Lakewood, NJ. He was a friend of Bill W. Thomas was a parishioner of Holy Innocents Church, Neptune. In addition to his parents, Thomas was also predeceased by three brothers, Jack, Patrick and Frank Gannon. Surviving are his longtime companion and partner Robin Hines, of Neptune, NJ; a brother, Robert Gannon and his wife, Mary, of Brick, NJ, and; many nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM at the O'Brien Funeral Home, 2028 Highway 35 at New Bedford Road, Wall. A Funeral Mass was on Thursday, at 10:00 AM at Holy Innocents Church, 3455 West Bangs Avenue, Neptune, NJ. Burial was in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, or online at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).



**DAVID VILLARREAL GARCIA** – Died Friday, June 9, 2017 in Wharton, Texas at the age of 64. He was formerly of Victoria, Texas. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born on

May 27, 1953 in Victoria, Texas. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Alfredo Garcia, Jr. He is survived by his brother Eddie Garcia; his sisters Virginia Castilla from Pasadena, Texas; Mary Cantu from Victoria, Texas along with numerous other loving family members and friends. He served in the United States Navy from 21 August 1972 to 10 July 1975. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles (Louisiana) Chapter #1098**. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 11:15 AM in the Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive in Houston, Texas. Visitation hours were held on Monday, June 12, 2017 from 3:00 PM until 8:30 PM at the Hernandez Funeral Home, 800 Fourth Street in Rosenberg, Texas.

**JAMES J. GARLOCK** – Died Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in Rochester, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Lyons, New York on December 27, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Maryanne Reber. He served in the United States Air Force. He did a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 56<sup>th</sup> Security Police Squad from July 1968 to June 1969. He was a sentry dog handler in 1967 then February of 1968 was in the Air Police. When he was in Vietnam, he went with his dog to Thailand and was stationed on a base near the beginning of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. His unit and their dogs were the front line defense on the base at night. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**.



**WAYNE L. GERBERDING** - Died Wednesday morning, August 5, 2015 at UP Health System in Marquette, Michigan with his family at his side. He was 69 years of age and a resident of Gwinn, Michigan. The cause of death was ventricular fibrillation, acute chronic ischemic heart disease and end-stage congestive heart failure ischemic cardiomyopathy. He was born on August 5, 1946 in Watertown, South Dakota to the late Harry and Dorothy (née Bruhn) Gerberding. Wayne was a Vietnam veteran having served as an air traffic controller in the United States Air Force. On February 3, 1968 he married Linda L. Roberts in Gwinn. Wayne was employed as a commercial and graphic artist for many years and was the owner and operator of Pellow Printing Company. He was a member of the Little Lake American Legion and enjoyed fishing, wood carving, taxidermy and was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. The family would like to thank Dr. Skendzel and the staff of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans for the care they provided. Wayne is survived by his wife, Linda Gerberding of Gwinn; children, Dana Gerberding of Appleton, Michael Gerberding of Marquette and David Gerberding of Milwaukee; a grandson, Seth Gerberding of Appleton; a sister, Barbara (Jerald) Goens of Clear Lake, SD; and nieces & nephews. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Carole. A graveside service was held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the Gwinn Cemetery where military honors were provided. A celebration of Wayne's life was from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at the Canale-Gwinn Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, 425 Fisher Street, Marquette, MI 49855.



**JOHN LEE GIBBONS** (USAF, CMSgt-Ret.) - Died Monday, January 23, 2017 in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related prostate cancer. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on January 27, 1947 to Grace Gibbons and the late Bruce Gibbons. After high school, he attended and graduated from the Spartan School of Aeronautics. He proudly and courageously served his country in the United States Air Force for nearly 40 years. During this time he served at several duty stations around the world. He received numerous commendations, awards, and recognition during his time of service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**. He was devoted to his family, his friends, his country and his faith. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, a former board member of Habitat for Humanity, an assistant Scoutmaster for two separate Boy Scouts of America troops, and he regularly traveled and volunteered throughout the community and on missions in other parts of the country. He enjoyed golf, travel, and he was an avid handyman who could fix virtually anything. He is survived by his wife, Laella “Elly”; his children, John and Elizabeth; his grandchildren Alex, Hailey and Emmalynn; his mother, Grace; brothers Gene and wife Joan, Tom and wife Marie; brother-in-law, Henk and wife Nel; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his father he was predeceased by his one infant son. The memorial service was held at 10:00 AM with full military honors at the United States National Cemetery in Fort Smith, followed by a memorial service at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith. The family greeted friends following the memorial service at First Presbyterian Church. The honorary pallbearers were H. Chamberlin, SMSgt. Mick Darden USAF (Ret), CMSgt. Robert DeWitt USAF (Ret), SMSgt. Charles Elmore USAF(Ret), Larry Hall, Hugh MacKay and the Johnson County Auxiliary Corps. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial contributions be made to the following: First Presbyterian Church, 116 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901, Mayo Clinic, Department of Development, P.O. Box 450, Albert Lea, MN, 56007-0450, or the veteran’s organization of your choice. Visit [www.edwardsfuneralhome.com](http://www.edwardsfuneralhome.com) to place online tributes.

**HARRY R. GIBBS** – Died on Tuesday, October 24, 2016 in Santa Maria, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Guadalupe Chapter #982**.



**LAWRENCE GLADSON** – Died Tuesday, March 21, 2017 in the Fort Madison, Iowa prison hospice at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *Incarcerated Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth (Kansas) Chapter #75**. An Iowa inmate serving life for the 1985 shooting death of a Newton police officer has died in a Fort Madison prison hospice. A news release from Iowa Department of Corrections says 72-year-old Lawrence Gladson died late Tuesday at the hospice, where he had been housed due to a number of chronic illnesses. Gladson had been serving life without possibility of parole for first-degree murder in the September 1985 death of Newton Officer Daniel McPherrren. McPherrren, who was 36, was killed in a shootout after confronting Gladson and another man outside a Newton

grocery store that had been robbed at gunpoint. Officials say Gladson took part in the robbery and killing after escaping from a Newton minimum security prison, where he was serving a sentence for assault, extortion and false imprisonment.



**ALICE MAY GOLDSMITH** – Died Wednesday, June 28, 2017 in Lambertville, Michigan at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Bowling Green Ohio on July 19, 1930 to the late Matt and Evelyn. She now rests with her beloved husband, Edward. She is also predeceased by her brother, Charles and sister, Viola. Left behind to cherish her memory are her sons, Ray (Pat) Johnston, Terry (Sheri) Johnston, Joseph (Mary) Goldsmith; daughter, Donna (Wayne) Boyd; twin brother, Allen; grandchildren, Tyler (Keo) Johnston, Mike (Heather) Goldsmith, Christy (Calvin) Walker, Beverly Hickling, Bobby Price, Brian (Chrissy) Goldsmith and eleven great-grandchildren bid her goodbye. Alice was a remarkable woman, respected and loved in her community. A GM retiree, she was proud of her accomplishments. She was able to build her own computer well into her 70's. Alice was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**, as all four of her sons served in Vietnam. She was actively involved in her church, Our Savior Lutheran and volunteered her time at Flower Hospital. Visitation hours were held from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, where services were at 6:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church. Condolences for Alice's family may be expressed online at [www.ansberg-west.com](http://www.ansberg-west.com).



**PAUL Y. GOLDYCH** (USMC, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Saturday, June 7, 2014 at the Bay Pines VA Health Care System at the age of 78. He was a resident of Saint Petersburg, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mexico, New York on April 30, 1936. He was a retired 20-year United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou (née Hussey) Goldych; his sons, Mark, Terry, Brian; his daughters, Mary Catherine Gentilini, Megan Huber and Nonie Creed; his sister, Katherine Y. Feak; fifteen grandchildren, and; two great-grandchildren. There was a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Holy Cross Church. He was interred at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM with full military honors. Visit the family's personalized online guestbook at [www.andersonmcqueen.com](http://www.andersonmcqueen.com). The Anderson-McQueen Funeral Homes-Tyrone was in charge of the arrangements.



**DONALD HUGH "Don" GRAHAM** - Died Sunday December 6, 2015 at his home in East

Leroy, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born on October 17, 1947, in Kalamazoo, Michigan to the late Hugh and Leona (née Raber) Graham. He attended Kalamazoo Central High School. Don served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 and was in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Don worked 28 years for General Motors at the Kalamazoo plant and he retired when the plant closed in 1999. He trained for and volunteered his time as a Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Reserve Officer for many years, riding and assisting the officers on patrol, which he very much enjoyed. He also drove semi for FW Burns for several years carrying mail. Don was a member of Restoration Life Church at 235 Grenville Street, Battle Creek, the Christian Motorcycle Association, and was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Michigan**. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, and target shooting. Don loved the Detroit Tigers and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of East Leroy; children, Daniel Graham of Kalamazoo and Shawna (Jason) Porter of Richland; stepchildren: Stacy (Kyle) Wilder of East Leroy and David Krueger of Monroe, Washington; and three grandchildren: Anastasia Wilder, Vayda Porter, and Gavin Porter. Visitation hours were at the Kempf Family Funeral Home, Shaw Chapel, 2838 Capital Avenue SW, Battle Creek on Sunday December 13, 2015 from 3:00-6:00 PM with family present to greet friends at that time. Funeral services, celebrating his life, took place at 11:00 AM on Monday December 14, 2015 at the Kempf Family Funeral Home Shaw Chapel with Pastor Alan Bignell officiating. He was interred in the Fort Custer National Cemetery with full military honors. The family requested memorial contributions in Don's name to Disabled Veterans of America or Restoration Life Church, Battle Creek. Assistance with memorials is available at the Kempf Funeral Home. The family welcomed any guests that would wear Detroit Tiger colors and or insignia clothing in honor of Don to the visitation or funeral, but please no hats.

**DOMINICK GRAKE** – Died Saturday, July 15, 2017 in Clawson, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Owings, West Virginia on September 26, 1941. He served in the United States Army from May 1966 to March 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from March 1967 to March 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.



**CARLOS EDWARD "Bill" GREGORY, JR.** - Died Saturday, December 3, 2016 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 19, 1946 in Knoxville, Tennessee to the late Carlos Edward Gregory, Sr. and Clara Rebecca (née Grimstead) Gregory. He was raised in Knoxville and Anderson County, Tennessee. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and held a Master's Degree from UTC. A resident of Soddy Daisy, Bill retired from TVA after 25 years of government service. Bill was a former resident of Spring City, Knoxville, and Anderson County, Tennessee. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and saw combat with the famed 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam, being honored with several decorations for his service. He was a member of Burk's United Methodist Church in Hixson. He was a member and Past Master of Red Bank Masonic Lodge #717 F & AM; a member of Betsy Ross Chapter OES #272; a member



and Past President of Chattanooga Chapter #540 National Sojourners; a member and Past Commander of Joe Foss Chapter of Heroes of 76; a member and Past President of Watts Bar Lodge #2F of the Fraternal Order of Police, and; a Past Chairman of the Chattanooga Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security. He was a member of the Chattanooga Scottish Rite, Alhambra Shrine, Chevalier Commandery #21 Knights Templar, Adoniram Council #114 Cryptic Masons, Palmyra Chapter #218 Royal Arch Masons, Chattanooga Chapter #1945 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Spring City American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Patricia; daughter and son-in-law, Susanne C. and Brian Moseley; granddaughter, Mysty Moseley, all of Soddy Daisy; sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Pat Gang; nephews, Charlie and Jimmy Gang, all of Knoxville. The family received friends from 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home. A celebration of Bill's life was at 7:00 PM on Monday at the North Chapel. A private burial for the family was at the Woodhaven Memorial Gardens, Powell, Tennessee. Arrangements were by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN.



**JAMES R. HANLEY, SR.** – Died Thursday, June 15, 2017 in Rochester, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Rochester on March 9, 1947 to the late parents, James and Eleanor Hanley. He is survived by his devoted wife, Maureen (née St. John); his children, Barb (Rick) Sigouin, Jim (Laura) Hanley and Marissa Hanley; his grandchildren, Joshua, Jacob and Abby; his sisters, Kathleen (George) Zahaczewsky, Deborah (Bob) Matthews and Jacqueline DeMarco; his brother, Michael Hanley, and; many beloved nieces and nephews. He was a proud United States Navy Veteran during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends visited the family on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home, 777 Long Pond Road (between English and Latta). The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday at the Hope Lutheran Church, 1301 Vintage Lane, Rochester. The interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, friends wishing may contribute to the Alzheimer's Association.



**WILLIAM "Billy" HARMAN** - Died Thursday, June 1, 2016 at the Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska at the age of 66. He was a resident of Anchorage. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 29, 1949, in Seattle, Washington. He was a United States Navy Vietnam Veteran. In the 1960s, Billy started to come to Alaska to visit his father at the Clear Fire Department. After proudly serving his country, he returned to Alaska and got hired by the Clear Fire Department in 1974, at the same place his dad worked. After a period of time, Billy then moved to Clear Power Plant and worked his way up to Electric Power Controller. Then he moved to work at Ft. Richardson Power Plant before returning to Clear Power Plant for his High 3 and retirement. He met Mary Murray in October 1985, and found out that they were made for each other and married her on June 7, 1986. He was a Life Member of the NRA, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anchorage Chapter #904** and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the

Legion Post #29 and the Mat-Su Veterans Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Mary of Anchorage; his son and family, Billy and Kim Harman and baby Leah; brother, Bobby Harman of Wasilla, Alaska; cousin, Patrick Hagendorn of Seattle; his favorite sister-in-law and husband, Susan and Terry McHugh of Blacklion, County Cavan, Ireland, and their son and fiancée, Gerard and Janette McHugh and baby Killian of Ireland; three sisters-in-law, Ellen, Bridget and Annie; and the rest of his extended family in Ireland, Seattle and Alaska. Graveside services were on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 3:00 PM at Fort Richardson National Cemetery with Full Military Honors. Reverend Todd M Carter, the Providence Alaska Medical Center Chaplain officiated. Those attending must line up at the main gate off the Glenn Highway no later than 2:30 PM to be escorted on base. A Celebration of Life followed at the Moose Lodge, 4211 Arctic Boulevard, in Anchorage, Alaska at 4:30 PM. The family suggested that Memorial Contributions be directed to the Mat-Su Veterans Foundation, Inc., 6701 Green Glen Drive, Wasilla, AK 99654.



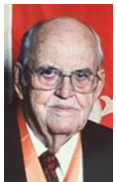
**MARION ELWOOD HARRISON, JR.** - Died at his home in Easton, Maryland on Friday, December 4, 2015 at the age of 66. He was formerly of Saint Michaels, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 13, 1949 in Saint Michaels, Maryland to the late Sarah Josephine "*Toodles*" (née Newnam) Harrison and M. Elwood Harrison, Sr. Marion was raised in St. Michaels where he attended public school. His passions were football, basketball, baseball, fishing and hunting. After graduating from Saint Michaels High School in 1967, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served from June 1967 until December 1970, when he received an honorable discharge. While serving during the Vietnam-era, he received the Vietnam service medal, Republic of Vietnam campaign medal and the USAF Commendation medal while serving with the 635<sup>th</sup> Support Group in Thailand. Following his release from active duty, Marion came home and began working in the family masonry business, which soon would become known as Elwood Harrison and Son. During the 1970s, he pursued his passion of sailing Chesapeake Bay log canoes, with Captain James H. Wilson on *The Magic*. While sailing, the crew received the First High Point Trophy and the Governor's Cup. He was a member of the Miles River Yacht Club serving as Commodore in 1984. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #648**. Marion is survived by his wife of 39 years, Cynthia (née Bridges) Harrison; a daughter, Meca Harrison Connolly and her husband, Curt; three grandchildren, Colby Bay Haddaway, Sterling "Logan" Jones and Mecala Alexis "Lexi" Jones; one sister, Lana Harrison Batten; numerous aunts; uncles; cousins and a close family friend, Mike Collins. Friends visited the family at the Ostrowski Funeral Home P.A., St. Michaels, MD on Thursday evening from 5:30-8 PM. Funeral services were held at Saint Luke United Methodist Church, Saint Michaels, MD on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

**RICHARD G. HASTINGS** - Died Saturday, March 8, 2014 in Olney, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 22, 1942 to the late Bernard and Virginia (née Clements) Hastings. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a

*Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641.* A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Ballroom, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860.



**DOUGLAS GILBERT HINSON** - Died Friday, May 26, 2017 at his residence in Columbus, Mississippi at the age of 68. The cause of death was respiratory failure, liver disease, cirrhosis of the liver, hepatitis C, atrial fibrillation and diabetes type II. He was born on May 1, 1949 in Charlotte, North Carolina, to the late Roman Dale Mahoney Hinson and Patsy Viola (née Hartis) Hinson. He was a member of the Assembly of God in Columbus, MS. He was a member of the United States Air Force and worked as a mechanic for 20 years. In Oklahoma, he was a Boy Scout District Commissioner and in North Carolina, he was on the Board of Boy Scouts both for a total of 10 years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997*. In addition to his parents, Mr. Hinson was preceded in death by his twin brother Donald Calvin Hinson. He is survived by his wife- Mary Hinson; daughters- Maria Rathburn, KY, Tammy Lynn Green, Columbus, MS; son- Douglas “Artie” Hinson, KY; sisters- Carol Mullis, Sherry Rikard, Judy Hinson, Barbie Hinson, Susie Worley, Fran Hinson, Terry Moore and Patty Pressley; brother- William “Bill” Hinson, Homestead, FL; granddaughter- Chalise Rathburn, KY; grandsons- Roman Dale Hinson and Elric Ray Hinson both of KY, Dillion W. Conn and James R Conn both of Columbus, MS.; great-grandchild- Michael Conn, NY. A memorial service was held on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Lowndes Funeral Home Chapel, Columbus, MS with Brother Ron Delgado of Vibrant Church officiating. Lowndes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Sanctuary Hospice House, 5159 Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38801.



**HAROLD LEE HOCKENBERRY** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died peacefully Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Crestwood Hospital at the age of 84. He was a resident of Huntsville, Alabama. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart attack. Lee was born on March 27, 1932 in Butler, Pennsylvania to the late John and Alice Hockenberry. He was a graduate of Campbell University and the University of Alabama Huntsville. Lee served in the United States Army for 35 years and retired as a Command Sergeant Major (E-9) in 1985. During his service, he received the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal and many other military citations and awards. In 2011, he received the Director's Award for Excellence which was given in recognition of his work with the Office of Personnel Management. Lee was an avid bridge player and an active member of the following groups: the Golden K Kiwanis Club, the 17<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion Association, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association and a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067***. He was a longtime member of Latham Memorial Church in Huntsville. Lee was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their children, Jon and Aleda Hockenberry of Houston, Texas, and Sharon and Bill Bonney of Marietta, Ga. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Kim, Tommy, Billy, Caroline, Ashly, Melanie, Adrian and Abraham, and their spouses, Jeremy, Jodie, Jeff, Paul and Worth; and seven great-grandchildren, Trevor, Nathan, Leah, Chase, Bonnie, Bridgett and Jack. A memorial service

began with a viewing from 3:00 PM until the time of the service at 4:00 PM on Wednesday in the sanctuary of Latham United Methodist Church. The burial was at 11:00 AM on Thursday at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL, where Lee received full military honors.



**RICHARD P. "Dick" HOCKENBERRY** - Died Thursday, April 27, 2017 of Osterburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 68 while surrounded by family, at the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center in Altoona, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 12, 1948, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late Bertha Hockenberry. He is survived by the following family three sons: Jason Hockenberry and wife Michelle, of Osterburg, John Hockenberry and wife Suzanne, of Crystal Springs, Brian Hockenberry and girlfriend Julia, of Jersey Shore; nine grandchildren: Nerissa Becket and husband Ryan, Kassandra, Savannah, Richie, Mason Hockenberry, Deanna, Andrea and Nick Sumner and BriAnna Hockenberry and her mother Jennifer; two great-grandchildren: Rylynn and Raycee Becket; one brother, David Hockenberry and wife Norma of Shelton, WA; and one sister, Cindy Ickes-Naughton, of Bedford. He was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Hockenberry. Dick graduated from Bedford High School in 1967 and served in the United States Navy as an Aviation Ordnanceman during Vietnam. He was a member of the Bedford VFW Post #7527, the Bedford American Legion Post #113, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland (Maryland) Chapter #172**. He drove tractor-trailer for many years as an owner-operator and later worked for H.B. Mellott as part of their equipment maintenance team servicing equipment locations across the Eastern United States. More recently he served as the Quarter Master, then eventually as the manager for the Bedford VFW. He enjoyed going on spur of the moment rides on his Harley as well as spending time with his children and grandchildren. He took great pride in his service to his country, his work, and his family. He was loved in life and he will be missed in his absence. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM, in the chapel, at the Timothy A. Berkebile Funeral Home, in Bedford, with Pastor John Bennett officiating. The burial was in the Fishertown Cemetery with full military rites conducted by the Fort Bedford Honor Guard. Friends were received on Friday from 9:30 AM until the hour of the service at the funeral home.



**RONNY W. "Ron" HODGSON** - Died on Sunday, July 2, 2017 at home in Geneseo, Illinois at the age of 65, with his wife by his side. The cause of death was end-stage renal disease of unknown etiology and advanced scleroderma. Ron was born on December 3, 1951 in Geneseo to the late William B. and Dorothy E. Hodgson. Ron attended Geneseo schools, and graduated from Geneseo High School. He married Sandra J. Wanamaker-Fulton on July 4, 1993. Ron enjoyed photography and riding his motorcycle. He was currently working at Moline Dispatch Publishing Company as an IT Tech, and had been there for the past 21 years. Ron was a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam era, and became a proud member of

the Patriot Guard Riders following his time in the service. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois*. He is survived by his wife Sandra, son Erik W. Hodgson of Princeton, and step-daughter Christina (Michael) A. Brown of Geneseo, his sister Kay (Richard) L. Stiner of Geneseo, brother, Jimmy S. Hodgson of Geneseo. His grandchildren are Shawn M. Hodgson, Tori A. Hodgson, Alex X. Brown, and Jayden H. Brown. Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at Vandemore Funeral Home and Crematory, Geneseo with Deacon Harley Chaffee officiating. The family requested that friends and family wear casual attire. Burial was in the Rock Island National Cemetery, with full military honors provided by the Moline American Legion Post. Visitation was one hour prior to the funeral service on Thursday from 9:30-10:30 AM at the funeral home. Memorials may be left to the Ronny Hodgson Memorial Fund.

**FREDERICK B. “Fred” HOLDERITH** – Died in October 2016 in Billings, Montana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 18, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington*.

**ROBERT A. HOLKE** (USAF, GEN-Ret.) – Died recently in 2016 in Carle Place, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 25, 1946. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of General after a long career. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82*.

**CHRISTOPHER “Chris” HOOVER** – Died recently in 2017 in North Augusta, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia*.



**JOHN WARD HOWELL, JR.** - Died Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Tift Regional Medical Center at the age of 72. He was a resident of Sparks, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 13, 1944 to the late John Ward Howell, Sr. and Mary (née Merlin) Howell. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Adel Chapter #1090**. Survivors include his wife, Linda Howell of Sparks; his children, David Howell, Jason Howell, Jonathan (Theba) Howell, Sam (Jaimee) Howell, Jessica Howell (Jayson Knowles), and Merlin (Royce) Payne; stepchildren, Corey Sumner, and Ginger (Charles) Moore; several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Mr. Howell was preceded in death by his two brothers, Randall Howell, and Tom Howell. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Eric Gordon officiating. Interment was at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. The family will be receiving friends Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Purvis Funeral Home.



**MARK JOHN HUFFMAN** - Died Thursday, May 11, 2017 at his home in Mount Crawford, Virginia at the age of 68. The cause of death was metastatic lung adenocarcinoma. He was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia on June 14, 1948 to the late Russell Edward and Lucy Love (née Liskey) Huffman. Mark retired in 2010 from VDOT Staunton district after 40 years of service. He was a member of Saint Michael United Church of Christ. He served his country in the United States Army and was a graduate of Turner Ashby class of 1966. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**. He was united in marriage on June 25, 1983 to Diane Lee (née Martin) Huffman of Mount Crawford. Surviving in addition to his wife are two children Megan Pajski and husband Jason, of Goldsboro, NC and Dane Mark Huffman and wife Ciera, of Weyers Cave; two step children, Daphne Hill and husband David, of Chicago, IL and Jake Vickers, of Newnan, GA; a brother, R. E. Huffman and wife Lillian, of Mt. Crawford. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Breelyn Huffman, Zayne Huffman and Dylan Hill. He was preceded in death by a brother, Garland E. Huffman. The family received friends on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Mark's home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.johnsonfs.com](http://www.johnsonfs.com).



**WILLIAM EDGAR "Ed" HUGHES** - Died Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Olathe Hospice House, Olathe, Kansas at the age of 69. He was a resident of Ottawa, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was a lifelong resident of Ottawa, Kansas. He loved his community and family. He was born on February 6, 1947 in Ottawa to the late Richard D. and Katherine L. (née Clark) Hughes. During high school he met the love of his life Mary Higdon and after graduation from Ottawa High School they married on July 29, 1966. Their union produced two children that were his pride and joy. In 1967 Uncle Sam sent a draft letter and Ed was inducted in the United States Army and sent to Vietnam for one year and twenty nine days. During his Army Service he was awarded the National Defense Medal. Ed was exposed to Agent Orange while in Vietnam and due to that exposure he suffered many debilitating illnesses which eventually caused his death. With that said Ed would have "done it all over again." After he came home to Ottawa he held several jobs also to include working at the City of Ottawa Water Treatment Facility and retiring from there after 30 plus years. Ed was a member of Masons, Shriners, Lions Club, American Legion and a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**. He participated in the rifle squad that performed many salutes for our fallen Veterans. He was active in the fund raisers to help Patients at the VA Hospital in Kansas. He and his best friend Melvin Lucas organized and started "welcome home" breakfast for the Gulf War Veterans to insure that they were not treated like the Vietnam Veterans had been treated as they came home from war. During his lifetime he had a real passion for fish...whether it was just fishing or just eating fish. Ed truly had a servants heart and loved people which he showed just loving people where they are...He never met a stranger...He is loved by many and will truly be missed by all. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Donna Neumann. Survivors include two daughters Melinda (Hugh) Ashby and Janette (William) Lute both of Ottawa, Kansas; three siblings Jan (Rod) Mullen, Lewis (Pam) Hughes and



Brenda Hughes; three grandchildren William Lute III, Raychele Lute and Maddisen Lute; and nieces and nephews. To celebrate Ed's life a memorial service was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 628 North Cedar, Ottawa, KS 66067. Inurnment was in the Highland Cemetery, Ottawa, KS. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the Church. In lieu of flowers, donations to Wreaths Across Franklin County c/o VFW 5901 Ottawa, KS or Hospice House of Olathe Medical Center may be sent c/o Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 14, Ottawa, KS 66067. Condolences to the family may be sent through [www.lamb-roberts.com](http://www.lamb-roberts.com).



**STEVEN JAY "Steve" "Bulldog" INGWERSEN** – Died Friday, June 23, 2017 in Ocean City, Maryland at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Washington, DC to Margaret and the late Robert Ingwersen. Along with his mother, he is survived by his children Tod (Tera) Ingwersen, Gretchen Ingwersen, brothers Charles (Linda) Ingwersen, Rob (Mary) Ingwersen, sisters Adele Adams, Jean (Tom) Morgan, grandchildren Callie, Emma, Cameron and his girlfriend Linda Rutter. Steve was preceded in death by his sister Karen Lee Ingwersen. Bulldog was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Vietnam December 2, 1969 to December 1, 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocean City Chapter #1091**. He was a member of American Legion Post #166 and VFW Post 8296. In addition to his lasting nickname, Bulldog will be remembered for his infectious smile, his full belly laugh, his love of the Redskins and Natural Light. There was a celebration of his life on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the American Legion Post in Ocean City, MD. Letters of condolences may be sent to the family at [burbage@burbagefuneralhome.com](mailto:burbage@burbagefuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the Vietnam Veterans of America charity.



**RUDOLPHO P. "Rudy" IRIZARRY** - also known as Rudy, Died Saturday, June 10, 2017 in Browns Mills, New Jersey at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 17, 1937. He leaves behind his wife Alice of 32 years, and his children, Michael, Will, Margie, Tito, and Peter; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He also leaves behind two step-children, Melody Bergen and William Prescott. Rudy had a full life. He retired from the United States Air Force Reserve after 38 years. His career started at Samson AFB, Geneva, N.Y., then to Floyd Bennett Field, N.Y. and then to McGuire AFB, N.J. He started as a cook, trained over to become a loadmaster in the C-119C, then a loadmaster flight examiner in the C-141, C-141A and C-141B. He airdropped heavy equipment and was proud to say he airdropped a Sheridan Armored Vehicle with no casualties. He participated in the Santo Domingo crisis, The Cuban Crisis, Vietnam, Grenada, and was activated for an extended period for Operation Desert Storm. Rudy retired from the Air Force in 1992. In total, he served 38 years of active and reserve duty. Rudy was the chairman of the Pemberton Township Veterans Advisory

Committee for over 11 years and was instrumental in the creation of the Pemberton Township Veterans Memorial Park. Rudy was a life member of the VFW, was the Historian of American Legion Eden Stanley Post 294 in Pemberton, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Bordentown Chapter #899**. Aside from his military life, he and Alice purchased and flew a hot air balloon, Skyhawk. They traveled to churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania using Skyhawk as a tool to 'Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.' They also flew Skyhawk in hot air balloon races in PA, NJ, and Gatineau Quebec, Canada. After so much flying above the ground, Rudy wanted to see the United States 'from the ground up'. He and Alice purchased two RV's over the years and traveled to every state except Hawaii, seeing the U.S. National Park System, capped off by an 11,000 mile trip to Alaska. No funeral or visitation was held. There was a remembrance service for Rudy at Messiah Lutheran Church in Presidential Lakes, Browns Mills at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.



**WILLIAM G. "Bill" IZATT** - Died Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at home in Southamptn, Massachusetts at the age of 74, following a valiant year-long battle with laryngeal cancer. Bill was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on June 24, 1942. His childhood nickname, "Chick," followed him throughout his life. Bill grew up on Maple Street in South Hadley, where he spent countless hours hunting deer, golfing, and swimming in the Connecticut River. Bill graduated from South Hadley High in 1960, and was a callman in the South Hadley Volunteer Fire Department in the early 1960's. During his tenure there, he helped to extinguish much of Holyoke's historic downtown. Bill was drafted in 1964 into the United States Army, and completed training at Fort Dix and Fort Devens, where he earned rifle sharpshooter and .45 caliber pistol marksman medals. He was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a medic in the First Infantry Division of the US Army in the Mekong Delta. Following his military service, he used the GI bill to study at Western New England College, where he earned a business degree in business management. Bill built a career in the then-booming paper industry, and retired from Hazen Paper Company in 2004 where he had served as North Plant superintendent for many years. Bill met Patricia Lazarz at Abdow's Big Boy in Chicopee in 1967, and they married in 1977. Their time together included Springfield Indians hockey games, to which they held season tickets and witnessed many a bench-clearing brawl at the Springfield Coliseum, and visits to Scotland, the Grand Canyon, and Civil War battle sites. In 1977 Bill traded in his Porsche for a Ford F250 with a plow, and moved to Southamptn, where he enjoyed mowing the "lawn," Saturday dump visits, and more recently, visits to the Edwards Library. After daughter Sarah was born, additional memories included trips to Cape Cod, unsuccessful fishing excursions, and a Hawaii vacation where a run-in with a Man-O-War jellyfish and the Thanksgiving hospital visit it required provided story fodder for years to come. Bill was a military history enthusiast, and possessed a trove of knowledge about the Civil War. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Northampton Beagle Club. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He enjoyed Nascar, the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Blackhawks, and arguing politics. Bill is survived by his wife Patricia Izatt of Southamptn, daughter Sarah (Izatt)

LaValley and partner Christopher Tilley of Shelburne Falls, sister Kathrine (Izatt) Nowill and husband James Nowill of Northampton, niece Jessica (Nowill) Struble of East Greenbush NY, brother-in-law Thomas Lazarz and wife Laurie of Chicopee, and former son-in-law Michael LaValley of Suffield, CT. He was predeceased by his mother Kathrine (Watson), father William, and many beloved hound dogs, who were acquired for hunting only, but always ended up as best friends instead. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's name can be made to the Northampton Russell Beagle Club, c/o Dan Burgieliewicz, 38 Brook Street, Easthampton MA 01027, or the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. The funeral home service was on Friday at 11:00 AM in the Curran-O'Brien Funeral Home followed by burial in Village Cemetery. Calling hours were on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 PM and on Friday from 10:00-11:00 AM.



**JAMES ARTHUR "Jim" JOHANSON** - Died Monday, June 19, 2017 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 77. His death by cancer is directly attributed to Agent Orange (an herbicide and defoliant chemical) exposure in Vietnam. Jim was born in New York City, New York and grew up in Stanhope, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years, Delores (née Kinney), daughter Jill Johanson, son Scott Johanson and his wife Michelle, three grandchildren Dana, BrieAna and Eric, and cousins Ingrid Johanson and Walter Johanson. As an only-child Jim loved Delores' big family and embraced her five siblings and their numerous nieces and nephews. Some of Jim's happiest times were spent with this "crew". Following graduation from Netcong High School in 1958 he attended Lehigh University before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1959. He received education and training in navigation, electronic warfare, advanced survival, SAC B-52H and launch control, and as a young 22 year-old 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant his air wing achieved combat ready status on July 1, 1962. He proudly served his country during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962 and during two tours in Vietnam in the Summer of '67 and Fall/Winter '68/'69, while stationed at Bien Hoa Air Base. After nine years, eight months, and 11 days, Captain Johanson received an honorable discharge. Following his military career, Jim entered civilian life while remaining in the defense industry where he continued working in reconnaissance and electronic warfare for General Dynamics, Litton and lastly for E-Systems in Greenville, Texas. At E-Systems he worked as a Program Manager in Foreign Military Sales, retiring in 1990. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. In early 1991 he and Delores moved to Perry Park, Colorado and in 2001 to The Villages, Florida. Jim was a lifelong amateur radio operator and many fellow "hams" around the world knew him only as K2SCU. In addition to amateur radio he enjoyed golf, boating, a lit Seneca menthol cigarette, straight Beefeaters gin on the rocks with three olives, fresh Maine lobster, the MLB extra-innings package, and computer time keeping in touch with friends and family. A special thank you to Jim's friend Dale Buss, neighbors Don and Wynelle Polk, VA Social Worker Janai Woodham, Sumter County Veterans Service Officer Carolyn Allfrey, and Cornerstone Hospice. A service with Military Honors was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 14, 2017 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers please contact your U.S. Congressman in support of H.R. 299 - Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017.

**JOHN E. JOLLY** – Died recently in 2017 in Grand Junction, Colorado at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 27, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.



**MICHAEL DAVID “Barney” KENNEDY** - Died Sunday August 7, 2016 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 65. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cirrhosis of the liver due to hepatocellular cancer. He was born on February 28, 1951 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts to the late Andrew H. “Barney” Kennedy and Lorraine (née Duval) Kennedy. He was also predeceased by his second wife, Parvaneh (née Youssefian) Kennedy. Barney retired from the United States Army, and then worked as a certified forensic psychologist specializing in family, drug and alcohol abuse therapy. Since moving to Sierra Vista in 2011 after retiring from private practice Barney, a member of the Baha’i Faith, was a member or office holder of several civic and military organizations including the VFW, DAV, American Legion, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and the National Alliance for Mental Illness, and the Cochise County Sheriff’s Motorcycle Escort Team. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista Chapter #1093**. He organized the first two Ride for Life fundraisers for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. He had a passion for riding his Can-Am Spyder and for serving veterans. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his son, John of Orlando FL; his sisters, Joyce Aucoin and Donna Kennedy of Fitchburg MA, and Linda Stewart of Meredith NH, and; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the Hatfield Funeral Home. Interment with full Military Honors was in the Southern Arizona Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery. The family asks that memorial contributions in Barney’s name be made to your favorite charity.



**RONALD M. KIDD** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Friday, March 11, 2016 in Waterford, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 20, 1942. He was the loving husband of the late Bonnie for 51 years, who preceded him in death on December 23, 2015; dear father of Kellea (Eric) Eason, Tony Kidd, Scott (Donna) Kidd, and April Kidd (Belinda Smith); devoted grandfather of William (Christina), Jordyn, Alexis, Cierra, Wyatt, and Sebastian; and a caring mentor to many. LTC Kidd served in Vietnam with valor in the United States Army as part of a career that spanned 17 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter #133**. He retired from Art Van Furniture Store in 2010. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed... hunting, fishing and playing golf. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 10:30 AM at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, officiated by the Reverend Dr. James E. Bolin, Jr. The family received friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Wednesday from 10:30 AM until the time of the service. Memorials may be

made to the Heart of the Lakes VFW Post #1008. Interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

**WILLIAM H. KING** – Died recently in 2017 in Crewe, Virginia at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 13, 1935. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackstone Chapter #806**.



**ROBERT DUANE KITCHELL** - Died Saturday, April 1, 2017 in Stockholm, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death was cardiac arrest, acute respiratory failure, coronary artery disease, neuropathy, pulmonary hypertension and congestive heart failure. He was born on January 11, 1948, in Franklin, New Jersey to the late Harvey K. and Florence V. (née Clark) Kitchell. Robert was a graduate of Hardyston Elementary School and Franklin High School and received a degree at the East Coast Aerotech College. He served in the United States Army and was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam from September 1969 to September 1971. Robert was a mechanic for the D.W. Clark School Bus Co. and was an equipment operator for the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 25 years retiring in 2002. He was Employee-of-the-Year in 1993. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Township Chapter #1002**. He enjoyed hunting, shooting and riding his motorcycles. He was a member of the pit crews at dirt track racing as well as the NASCAR races he attended. Robert was the "go-to" person for help as he could fix anything and make it work again. Robert was predeceased by his parents and his stepson, Barry Manion. Robert was the beloved husband of Darcy (Saffrin) Kitchell; stepfather of Bill J. Manion and his wife, Anna M., and step- granddaughter, Allyson M. and his aunt, Louise Clark, and his many cousins. Relatives and friends were received on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 8:00 PM, at the F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, 1 Main Street, Franklin, and may attend the funeral service at the funeral home on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM. Interment was in the North Hardyston Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 7558517, Topeka, KS 66675.



**DANIEL OTTO "Dan" KLEIN** - Died Monday, May 29, 2017 in South Dayton, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 30, 1948 in Detroit Michigan to the late Edwin and Marguerite Klein. Daniel served in the United States Air Force as a munitions specialist during the Vietnam War and retired as a materials handler at General Mills in Buffalo, NY. Daniel loved gardening, fishing, hunting, boating, collecting and was an avid bird enthusiast. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunkirk Chapter #459** and the North American hunting club. Loving husband to Sharon Lynn Fisher, cherished father to Benjamin Edwin, Daniel Patrick and Tara (Michael) Jones, grandfather to Katherine



Sophia and Hailey Alizabeth. Relatives and friends visited the DiStasio-Hills Funeral Chapel, 478 Route 83 at Balcom Corners, South Dayton on Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM where a funeral service was held on Saturday at 11:00 AM.



**AUGUST D. "Augie" KRIESER** - Died Saturday, December 31, 2016 at Saint Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 70. He was a resident of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. Augie was born on July 7, 1946 in Manitowoc to the late Robert and Shirley (née Hopkins) Krieser. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving from 1964 to 1967. Augie retired from the Manitowoc Fire Department as a Motor Pump Operator and EMT in 1981. On June 29, 1968, he married the former Patricia Andrastek. He served on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the City and was Government Relations Officer with the Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans. After an accident in 1980, Augie was wheelchair bound and became an avid advocate for city and state level handicapped accessibility. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731**. Survivors include his wife: Patricia Krieser, Manitowoc; two sons: Michael (Senona) Krieser, Dover, NC, Shawn (Jodi) Krieser, Mishicot, WI; brothers and sisters: Richard Krieser, Manitowoc, Gary (Linda) Krieser, MI, Keith (Marge) Krieser, Two Rivers, Ellen (Kenny) Seal, Manitowoc; brother-in-law: Jim Andrastek; six grandchildren: Dakota and Maddox, Jesse, Timothy, Tristan and Ally; six great grandchildren; special friend and caregiver: Mary Burkart; and loyal Wheelchair Games Cheerleader: Carri Ann Burkart. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister: Gretchen; one daughter-in-law: Tracy; one sister-in-law: Donna; and an infant great grandson: Bradley. Cremation has occurred at All-Care Cremation Center, Manitowoc, and a memorial service was held at 12:00 PM (Noon) on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manitowoc. The family greeted relatives and friends at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 9:00 AM until the time of service at 12:00 PM (Noon). Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting [www.pfefferfuneralhome.com](http://www.pfefferfuneralhome.com). The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Becky Basler for her compassionate care and love given to Augie as well as HomeCare Health and Services. Thank you also to the Manitowoc Rescue Squad, Holy Family ER, and the Saint Vincent ICU. You are all special angels.

**TERRIL D. "Terry" LANDERS** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Rainey Hospice House at the age of 71. He was a resident of Anderson, South Carolina. The cause of death was coronary artery disease. He was born in Hahira, Georgia on November 1, 1945 to the late Floyd George Landers and Myrtice (née Tomlinson) Landers. Terry proudly served his country in the United States Army achieving rank of First Sergeant, where he retired after 20 years. He served in both the Vietnam and Korean Conflicts where he was a recipient of: the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars. Following retirement from the Army, Terry accepted the position of County Service Officer for Anderson County Veterans Affairs for 20



years retiring in 2007. He was a member of Orrville Baptist Church, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303*. He is survived by his devoted and beloved wife, Dorothy “Dottie” Smith Landers of the home; daughters, Karen Landers Powell (Robbie) of Mt. Pleasant, Penny Landers Vassar (Chris) and Tomasas “Tommi” Landers Jordan (Russell), both of Anderson; a sister, Melody “Jan” Landers of Anderson; a brother, Floyd “Gene” Landers of Anderson; and three grandchildren, Bailee Parris and Carter Landon Jordan and Lillian Rose Vassar. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two nieces, Susan and Julie Landers. The Funeral Service was held at the Orrville Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 2:00 PM with the Reverend Dr. Wendell F. Bannister and Ron Fousek co-officiating. Interment with full military honors was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The family received friends at the church, prior to the service on Wednesday, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. A message of condolence may be sent by visiting [www.mcdougallfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcdougallfuneralhome.com). The services were under the direction of The McDougall Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Anderson.

**HAROLD JAMES LANGFORD** - Died Sunday, July 16, 2017 in Dundalk, Maryland at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on December 7, 1944. He served in the United States Navy with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1966. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparrows Point Chapter #965**.

**ERNEST L. LEE** – Died in January 2017 in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico*.

**FREDERICK A. LEIPOLD** – Died Friday, March 3, 2017 in Rochester, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 28, 1946 in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**.

**LAWRENCE LEOPOLD** – Died recently in 2017 in Manhattan Beach, California at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 6, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53*.

**DAVID F. LIGHTOWLER** - Died Friday, March 31, 2017 in Stanley, Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 29 1947 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to the late Rose and David Lightowler. He was a loving and faithful father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He is survived by: his four children, his daughter, NancyAnn (husband, Tom), son, David, daughter, Rosanne (husband, Michael), son, Sean, their brother, Isaiah, and their mother, Nancy (husband, Rusty); David's granddaughter, "his little sweetheart", Josiah; his sister, Mary (husband, Daniel); and his nephews, Daniel, Anthony, Donald (son, Hagan) and Timothy (wife, Sandy, and daughter, Paige) and their mother, Thanh. He loved the Pittsburgh Steelers! He was a graduate of Saint Elizabeth Catholic High School and later earned his degree in law enforcement from American University. David was in the United States Army and a decorated Vietnam War veteran. He earned the rank of Master Sergeant during his years in the

Army Reserves. David worked for the Secret Service. He traveled the world and served six presidents during his career at the White House. He retired at age 50 and pursued his passion for teaching, living history and the Revolutionary War. He was a very active Volunteer in his Community and with the Boy Scouts Organization. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Moose, Knights of Columbus and the DC Black and Gold Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodstock Chapter #936**. He was very well-known, loved and respected by many. He will be greatly missed. A Catholic Mass was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, 1 Grove Place Pittsburgh, PA 15236. A full honors military burial was at 2:00 PM at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, 1158 Morgan Road Bridgeville, PA 15017. A fellowship luncheon immediately follow at the Brentwood VFW Post #1810, 3801 Saw Mill Run Boulevard, Brentwood, PA 15227. Memorial contributions can be made to Luray American Legion Post #22, 106 Zerkel Street, Luray, VA 22835 or BSA Troop #7 Luray or BSA Camp OTTARI Mountain Man Program, 2881 Simpkinstown Road, Hiwassee VA 24347, in his memory.

**NELSON LEE LINDEMAN** - Died Sunday, May 14, 2017, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 66. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on August 6, 1950, in Cumberland to the late Harry Lindeman and Hazel Elizabeth (née Smith) Lindeman. A graduate of Fort Hill High School, Class of 1969, Nelson was a United States Army Veteran during the Vietnam-era and retired from CSX Transportation as a Machinist. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists; the Fort Cumberland Post #13 American Legion; and the Good Fellowship Club. Nelson was proud and honored to serve on the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. Nelson was awarded the Telephone Pioneers' President's Award for his dedication to the education of children by installing huge playground maps of the United States in playgrounds throughout Allegany and Washington Counties and on the Eastern Shore. He was a co-administrator with Geary Hoover, Queen City Memories, taking great pride and joy in the Facebook site that has over 8,000 members reflecting on Cumberland's Past. Nelson is survived by his wife of 27 years, Sharon Dye Lindeman; his children from his first marriage; and a half-sister, Selma Berry, Cumberland. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, ([www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com)) on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM with Chaplain Rodger Long officiating. Interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. Allan Lewis will be playing Taps. The family would like to thank Dawn Snyder and Associates at the Congestive Heart Failure Clinic for their tireless compassion and care over the last several years and to the Doctors and staff in the Emergency Room for their care, concern, and support.

**GARY LYNN LINDGREN** - Died Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 70. He was a resident of Watertown. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest and coronary artery disease. He was born on May 8, 1947 in Fort Dodge, Iowa to the late Delmar and Joyce (née Madsen) Lindgren. He graduated from Waverly

High School. Gary entered the United States Navy in 1966 during the Vietnam War. He received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds he received in combat and was honorably discharged in 1969. Gary was married to Linda McDaniel on April 25, 1970. Two sons were born to this union, Troy and Todd. Later, Gary and Ramona "Mona" Goodroad were united in marriage on Dec. 27, 1986. Gary was employed for 33 years in Watertown at the State Highway Department in the engineering department and later transferred to the maintenance department. He enjoyed having coffee with his coffee gang at the Road House Cafe, Stockman's Cafe and the Wheel Inn Cafe, all in Watertown and he also went to Hayti to have coffee with friends. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Gary is survived by his wife, Ramona of Watertown; his children, Troy (Tonya) Lindgren of Watertown and Todd (Katie) Lindgren of Yankton; his stepchildren, Kimm (Grant) Nelson of Watertown, Kristi (Tim) Rufer of Strandburg, Eric (Melissa) Hagen of Omaha, Neb., and Rob Hagen of Watertown; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Susan (Darwin) Parish-Lentz of Watertown, Kathy (Larry) Goens of Castlewood, Butch Lindgren of Sioux Falls, Roxann (Don) Smith of Gettysburg, Kirk (Julie) Lindgren of Sioux Falls and Clint (Kelly) Lindgren of Columbus, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Delmar and Joyce Lindgren; his brothers, Jim Lindgren and Jeff Lindgren; and his father and mother-in-law, Glenn and Clarice Goodroad. Memorial services were at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown with Don Zafft officiating. Interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown. In lieu of flowers please designate memorials to Vietnam Veterans of America of Northeast S.D. Chapter #1054. Arrangements were made by Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel.



**JOHN D. LOCKE** - Died Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 67. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was doing what he loved; riding his Harley on the open road, selflessly working to honor our veterans and fallen soldiers. He was born on March 30, 1950 in Louisville to the late Reinhold and Mildred Locke. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was a DeSales High School Alumni, retired from Marley Cooling Tower, served in the United States Army, devoted his time to advocate for Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action; and was an adjutant with the American Legion Post #229. John was an avid Harley enthusiast and a member of and/or rode with the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club, Legion Riders, 40 & 8, Kentucky Motorcycle Association, was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**, Task Force Omega, and The Last Patrol. He was also the honorary Santa Claus for the Toys for Tots run as well as the honorary Easter Bunny for the Easter Basket Run in Louisville. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 40 years and love of his life, Sharon; sons, Gene Pridham (Wendy), Dennis Locke, Ronnie Locke (Jennifer Wells); 7 grandchildren; and one brother, David Locke (Sue). His funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday at the Kenwood Heights Christian Church, 5610 New Cut Road, with a full Military Honor Committal Service at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-Central. Visitation hours were held 2:00-8:00 PM on Thursday at the Joseph E. Ratterman and Son Funeral Home, 7336 Southside Drive. Louisville, KY.



**JAMES LUSK “Bud” LOVE, JR.** - Died Saturday, April 29, 2017 at his home in Ozark, Alabama at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 7, 1931 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late James Lusk Love, Sr. and Mary (née Diaz) Love. He served in the United States Army in Korea until he was medically discharged. He was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for injuries sustained in the Korean War. Mr. Love was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #94. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dalesville Chapter #393**. He was an honorary member of the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club and an avid fisherman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Beatrice Love; and two brothers, Arthur Love and Robert Love. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Emily (née Desilets) Love of Ozark; one daughter, Debby Randall of Ozark; four sons and one daughter-in-law, Daniel Ward of New Hampshire, James L. Love III of Massachusetts, A. Duane Ward of Ozark, James Lawrence and Doris Love of Westfield, Massachusetts; three sisters, Rita Marcilla of Florida, Dolly Proctker and Patricia Gagnon of Massachusetts; one brother, Billy Love of Florida. Nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 4, 2017 in the Chapel of Holman Funeral Home and Cremations in Ozark with Pastor Greg Doss officiating. Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Park with Military Honors, Holman Funeral Home of Ozark directing. The family received friends at the funeral home in Ozark on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Flowers were accepted or memorials may be made to Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center, 126 Hospital Avenue, Ozark, Alabama 36360.

**THOMAS RICHARD LOWERY** – Died Thursday, July 18, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 64. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on November 28, 1948 in Evergreen Park, Illinois. He was the loving husband of Gloria (née Zanck) Lowery; beloved father of Bridget and John Lowery; proud son of the late Margaret and John Lowery; fond brother of Joseph (late Shirley) Lowery, Loretta Ruckman, Patricia (Charles) Haffner, John Lowery, the late Margaret (Charles) Fasan, William Lowery, and Mary Barbara (late James) Heffernan; dear uncle to many nieces and nephews; Tom was a dear friend to many. He served in the United States Army from November 1967 to 28 June 1969 in Cam Ranh Bay. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chicago**. Visitation hours were on Monday, July 22, 2013 from 3:00 to 9:00 PM at Saint Cajetan Church, 2445 West 112<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago. The funeral was on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. Family and friends met at Saint Cajetan Church for 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial. The interment was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery with United States Army Military Honors. He was the retired Chief Clerk for Cook County Assessor's Office. Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to T.P. Kerrigan Sons Funeral Directors.

**EUGENE L. MAGO** – Died recently in 2017 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 11, 1946. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Nevada**.



**BEVERLY JEAN "Bev" MARTIN** – Died Sunday, August 6, 2017 in Birch Bay, Washington at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. She was born to the late Edward Martin and Willie (née Lockaby) Martin. She served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1975 and attained the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). She was stationed in Italy, Germany and Vietnam. In Vietnam she served with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and awarded a Bronze Star Medal along with the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. She ended her military career earning the Drill Sergeant Badge. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. She enjoyed photography and the great outdoors. She would spend weekends camping in the Mount Baker National Forest with her good friend Ray Gourley (USMC) and his family. Her passion for photography during her retirement produced beautiful photos, some of which received national recognition and awards. A number of these photos will be on permanent display in the new addition at the Bellingham VET Center. Over the years, she gifted many of her photographs to the friends she made over her lifetime. She and her political views will be greatly missed by her poker buddies. She is predeceased by her parents and her sister-in-law, Nancy Martin. She is survived by her sisters, Patsy and Cathy Martin; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Mary Martin and David and Pam Martin, and; many nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life was celebrated on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Birch Bay Village Club House, 8181 Cowichan Road, Blaine, Washington with a potluck. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165, PO Box 29885, Bellingham, WA 98228. Her cremated remains were interred in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery in South Carolina per her wishes.



**GEORGE CLEE MAYO** - Died Sunday evening, August 7, 2016 at the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Clarksburg, West Virginia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Elkins, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Sunday, April 9, 1939 in Beverly, West Virginia to the late Clee Davis and Edith Lee Hornbeck Mayo. During November of 1990 at Snowshoe, West Virginia, he was married to the former Mary Jo Graham Ball, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Michael Patrick Mayo and wife Melinda and Sean Eric Mayo, all of CA; three stepsons, Bernard Ball and wife Kim of Dublin, Ireland, Brian Ball of MD, Brad Ball of Parkersburg; and one stepdaughter, Brenda Ball and wife Michelle of Elkins; seven grandchildren and a special grandson, Bernard Pike and wife Crystal of Elkins and their children, Jackson and Lilly; and a favorite cousin, Doris Jenette Conley Hamman of Buckhannon. Preceding him in death is one brother, Allen Harris Mayo. He was a graduate of Elkins High School. He was a retired Veteran of the United States Navy, having served during the Vietnam War. He received the Navy Commendation Medal for his heroism, prompt and courageous actions in rescuing a Mother and her young child from a burning building. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Coalton Chapter #812**. He was a member of

the Elkins Lodge # 1135, B.P.O.E., the Aerie # 2344, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the H. W. Daniel's Post # 29, American Legion, the Tygarts Valley Post # 3647, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the FRA. He was past (Chef de Gare 40/8) and past Commander of the American Legion of Elkins. He had worked as a bartender, both in California and Elkins, WV. The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Elkins from 5 to 8 PM, Friday. Final Rites will be conducted at the funeral home, Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 11AM. The Reverend Terry Cannon will officiate and interment will follow at the American Legion's Little Arlington Cemetery at Cravensdale, WV, where the United States Navy Funeral Honors Guard, the H.W. Daniels's Post # 29, American Legion and the Tygarts Valley Post # 3647, Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct full military honors.

**FREDERICK JAMES McCANN** - Died Monday, June 5, 2017 at his residence in in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 26, 1945 in Jamestown, New York to the late James L. and Emma (née Smith) McCann. He was married November 23, 1968 in Falconer, New York to Virginia Carol Jimerson. He was a Vietnam veteran and served as a Specialist E-4 in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. As part of the 544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company he earned a Sharp Shooter Badge, National Defense Service medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal and Vietnam Service medal. He worked several years for the Zeollie Beverages in Jamestown, New York. He also worked 23 years at Deep South Products in Orlando, Florida, and later moved to Fitzgerald, Georgia, where he retired. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Fitzgerald Chapter #1082** and the American Legion Post #99. Mr. McCann was a member of Faith Baptist Church, in Fitzgerald. He is survived by his son, Patrick James McCann and Patti of Orlando, Florida; a daughter, Emily Sue Ray and Daniel of Fitzgerald; four granddaughters: April Nicole Ray, Kaitlyn Alexandra Grider, Sadie Rose McCann and Grace Leigh-Ann McCann. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, Virginia Carol McCann and three sisters: Janet Whitehill, Luella A. Gilbert and Nancy J. Mower. The funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at The Paulk Funeral Home Chapel in Fitzgerald with the Reverend Cecil Burkett officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. The family received friends on Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home in Fitzgerald.

**MICHAEL T. "Mike" McGRAW** – Died Wednesday, June 7, 2017 in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 15, 1947. He was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran from 1965 to 1969 serving in Khe Sanh, Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. Friends were received from 2:00-7:00 PM on Sunday June 11 2017 at The Stevens Mortuary Inc., 1421 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona where a vigil for the deceased was held. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 12, 2017 at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church by Reverend Father Brian Saylor. The Committal Services were held at Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers due to family allergies the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Michael's memory to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the family for further distribution.





**ROBERT FRANCIS “Bob” McINTYRE** - Died Thursday, June 22, 2017 in Clinton, Tennessee at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 10, 1937 to the late Glenn Thomas McIntyre, Sr. and Dorothy Agnes (née Clark) McIntyre. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Judith Ann and Buddy Jenkins. Bob is survived by his loving wife Ruth Anne McIntyre, of Clinton TN; his daughter, Tina Peterson and her husband Randy, of Clinton TN; his brothers, Glen Thomas McIntyre, Jr. and his wife Jean, of Heiskell, TN; his sister, Jackie Sue Flippen and her husband, Pete, of Kingston, TN; his six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and; a host of friends and relatives. He will be greatly missed by “his special girl” Moxie. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Care Catholic church in LaFollette, TN. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force where he reached the rank of Master Sergeant and also served in Vietnam. Bob enjoyed hunting and fishing and riding his motorcycle. He was a member of several groups including the Patriot Heart Riders and S.O.A.R. Sportsman Gun Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Bob's services were held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 with a receiving of friends from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the chapel of Jones Mortuary with a celebration of life immediately following at 8:00 PM with Reverend Father Julius Abuh officiating. Interment was on Friday, June 30, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville, TN. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the Wounded Warriors Foundation in Bob's honor.



**CHARLES ALLEN “Chuck” McLEAN** - Died Sunday, April 9, 2017 in Petersburg, North Dakota at the age of 70 after a long and courageous battle with cancer resulting from Agent Orange exposure. Chuck was the youngest child of the late Raymond and Clara (née Swartz) McLean, born on June 22, 1946 in Fordville, North Dakota. Chuck, at age 22, joined the United States Army serving in the Vietnam War from 1966-1967. He met Lana Foss Martinson and they were married on June 24, 1978. Chuck was passionate about horseback riding and loved to spend his time with the horses. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his father, brother, son, and nephews. Chuck was very passionate about motorcycles and was State President of the In Country Vietnam MC, and a member of the American Legion Riders, the American Legion, DAB, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. Chuck is survived by his wife, Lana; son, Brent and companion Kass; daughter, Jody (Jon) Sanderson; granddaughters, Jaden and Nicole Sanderson, and Maddie Fortman; sisters-in-law, Myrna (Herman) Deleon, LaMae (Al) Bergan, LuAnn (Ken) Regan, Paula (Ken) Mantel; nieces and nephews, Mike (Amy) McLean, Mark (Michelle) McLean, Marie (Tim) Pederson, Austin (Kendall) Regan, Jordan Regan,

Alissa (Mike) Coddington, Victoria and Elizabeth Mantel; great nieces and nephews, Jeremy (Angie) Mayo, Tanner McLean, Maggie (Kyle) Mallory, Jake McLean, Alex (Anna) McLean, Josh (Morgan) Mayo, Sydney McLean, Paul and Elaina Coddington. Chuck is preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Clara; his brother, Marlin; in-laws, Palmer and Lois Foss; many aunts, uncles, and cousins. The Funeral Service for Charles was held at the Petersburg Lutheran Church, Petersburg, ND, on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Interment was in the Petersburg Cemetery. Visitation hours were held at the Aaker Funeral Home of Lakota on Friday beginning at 3:00 PM with a Prayer Service at 5:00 PM. Visitation continued at the church on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Family requested memorials be made to Michigan Ambulance Service, Michigan Food Pantry, or Nelson County Cancer Society.



**DALE ERWIN MERKLE** – Died Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in his home near Lebanon, Missouri at the age of 73. He was born on January 27, 1943 in Highland, Illinois to the late Richard and Virginia (née Bohnenstiel) Merkle. On August 18, 1984, in Miami, Oklahoma, he was united in marriage to Helga Ingrid Rudat, and they shared twenty-nine years before her passing on November 13, 2013. He was also preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Donald Merkle. Dale is survived by a daughter, Dena Bennett, and her husband, Crit, of Sugar Hill, Georgia; a granddaughter, Emmeline Crittenden Bennett; a grandson, Kristopher Day, and his wife, Julie; a great-grandson, Ian Day; a brother, Dennis Merkle, of Highland, Illinois; a sister, Lila Manville, of Highland, Illinois; a sister-in-law, Donna Merkle, of Alhambra, Illinois; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He was born and raised in Highland, Illinois, where he attended school. He entered the military as a young man and served his country faithfully in the United States Army from February 27, 1961 until retiring on August 31, 1981. He was stationed in Germany, Kansas, Korea, and Vietnam during his years of service and was a decorated Vietnam veteran. After retiring from the Army, he worked as a civil service vehicle inspector in Germany for several years and then at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He met Helga when he was stationed in Kansas and they made their home in Kansas and Germany, moving back and forth a few times, until retiring in Lebanon. Dale was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1014**. In his spare time, he liked tinkering with old farm tractors, particularly John Deere models. He enjoyed his retirement and was very proud of his military service. Dale will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his family and many friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post #4107, and left at the funeral home.



**THOMAS CARL "TC" MILLER** - Died on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 78. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Chariton, Iowa on June 3, 1939 to the late Vernon C. Miller and Gladys M. (née Lynn) Miller. He was also predeceased by his sister, Karen M. Hurt and his great-grandson, Carson Clem Wrabetz. Left to cherish his memories are his wife Gloria; his daughters, Kim(Chris)Burnett, Michelle (Darrell) Miller, of Omaha and Beth Miller, of Phoenix AZ; his son, John (Teresa) Matuza, of Suffield, CT; his step-sister, Shari Naviaux, of Centerville, MA; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; one niece; one nephew, and; many friends. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1957 to 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. He was a **Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Weston Chapter #279**. In March 2007 before surgery he penned these words: *"Decorated Marine Corps vet, Proud to serve and loved his country. Greatest moment in his life was accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior. Most cherished decoration was Sikorsky Life Saver Pin. Best earthly happening was meeting his wife Gloria."* He truly loved the Lord, his family and Country and was an inspiration to so many. He was an active member of Morningstar Lutheran Church serving in many areas and many military related organizations. The Memorial Service was on Friday, July 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Morning Star Lutheran Church, Omaha, NE. Inurnment took place at the Omaha National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requested memorials be made to the Morning Star Lutheran Church. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, July 27, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the John A. Gentleman Pacific Street Chapel.



**PAUL DAVID MOONEY** - Died unexpectedly Monday August 14, 2017 at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 70. He was a resident of Bennington. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in South Boston, Massachusetts on January 23, 1947 to the late Robert and Agnes (née Mallard) Mooney. Paul attended Gilbert and East Windsor High School where he excelled in baseball and football. Following high school he was recruited to play football at Susquehanna University where he played for infamous coach Jim Garrett. Paul served in the United States Army in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive and was in the battle of Dak To. Paul returned safely home in 1968 and became actively involved in the anti-war counter-culture movement. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. Paul went on to study building and carpentry at Laney College in California. A well-known local builder he owned and operated Paul Mooney and Sons Builders in Bennington. Paul was dedicated Red Sox fan and sports enthusiast, and one of his greatest joys was coaching and watching his sons play baseball. Paul was an active member of the community in recent years. He assisted in coaching the Mount Anthony Baseball Team, and served on the board of the Sunrise Family Resource Center. As a proud liberal he was dedicated to progressive causes and lived every moment with great passion. Paul was an avid reader, lover of music and the arts. In the words of his brother Bob

"above all else Paul was a kind, loving and gentle man". His family was the center of his world. He is survived by his children, Tori B. Ginnetti of Marlboro, MA, Maura L. Mooney of Schuylerville, NY, Daniel Paul Mooney of Vallejo, California and Shea Robert Mooney of Bennington, VT; four grandchildren, Nathan and Laila Ginnetti and Liam and Hunter Shaw. A sister, Diane Ryan and husband Sam of CT, five brothers, Robert Mooney and his wife Elizabeth of CA, Stephen Mooney and his wife Sharon, Thomas Mooney and Chris Mooney and wife Dawn of CT and Mark Mooney and wife Brenda of Vermont, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service was held at the Mahar and Son Funeral Home in Bennington on Saturday August 19, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Friends came to the Mahar and Son Funeral Home on Saturday from 4:00 PM until the time of the service. If friends desire contributions in memory of Paul David Mooney may be to Shea Robert Mooney for his college fund through the office of the Mahar and Son Funeral Home 628 Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201. Guestbook condolences may be made at [www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net).

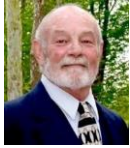


**JAMES L. MORAVCIK** – Died Sunday, January 1, 2017 in Brook Park, Ohio at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 3, 1944. He was the beloved husband of Mary (née Girardi); loving stepfather of Peter J. Ungaro (Lisa) and grandpa to Dominic, Joey and Nicole; brother of 5; uncle and friend of many. He was a member of the Rock-N-Roll Harley Davidson, Lake Earle Harley Davidson, Stingers Harley Davidson, VFW Post #6676, American Legion Post #610, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249** and Sons of the American Legion #703. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. The funeral services at the funeral home were on Thursday, January 5, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The interment was in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. The family received friends on Wednesday from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the A. Ripepi and Sons Funeral Home, 18149 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, OH (West of I-71).

**MITCH MORLAN** – Died in May 2017 in San Pedro, California at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 8, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53**.

**RALPH A. MOSKAL** – Died Thursday, October 15, 2009 in Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 14, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**.

**MICHAEL J. MUNSON** – Died recently in 2017 in Allen, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 10, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.



**MICHAEL ANGELO "Mike" NATALE** - Died Friday, April 21, 2017 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 67. He was a resident of Potomac Park, Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 16, 1949, in Cumberland to the late Geraldine (née Sirbaugh) Natale and William Natale. Mike attended LaSalle High School, but graduated from Bishop Walsh High School in 1967. He served his country in the United States Navy. He was the operations manager at Peacemaker Floors in Gaithersburg, MD, until his retirement. Mike was a fisherman who loved the South Branch River. In fact, he was the original "River Rat." He loved his cats, Lily and Eddie, and his dog, Francis. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Surviving Mike are his wife, Sharon (née Lease) Natale; children, Michael W. Natale, Gray Natale, Amber Rodas, Philip Hinton, and Scott McGann; grandchildren, Drew and Corbin McGann, and Evan Harden; brother, Mark Natale; and sisters, Brenda Ortiz, and Teresa Mazer. Mike had the gift of making everyone he came in contact with smile and laugh. He immediately made you feel special with his charismatic personality. His positive outlook carried him through life and enhanced the lives of those who knew and met him. He leaves us his legacy to live and enjoy life every day, no matter what it brings. Be yourself, love yourself, and smile. Fly high, Mike, you deserve and earned it. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland, on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A funeral service was 12:00 Noon with Pastor James Glass officiating. Interment was in the Maryland State Veteran Cemetery in Rocky Gap, Maryland. Military honors were accorded at the gravesite by the Fort Cumberland Post #13 Honor Guard. The pallbearers were Josh Natale, Luke Mazer, David Ortiz, Nick Natale, and Chris Natale. Condolences for the family may be left at [www.ScarpelliFH.com](http://www.ScarpelliFH.com).

**ALLAN RUSSELL "Nick" NICHOLSON** — Died Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the VA Medical Center in Palo Alto, California at the age of 78. He was a resident of Sonora, California. The cause of death was metastatic melanoma to the brain. He was born in the Dominican Republic on August 3, 1938 to the late George Nicholson (New Zealand born) and Ruth Nicholson (Australian born). The family moved to Lima, Peru when he was six years. The family then immigrated to the United States when he was nine years old and they settled in the San Francisco Bay area and he attended Balboa High School. He married his first wife Hazel out of high school and had two sons, Jim and Brian Nicholson. He enlisted in the United States Navy when he was 17 years old and retired after 20 years as a Hospital Corpsman – eight of those years attached to the United States Marine Corps. He served in the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1968 as a Navy Corpsman. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Karen; his sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Cindy Nicholson, of Federal Way, Washington and Brian and Kelli Nicholson, of Tooele, Utah; three grandchildren, Annalise, Ryan and Riley Nicholson; a great-granddaughter, Aaliyah Nicholson; his brother-in-law, John Baarts; nephews, Jason and Dan (Nicole) Baarts, and; many cousins from New Zealand and Australia most notably, Sharyl (Neil) Aitken and Hugh (Mary Rose) Crowther. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Bobby

Nicholson and his sister, Linda Baarts. The Neptune/Trident Society is handling cremation arrangements. A Celebration of Life was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Mountain Springs Golf Club.



**KENNETH E. "Ken" NORDHEIM, JR.** - Died Saturday, March 25, 2017 in New Smyrna Beach, Florida at the age of 69, after a hard-fought battle with a variety of health issues. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York to the late Ken and Shirley Nordheim, Sr. Ken was 1965 graduate of Liverpool High School. Following graduation, Ken enlisted in the United States Navy in 1966 and was designated a Cryptologic Technician. After completing Intelligence training at Corry Station in Pensacola, FL, Ken was assigned to the USS Jamestown and deployed to Vietnam. Ken performed a variety of intelligence missions, both afloat and ashore during his time in the region, many of which were only recently declassified by the government. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. After returning home in 1970, Ken was employed as a locksmith with the Syracuse Housing Authority, and has a son, Matthew, and a daughter, Samantha, from his first marriage. Ken met the love of his life, Melinda, and her son, Brian, in 1987, they were married in June 1988, and have a son, Scott. In 1994 Ken, Melinda, and Scott relocated to New Smyrna Beach. A modern-day renaissance man, Ken had a variety of hobbies to include art, wood working, and studying history. Ken loved to travel and was always telling stories about places he had visited. Ken was predeceased by his father, Ken Sr. He is survived by his mother, Shirley, wife Melinda, his children, his brother Gary, his sister Carol, two grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A Patriotic celebration of life was held at the Edgewater Alliance Church on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 Noon. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Community Hot Meal Program, c/o the First United Methodist Church, New Smyrna Beach, or your local Disabled American Veterans chapter.



**RAYMOND PETER "Ray" NORTON** - Died Monday, June 26, 2017 in Chicopee, Massachusetts at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Elizabethtown, New York on June 5, 1938 to the late Melburn and Juliette (née Rival) Norton. Ray enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1959 and proudly served his country for 20 years including a tour of duty in Vietnam. During his distinguished career he was recognized with many awards including; the Good Conduct Medal from both the Air Force and the Army, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. After his retirement Ray achieved associates degrees in Liberal Arts and Graphic Design from STCC. He worked as a Graphic Artist at Signs Plus for many years. In 1970, Ray married the love of his life, Susan (née Veale) Norton, with whom he spent 47 wonderful years. Together Ray and Sue had many adventures traveling through Europe and the United States. Ray loved to garden and his beautiful flowers brought joy to his friends and condo neighbors. In addition to his wife, Ray is survived by his brother Mel and sister, Donna Norton, both of Elizabethtown, NY. He is also survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law Francie



(George) Cornwell, Chris (Dianne) Veale, Dan (Anne) Veale, Gerry (Dee) Veale, Pat (Karen) Veale, and many loving nieces and nephews. The funeral service for Raymond was held on Friday, June 30, 2017 beginning at the Corridan Funeral Home, 333 Springfield Street, Chicopee at 8:30 with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield at 10:00 AM. The burial with full Military Honors was in Saint Michael Cemetery, Springfield. Calling hours were held in the funeral home on Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Ray's family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers that supported him at the Sister Caritas Cancer Center. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sister Caritas Cancer Center, 271 Carew Street, or Sisters of Saint Joseph 577 Carew Street, both in Springfield, MA, 01102.



**DENNIS J. NOTHNAGEL, SR.** - Died Sunday July 9, 2017 in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 1, 1947 to the late William and LaRhea (née Davis) Nothnagel. He was the beloved husband of the late Karlene (née Sadler) Nothnagel; devoted father of Mark (Susan), Matthew and DJ; cherished grandfather of four grandchildren, and; four great-grandchildren. He was the dear brother of one brother and two sisters; also survived by relatives and friends. Relatives and friends visited the Lombardo Funeral Home (Northtowns Chapel) 885 Niagara Falls Boulevard, near Eggert/Sheridan Drive, on Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. A Military Service was accorded. Dennis served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**.



**PETER T. "Pete" PARKER** - Died Wednesday morning, May 3, 2017 at his residence in Silver Creek, New York at the age of 70, from Agent Orange related illnesses. He was also a resident of Lakeland, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1947 to the late Betty (née Tallman) and John L. "Jack" Parker. He graduated from Silver Creek Central School in 1966 and became a helicopter pilot at the age of 19. Pete served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran having served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the Americal Division. He had worked for Bethlehem Steel and South Buffalo Railway in Lackawanna. Pete attended Fredonia State University, JCC, Palm Beach Community College and graduated from Hudson Valley in 1973 with a degree in Mortuary Science. He was a licensed funeral director in NY, FLA, and PA. In 1974 Pete joined his father at the Hole-Parker Funeral Chapel and became the President and Licensed Manager and later the Owner. He retired in December of 2010. Pete has belonged to the Huntley Hose Co. #1 of the Silver Creek Fire Dept. since 1976. He also belonged to the Silver Creek Emergency Squad for 25 years and served as EMT, Treasurer, American Red Cross CPR Instructor, and delivered the first baby for the Squad. He was a life member of the Chautauqua County Fireman's Fraternity. His other memberships included the Masonic Lodge in Silver

Creek, serving as Master in 1984 and 1994. Pete served as a New York State Grand Lodge officer in 1988. In addition he belonged to the Robert Jackson Lodge of Research #9010, Jamestown Consistory, Samuel Cimino VFW #6472, DAV, American Legion Post #148, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunkirk Chapter #459*, AMVETS, AMVET Riders, National 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association, Cypress Lakes Veterans Association, Dunkirk Moose Club #89, NRA, Current board member of the Chautauqua County Funeral Directors Association, Cypress Lakes Christian Fellowship, and the Cypress Lakes Masonic Group. Pete also enjoyed flying, scuba diving, skiing, traveling, camping, golf, and his dogs. Survivors include his beloved wife Sharon, daughter Sheri (DJ) Wilson of Silver Creek, Step children John D'Angelo and Jim D'Angelo, brother Jeff (Louann) Parker of Aurora, CO., grandchildren Riley, and Melanie Wilson of Silver Creek, Seth, Nick, and Jenica D'Angelo of Brocton, also several nieces and cousins. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 2:00 PM from the Hole-Parker Funeral Chapel, 160 Central Avenue, Silver Creek. The interment was in the Glenwood Cemetery with Military Honors. The family was present at the Funeral Chapel from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM on Friday. The Silver Creek Fire Department held a service at 7:00 PM and a Masonic service was at 7:30 PM. The family suggested memorial contributions in Pete's honor to the Silver Creek Emergency Squad, 162 Central Avenue, Silver Creek, NY 14136. To share a condolence or a remembrance, go to [www.wholeparkerfc.com](http://www.wholeparkerfc.com).

**LESTER L. PARMENTER** – Died recently in 2017 in Covington, Louisiana at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 26, 1936. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mississippi*.



**BRUCE ELDEN PARR** - Died following a battle with cancer at the Tennova Healthcare in Lebanon, Tennessee at 8:50 AM on Saturday morning, February 18, 2017 where he was admitted February 16<sup>th</sup>. He was 72 and a resident of Carthage, Tennessee. One of three sons of the late John Mays Parr, Sr. and Gertrude Ruth (née Lane) Parr, he was born Bruce Elden Parr in Roanoke, Virginia on December 1, 1944. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Jack Parr and Harry Parr. On November 29, 1968 at the Defeated Creek Missionary Baptist Church in the Difficult Community, he was united in marriage to Defeated Creek Community native the former Brenda Ann Green. The ceremony was performed by then pastor Elder Arnett Gregory. Bruce and Brenda met while he was stationed at Stewart Air Force Base in Smyrna and she was employed by the Life and Casualty Insurance Company in Nashville. He graduated in 1962 from Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union in Fluvanna County, Virginia near Weber City, VA. After graduation and a year of college he was inducted into the United States Navy in Roanoke, VA on September 15, 1964. His total overseas service during the Vietnam Conflict was one year, four months, and four days where he served with the 62<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron as an Aircraft Mechanic and Aircraft Electrical Repairman. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant on September 13, 1968 and was relieved from

reserve status on September 14, 1970. For his unfaltering service he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, South African Eastern European Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. Mr. Parr retired in 2001 from the Nissan Plant in Smyrna with over twenty years of service as a Maintenance Mechanic. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240** and the American Legion Post #0017. Mr. Parr was a devoted member and deacon of the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in the Defeated Creek Community. Surviving in addition to his wife of over forty eight years are their two daughters, Kim Parr Harris and husband Chris of Kempville, Heather Parr Kenyon of Gordonsville; three grandchildren, Justin Harris and wife Kelsey of Brush Creek, Seth Harris of Kempville, Emily Kenyon of Gordonsville; great grandchild, Ares Harris; mother-in-law, Opal Dillehay Green of the Defeated Creek Community. His pastor, Brother Jeff Patterson, officiated at the Tuesday afternoon February 21<sup>st</sup> funeral services from the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home. A eulogy was delivered by Barry Rice with the Vietnam Veterans group. Following the 1:00 PM services burial with military honors was in the Defeated Creek Memorial Gardens. The family requests memorials to either the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church or the Smith County Cancer Fund.



**ROBERT JOSEPH PARYS** - Died Thursday, September 22, 2011 from home in Troy, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on February 22, 1947 in Kingston Pennsylvania and moved to Michigan with his parents in 1948. He grew up in Melvindale, graduating from Melvindale High School in 1965. He played trumpet, altonium, and French horn in the high school band; and played trumpet and flugelhorn in a 4-piece band that played at weddings and parties with his cousins Dennis, Allan, and Ray Raczkowski, and his friend Lyle Vasher for 13 years. His dream was to be an Air Force test pilot, but due to vision problems he opted for adventure of a different kind-teaching high school science. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Wayne State University in 1971, followed by 2 master's degrees in science and science education. He was a *Donor* to the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. August 6, 1971, the day he married his sweetheart Connie, was the happiest day of his life, and this past August 6 they celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, surrounded by family and friends. He taught for 34 years, 31 of them at Lahser HS in Bloomfield Hills, teaching chemistry, math, and physics, showing his students that "Physics is Phun." He loved the sciences, especially space and astronomy, and wanted to be the first teacher in space; and everyone who knew him knows that he was a Star Trek fan of the first order. He also collected glass and ceramic insulators, and added to his childhood Lionel train set over the years. Thanks to his wife's influence, he became a loyal U of M fan. Although he never served in the military, he had a great love for his country and was always looking for patriotic items that reflected his "red, white and blue heart." Bob (spelled backwards it's still Bob) leaves behind his wife and the love of his life Connie (Belvees); his loving daughter, Kristen; son Christophere, and granddaughter, Adriane Thompson; his father-in-law Carl Belvees; his brother, Chester (Pamela); niece, Nicole Mechanco (Jeremy); grandniece, Meadow and grandnephew, Xander; nephew, Shawn Parys (Lelynn), grandniece, Zoey and grandnephew,

Logan; brother, Frederick Barrett (Renell) and nephews, Michael, Matthew, Marcus (Wendy); and grandnephews Scott and Brett; niece Melissa Ledbetter (Joseph) and grandnephews Cameron and Carter. He was predeceased by his father and mother Joseph and Helen (Rackowski) Parys; sister, Marcella Parys; mother-in-law Mary (Crosetti) Belvees and brother-in-law David Belvees; he also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and former students who will miss him dearly. Visitation hours were on Thursday, September 29, 2011 from 3:00 to 8:00 PM (2:00 PM for family) on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 8:00 PM. There was a Scripture Service at 7:00 PM on Friday. He was laid-in-state on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 AM until the 9:00 AM Mass at Saint Ephrem Catholic Church, (38900 Dodge Park @ 17 Mile, Sterling Heights). The interment was in Saint Hedwig Cemetery, Ford Road @ Telegraph, Dearborn Heights. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Seedlings Braille Books for Children, Assistance in Health Care, or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

**GEORGE L. PAYZANT** - Died Monday, June 12, 2017 at his home in Turners Falls, Massachusetts at the age of 77. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on June 12, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenfield Chapter #232**. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kostanski Funeral Home.



**KATHERINE MARIE (née Bell) PENNINGTON** - Died peacefully at home in Saint Albans, West Virginia on Monday, June 19, 2017 at the age of 56. The cause of death was cancer and heart failure. She was born on August 16, 1960 in Auburn, New York to Carol Foulkrod (née Sautter) and the late Joseph Bell, Sr. Her family would later grow into a blended family that totaled 14 children. A mature child, she often took on the role of caregiver for her siblings. After graduating high school Kathy did what so many new adults did at the time and ran off to join the army. The army allowed her to see the world while she was stationed in faraway places such as Hawaii and Korea. Unsurprisingly, she trained to be a Patient Care and Medical Specialist so she could continue caring for others. She met and married her first husband, James C. Bell while serving overseas and chose to leave the army life while expecting their first child. Before long she was a cancer-surviving single mother of two, putting herself through nursing school. In 1989, she graduated from Corning Community College in Corning, NY. Shortly after relocating to southern WV in 1994 she was forced to battle cancer a second time, leaving her no longer able to work. Never one to be told what she cannot do, she filled her days helping others. Whether by crocheting blankets for anyone who would like one, buying for expectant mothers and children, assisting strangers in pursuing their VA benefits, etc., she helped countless people who will miss her dearly. It was during this time that she met retired SFC Larry Pennington, Sr. They married in 1997. Together they continued to fill their days helping others. A third round with cancer in 2012 set her back, but not for long. Unfortunately, her heart had suffered too much damage over the years and despite fighting hard for the last eight straight months, she finally sought her eternal rest. She will be well

remembered for her great love for Christmas, her generosity, and her immeasurable love for her grandchildren. She was a member of the VFW Post #6418, the American Legion Post #73, the Women's Veteran Support Group of Saint Albans, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**, and the DAV Chapter #28 of which she was the Adjutant for many years. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her stepfather, Leroy Foulkrod; her ex-husband, James C. Bell; and her sister, Elaine Morgan. In addition to her mother, survivors include her stepmother, Cora Bell, of Blossville, NY; her husband of 19 years, Larry Pennington, Sr.; her children, Victoria (Jason) Crimmel, of Hurricane, James (Allison Draper) Bell, of Princeton, Terry (Tiffany) Pennington, of Lexington, SC and Larry (Tammy Bryant) Pennington, Jr., of Lenoir, NC; her grandchildren, Gracelynn, Jonas and Silas Crimmel, Taylor, Titus and Tinsley Pennington, and Christopher "Alex" and Jazzlynn Pennington; her siblings, Joseph (June "Termy") Bell Jr., of Sayre, PA, Steven (Amy) Bell, of Sayre, PA, Patricia (Albert) Northrup, of Kegley, Milo (Norma) Bell, of Matoaka, Brenda (Richard) Ernest, of Matoaka, Mary Bell, of NY, Jeremy (Darcey) Foulkrod, of Horseheads, NY, Joseph (Cory) Bell, of Durhamville, NY, Lee Brown, of West Winfield, NY, Francis Brown, of FL, Jean Brown, of Gastonia, NC and Belinda Brown, of Durhamville, NY; as well as countless nieces, nephews and in-laws. Funeral Services were conducted at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 23, 2017 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Kelly Lyle, officiating. Interment was in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where military rites were conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard and the Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard. All were welcome to attend and celebrate Kathy's life. Serving as pallbearers were Teddy Billings, Jerry Pennington, Alex Pennington, William (Bill) Sneed, Seth Lafferty, Robert Northrop and Jonathan Laxton. The honorary pallbearers were Jonas Crimmel, Silas Crimmel, William (Willie) Pennington and Titus Winston Pennington. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to Saint Jude Children's Hospital. Anyone that knew her knows that children - no matter who they belonged to - were always very important to her. As a three-time cancer survivor, we know that she would love to leave a legacy assisting children who shouldn't be suffering in that way. The family received friends on Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).



**DANIEL DURWOOD "Danny" PERRY** - Died Thursday, August 3, 2017, after a short decline following complications of pneumonia at Bay Pines VA Hospital. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Madeira Beach, Florida. He was surrounded by a loving circle of friends and family. He was born on March 9, 1950 in Peterborough, New Hampshire to the late Harold and Theresa (née Cavanaugh) Perry. Danny grew up in the rolling hills of Colebrook, New Hampshire. He attended Colebrook Academy, where he was a member of Future Farmers of America and worked on his father's dairy farm throughout high school with younger brother Dennis. After graduation in 1968, he enlisted into the United States Army the following year. He served in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971 as a helicopter door gunner and mechanic, earning a

national defense service medal; a Vietnam service medal with two bronze service stars; a Republic of Vietnam campaign medal with 60-device; an Army commendation medal with one oak leaf cluster; an air crewman badge; and a rifle expert badge. In 1976, he moved to Portland, Maine, with his high school sweetheart, Krista (née Bunnell) Perry of Canaan, Vermont. In 1982, they had one daughter, Nicole Perry, whom he adored. Nicole currently resides in Philadelphia, PA. While in Maine, Danny was employed by the US Postal Service as a letter sorting machine operator for 25 years. In his free time, he liked to play racquetball, go for bike rides, lift weights, and spend days at Sebago Lake with his family. After retirement, Danny moved to Madeira Beach, FL, where he enjoyed boating, fishing, and traveling, including a trip to Ireland in celebration of his Irish heritage. In Florida, he was a member of the American Legion Post #273 and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Florida** and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Danny spent the last 15 years with his longtime companion, Sue Ellen Lintz of Madeira Beach, FL. Danny will be remembered as a loving father, generous friend, and master of April Fools' Day jokes. He leaves behind his daughter, Nicole Perry; brother, Dennis Perry (Linda); nephew, Wade Perry; niece, Wendy (Perry) Riendeau (Steve); aunt, Sheila Beauchemin (Keith); longtime companion, Sue Ellen Lintz; former wife, Krista (Bunnell) Perry; various cousins, grandnieces, a grandnephew, and a large community of friends and family in New Hampshire, Maine, and Florida. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Garden Sanctuary in Seminole, FL, with memorials planned in both Florida and New Hampshire. Memories and condolences can be shared online at [dignitymemorial.com](http://dignitymemorial.com). Anyone wishing to make a gift in Danny's memory is encouraged make a contribution to any nonprofit that supports veterans and their families. Arrangements were under the direction of Garden Sanctuary Funeral Home, Seminole, FL.



**CHARLES HARRY "Skipper" "Skip" PETERSON** - Died Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Bailey Family Care Centre for Caring, surrounded by his wife, children and extended family. He was 69 years of age and a resident of Saint Augustine, Beach, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 14, 1947. He completed two tours (four years) of distinguished service with the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. Later in life, he joined the Navy Reserves and served with them for a further 17 years, retiring as Chief Petty Officer. Skip and his wife raised his family in Brooklyn and Shirley, Long Island, NY, before relocating to Saint Augustine Beach in 1983, while working for Grumman. He retired from their Material Management Department in 2007. He was active in the Marine Corps League for a number of years, while his health allowed, and enjoyed travelling to see family and friends in the US and the UK. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Augustine Chapter #1084**. Skip is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lorraine; his four children, Dawn Marie, Eric, Bridget and Lynn Ann; his sister, Judith, and brothers, Albert and Robert; his brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law; his seven grandchildren; his two great-grandchildren; numerous cousin, nephews and nieces. They and his many friends loved and admired him enormously for his unwavering commitment to them, his great sense of fun, his integrity, fortitude and dignity. He will be greatly missed. A celebration of Skip's life took place from 4:00-7:00 PM on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at the Craig Funeral Home, with prayers beginning at 5:00 PM, and a Funeral Mass was at Saint Anastasia Catholic Church at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 16, 2017. No flowers please, but donations in memory of Skip



may be made to Toys for Tots or the Stand Down/VA Voluntary Service, organizations he supported for many years. Craig Funeral Home, Crematory and Memorial Park ([www.craigfuneralhome.com](http://www.craigfuneralhome.com)) was in charge of arrangements.

**CHARLES PIPER** – Died in August 2010 in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 7, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Gail. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**.

**JOSEPH PISAREK** - Died Tuesday, July 18, 2017 in Frank, North Carolina at the age of 75. He was formerly of Greenville, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania on September 23, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the DAV, American Legion Post #39, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. He is survived by his daughters, Linda L. Collins, of Export, PA, Sherry O'Hara, of McKeesport, PA, Jo Lynn Maiolie, of Export, PA, and Cathy Jo Dawson, of Pittsburgh, PA; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. The family received friends on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Wilkerson Funeral Home and Crematory, 2100 East Fifth Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27858.



**GERALD CARGILE POE** - Died Thursday, April 13, 2017 in Attalla, Alabama at the age of 75. The cause of death was myocardial infarction during an automobile accident. He was born on November 20, 1941 in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama to the late R. C. Poe and Louise Poe. In 1962, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he received many medals, including: The Purple Heart, The National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. Later, he retired as a Captain from both Orange Beach Police Department and Gadsden Police Department. He was a member of The Tabernacle Church and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Attalla Chapter #637**. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Tina Patterson; parents, Louise and R.C. Poe; grandparents, Kate and Floyd Haynes; mother- and father-in-law, Johnnie Mae and Bill Studdard. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia "Pat" (née Studdard) Poe; children, Kimberly "Kim" (Scottie) Works, Gerri (Mac) MacMillian and son-in-law, Danny Patterson; grandchildren, Jamie (Matt) Adams, Sr., A. Kenneth John Clouse, Cpl. Zachary Humphries, Timothy Ryan Humphries, Kalee Humphries, Anna Patterson, Bobbie Townsel, Wendy Patterson, Danny Patterson Jr.; brother, James "Jimmy" (Edith) Poe; sisters, Linda Poe, Karen Dodd, Sandy (Eddie) Perman and Jeanne (David) Bowers; brothers-in-law, Billy Studdard and Gary (Debbie) Studdard; special cousin, Barbara Walker Clemons; a host of great-grandchildren that PawPaw showered with love; and also many nieces and nephews that were proud of Uncle Gerald and loved hearing his stories. The pallbearers were nephews, Jason Dodd, Josh Dodd, Rayne Dodd, Trey Perman, Tanner Perman, Seth Perman, Shea Hudson and Houston Harrison. Honorary pallbearers will be grandson, Timothy Ryan Humphries; nephews, Christopher Street, David McClain, (Orange Beach), and former and current officers of the Gadsden and Orange Beach police departments. Special thanks to the Etowah County Sheriff's Department and

Ivalee and Sand Valley Volunteer Fire and Rescue. Visitation hours were from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2017 at the Morgan Funeral Chapel. Family also received friends before the service from 10:00 until 11:00 AM on Wednesday. The Funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Morgan Funeral Chapel. The graveside service with full military honors was at Oak Hill Cemetery.

**RONNIE E. PRICE** – Died recently in 2017 in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 27, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**.



**PATRICIA A. PROAX** - Died peacefully on Thursday, June 1, 2017 in Port Orange, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on September 6, 1944 in Roanoke, Virginia to her late loving parents Harold and Dazzie Cunningham. After retiring as a Wire Assembly Technician from General Electric, Patricia and her husband Dallas loved to spend their time cruising on the open waters. Patricia was also a faithful member of Port Orange Christian Church. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Roanoke (Virginia) Chapter #81**. She is preceded in death by her mother Dazzie Lee Cunningham, and son, Michael Anthony Grogan. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of thirty-one and half years, Dallas Proax; her son, Lewis P. Grogan, Jr.; a stepson, Elliott Clark; a stepdaughter, Cassandra J. Proax, and; a host of adorable grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Patricia A. Proax will be dearly missed by all those that knew and loved her.



**BILLY EUGENE PRYSOCK** (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died Thursday, June 22, 2017 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on January 21, 1937. He served in the United States Army from November 1, 1954 to October 31, 1989. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. He entered the Army in 1954, beginning a long career as a manager, trainer, and leader in the ammunition field. He served as an ammunition platoon sergeant and twice as first sergeant in ammunition companies during two tours of duty in Vietnam. He also served three tours of duty at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, progressing from assignments as instructor, chief instructor, and sergeant major for the Directorate of Training. During these assignments, he was instrumental in restructuring the enlisted ammunition career field and implementing the Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses. In 1975, as Command Sergeant Major of the 19th Support Group in Korea, he served on two major study groups. One group devised a system for the renovation and maintenance of Republic of Korea ammunition stocks, and the other group developed plans for

the shipment of ammunition north of the Han River in the event of war. While serving as the command sergeant major for the US Army Logistics Center from 1985 to 1987, he applied his expertise in training to restructure and improve the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. Assisted by the school command sergeants major, he developed a Noncommissioned Officer Academy model for the Log Center's four associated schools, which included the Ordnance Center and School and the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. In addition, he served tours of duty as command sergeant major for the 19th Support Command, Korea; Pusan Garrison, Korea; 7th Infantry Division, Fort Ord; Depot Systems Command, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; 3rd Support Command, Germany; and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal. While serving in these organizations, he received universal praise from his commanders for his attention to the needs of his soldiers and their families. During his career, he trained and mentored more than 75 command sergeants major, 18 staff sergeants major, and 169 first sergeants. CSM Prysock retired in 1989 after 35 years of distinguished service to the Army and the Ordnance noncommissioned officer corps. Memorial services were held on Friday, July 8, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Bicentennial Chapel on Redstone Arsenal. The Limestone Chapel Funeral Home assisted the family.



**MICHAEL P. RADZIK, JR.** - Died Monday, October 17, 2011 at Lowell General Hospital in Lowell, Massachusetts at the age of 63, surrounded by family and friends. He was a resident of Lowell. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lowell on September 18, 1948 to the late Michael P. Radzik, Sr. and Mary (née Wojcik) Radzik. He was the beloved husband of Charlene (née Robertson) Radzik, with whom he was married for 42 years. He received his education in the Lowell school system. Mr. Radzik enlisted in the United States Navy on October 18, 1967, serving as a Seabee stationed in Dong Ha, Vietnam. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Fleet Marine Combat Operations Insignia, and the Combat Action Ribbon. He was Honorably Discharged from active duty on October 2, 1969, and remained a Reservist until October 18, 1973. Michael was a member of the Walker Rogers VFW Post #662, the Polish-American Veterans Club and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tewksbury Chapter #837**. He supported and volunteered at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital of Bedford. He was also a member of the Lowell Motor Boat Club for over 30 years. Upon his return from service, he became associated with the former Compugraphic Corporation (now AGFA) as a computer engineer, where he continued to work for 33 years. Michael enjoyed boating and fishing, and he was an avid Patriot's fan. Most of all, he loved spending time with his cherished grandchildren. Besides his loving wife, he is survived by a son; Christopher Radzik and his wife Robin Desmond, and three daughters; Margaret Radzik and her fiancé Douglas Dussault, Keri Radzik and her fiancé Robert Aguiar, and Jennifer Radzik and her husband Dominic Njenga, all of Lowell. Two brothers, Peter Radzik and his wife Lois of Lowell, and Raymond Radzik of Nashua, NH; a sister, Helena (Radzik) MacShane and her husband Joseph of Chelmsford; a sister-in-law, Marcia Tormey of Ramona, CA, and a brother-in-law,

Thomas Robertson of Ramona, CA; his nine beloved grandchildren; Thomas Radzik, Zachary Dussault, David, Nathan, Michael, Sylvia, Alex, and Corina Aguiar, and Michael Njenga, all of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. He also leaves his dear friends, Roger and Patricia Snow, and John and RoseMary King, all of Lowell, and John and Diane Monk of Bedford, NH. The family would like to thank the nurses in the ICU at Lowell General Hospital for their excellent care. Michael's Memorial Funeral Mass was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Church (Lower Church), on Friday at 10:00 AM. Interment was private. The arrangements were under the direction of the Morse-Bayliss Funeral Home, 122 Princeton Boulevard, in the Highlands, Lowell. The funeral directors were Frederick W. Healy and Walter F. Bayliss, Jr.

**JOHN WILLIAM RALSTON, JR.** – Died recently in 2017 in Somerset, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 13, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**.

**JOSÉ “Joe” RAMIREZ, JR.** - Died Saturday, July 1, 2017 in Waelder, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to pulmonary fibrosis. Joe was born on December 2, 1941 in Brownsville, Texas to the late José Ramirez, Sr., and Eva (née Yzaguirre) Ramirez. Jose proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. He is preceded in death by his son, José Ramirez III, his parents, his sister, Irene and an infant sister. Jose is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Ramirez; his children, Jerry Ramirez, Crystal Ramirez, Marc Ramirez, Matthew Ramirez, Robin Ramirez, April Ramirez and Gema Ramirez; numerous grandchildren; his brother, Robert Ramirez and wife, Linda; his sisters, Elena Baxley and husband, Jim, Lelia Ramirez; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial contribution may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite #500, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Graveside service with military honors was held on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 10:15 AM at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with the Reverend Tom Jones officiating.



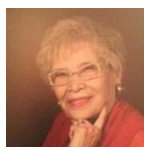
**BENJAMIN ALLEN “Ben” RAUGH** - Died Thursday, May 4, 2017 in Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea, West Virginia at the age of 68. He was a resident of Hillsboro, West Virginia. The cause of death was metastatic melanoma. He was born on November 13, 1948 in Roxbury, New York to the late Howard Raugh, Jr. and Evelyn (née Crane) Raugh. Ben spent his childhood in Vero Beach, Florida. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jeff Raugh. Ben was a retired chief in the United States Navy, member of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Clewiston, Florida, and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marlinton Chapter #1100**. Ben was an avid saltwater fisherman, hunter and golfer. He loved to garden, watch NASCAR, cut wood and work cattle with his friends. Survivors include his wife, Linda Raugh of Hillsboro; and one brother, Howard Raugh and wife Sunshine of Ft. Pierce, Florida. Funeral services were at 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro with Pastor Andy Rice officiating.

The burial was in the McNeel Cemetery with military graveside rites by Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps. Visitation hours were from 9:30 AM until time of service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Online condolences may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com).



**LEE REITER** – Died Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in Brooklyn, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. McManus Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

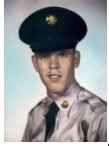
**GREGORY J. “Greg” REPP** - Died Sunday, June, 18, 2017 at the Putnam Hospital Center at the age of 76. He was a resident of South Salem, New York and formerly of Katonah, New York. The cause of death was lung cancer. Greg was born on March 15, 1941 in Cornwall, New York to the late Michael and Irene Repp. He was a graduate of John Jay High School, Class of 1960. Greg enlisted in the United States Air Force, stationed in Glasgow, Montana and The Philippines. Greg was honorably discharged in December 1964. In September 1965, Greg began his career as a police officer with the White Plains Police Department, White Plains, NY. After a decorated career, he retired as a detective in July 1986. Greg worked as an owner/operator with Central Taxi until 1993. He re-engaged in his career as a Security Officer at Northern Westchester Hospital, retiring again in January 2011, after 18 years. Greg was a member of the Retired Police Association of White Plains and the American Legion, Post 1575, Katonah, NY. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. Greg married his high school sweetheart, Barbara (née Sammann) and was a beloved husband for over 57 years. He is the loving father to Gregory, and his wife Elizabeth of Somers, NY, Christina of Mount Kisco, NY, and Laureen and her husband David of Brewster, NY. Greg is the devoted grandfather to Duncan, Charlie, Robert, and Jack. He is the brother of Michael A. Repp, Jr. and his wife Corinne of Brewster NY. He also is survived by several nephews and nieces whom he adored. Friends visited at the Clark Associates Funeral Home, 4 Woods Bridge Road, Katonah, NY on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, 55 Valley Road, Katonah, NY on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the Saratoga National Cemetery, Saratoga, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Lung Association [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org) and The Gary Sinise Foundation [www.garysinisefoundation.org](http://www.garysinisefoundation.org).



**EMMA JASSO RIOS** – Died Thursday, June 15, 2017 in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 84. She was surrounded by her loving family at the time of her passing. She had fought a long illness of congestive heart and acute lung cancer. She was born on August 15, 1932 in Orange Grove, Texas to the late Fernando and Lucia Jasso. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Marina Flores and Elva Jasso. Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Gonzalo Rios Jr. of 50 golden years, and her loving daughters, Yvette (Joe) Tovar of Sachse, TX and Yvonne Trevino (Daniel) of Harlingen, TX. She loved her four grandchildren unconditionally - Valerie Tovar, Joseph "JoJo" Tovar, Josiah Trevino, and Asa Trevino. She is survived by her siblings Viola (Jimmy) Garcia, Nelda (Joe) Trevino, Jay Jasso, Ruben (Diana) Jasso, and Noel Jasso, and several nieces and nephews. As a young woman, she worked as a migrant worker in Michigan and West Texas. She was employed as a line supervisor at Alberti's Seafood and was a supervisor at the Aloe Vera Processing Plant in Harlingen, TX. She was also a successful restaurant owner of Los Rios Mexican Food for a few years. She retired early at the age of 55 to become a homemaker. She loved the Lord with all her heart, and walked a Christian path, serving as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School leader in various Baptist churches, and attended many Hispanic Baptist Conventions throughout her life span. She was a current member of First Baptist Church, Harlingen, TX. She was a lifetime member of the DAV Auxiliary Chapter #121 and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856**. Emma never met a stranger, everyone who crossed her path admired her with her vibrant charm and love. She had a big and giving heart. She volunteered in various fundraisers which included Camp Corral Veteran Children's Summer Camps. Special thanks to Pastor Wade Hood, her church family, Dr. Diana Lozano, Dr. Farley Neasman II, Dr. Alan Trumbly, Kindred Hospice, and to all the medical staff at Golden Palms Rehab for their unconditional love and care. Also to Debbie Alonzo and staff at Golden Corral for their loving support of #WeWearPearlforEmma, and the countless support and prayer that she had nation-wide. Visitation hours were held on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM. A celebration of Life service was held on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM at First Baptist Church, 501 East Van Buren Avenue, Harlingen, TX. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Trinity at Harrison Funeral Home 1002 East Harrison Avenue, Harlingen, TX 78550.

**ROBERT "Rip" RIPOLI** - Died Sunday, January 2, 2011 in Bel Air, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 14, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588**. He was the beloved husband of Susan (née Quinn) Ripoli; devoted father of Jamie Westgate; dear brother of Thomas Ripoli and the late Patricia Martino; loving uncle of Elaina and James Martino and Micelle Falco. Relatives and friends were invited to visit at the Schimunek Funeral Home of Bel Air, Inc., 610 West MacPhail Road (at Route #24) on Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM, where services were held at 3:30 PM. Cremation services were private.





**SAMUEL LEON "Sam" ROBINETTE** - Died Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the Cumberland, Maryland Healthcare Center at the age of 76. He was a resident of Cumberland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 19, 1941 in Bowling Green, Maryland to the late Arch Elijah Robinette and Iona Elizabeth (née Cadwalder) Robinette. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Blaine R. Robinette. Sam attended Hyndman High School and was a United States Army veteran during the Vietnam War where he was stationed three miles from DMZ. Prior to joining the Army, he worked construction with his father, laying foundations. Sam was formerly employed at Pennsylvania Steel Mill, Murphy's Furniture Store, and Artmoor Plastics. He was the bingo master at HRDC. Sam was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #245, Cumberland, and Aerie #2883, Cresaptown. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Sam enjoyed traveling, camping, watching game shows, westerns, and murder mystery shows. He loved to eat and enjoyed playing pool with his pool partner, Steve Cornachia. Sam is survived by his wife of 27 years, Sally Robinette, and his stepdaughter, Samanthe Robey. He also leaves behind his step-grandchildren, Adrienne Robey and Shantell Robey; and four step- great-grandchildren. Sam is also survived by his brothers, Walter "Tom" Robinette and wife, Charlotte, and Steve Robinette and girlfriend, Donna Wells; his sisters, Rosemary Twigg and husband, Chris, and Sandra "Sue" Detrick and husband, Paul; his sister-in-law, Mary Robinette; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, ([www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com)) on Monday, July 31, 2017, from Noon to 1:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Monday, July 31, 2017 at 1:00 PM with the Reverend Bernadette Ross officiating. Interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard. The family would like to thank the staff at Western Maryland Health System for all the care and compassion given to Sam. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Sam's name to the Allegany County Animal Shelter, Post Office Box 566, Cumberland, MD 21501.



**JEAN-PAUL ARTHUR ROCHELEAU** – Died peacefully surrounded by his loving family at the Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Providence at the age of 75. He was a resident of North Smithfield, Rhode Island. The cause of death was Stage 4 Liver Cancer. He was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on September 24, 1941 to the late Leo and Delia (née Dupre) Rocheleau. Paul was a meat manager at Stop & Shop for many years, a Eucharist Minister at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, and a volunteer at the VA Hospital in Providence. He belonged to American Legion Post #20 and the DAV. Paul was a proud United States Navy Vietnam Veteran serving in Underwater Demolitions with Unit 21 and as a Navy Seal with Unit 3 and Unit 10. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray (Woonsocket) Memorial Chapter #818**. Paul loved to spend his days outdoors tending his

garden, cutting wood, or working in his yard from sun-up to sundown. Above all, his primary focus was that of his family. His passion for his wife, daughters, and grandchildren were unparalleled. Paul is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Madeline (née Plasse); his two daughters, Karen D. Champagne with her husband David of North Scituate, and Kellie Jean Sood with her husband Rohit of Southbury, CT; eight grandchildren: Garrett, Kerrigan, Connor and Emersyn Champagne; Ian, Aiden, Evan and Avery Sood; his brother Michael, of Woonsocket and three other four brothers and three sisters. He is also survived by his many nieces and nephews, including his very special niece, Beverly Langelier, who provided the most caring support and strength throughout, along with following family members who were always there for him: sisters-in-law Nancy, Priscilla, Janice, and Gladys and brothers-in-law Donald, Charles, and Antonio. Two sisters preceded him in death. His funeral was held on Wednesday at 9:00 AM from the Keene-Brown Funeral Home, 445 Greenville Road, North Smithfield, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 1409 Park Avenue, Woonsocket. Burial was in Saint John's Cemetery, Slatersville. Visitation hours were on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Paul's honor be sent to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 1409 Park Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895, or The Hope Hospice Palliative Care RI, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904.

**ANTONIO J. RODRIGUEZ** – Died Monday, December 29, 2014 in Mohawk, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 26, 1937. He is survived by his wife, Jerlavine Rodriguez. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. The Kiser-Rose Hill Funeral Home, 125 Idletime Drive, Greeneville, TN 37743 was in charge of the arrangements.

**MARILYN ROSE** – Died Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in Pasadena, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. She is survived by her husband, James Rose and her daughter, Maria. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Chapter #685**.



**RICHARD HENRY SAUER** - Died unexpectedly on the morning of Monday, June 12, 2017, in Cumberland, Maryland, after complications with congestive heart failure. He was 68 years of age. He was born on October 1, 1948 in Queens, New York to the late Henry and Lillian Sauer. Richard Sauer had over 35 years' experience supporting and managing multi-million dollar projects in the electrical and communications industries. After serving four years in the United States Navy, he began his tenure in the electrical construction industry as an Apprentice employed by various contractors in the New York metropolitan area. During the next five years, Richard gained the necessary knowledge and skills to qualify under the State of New York as a Journeyman Electrician. Also during this period, Mr. Sauer, in association with his Apprentice training, attended the State University of New York at Farmingdale under the then Electronic Technology program. Richard first served as a Journeyman electrician at Garofalo Electric Corporation. For the next 14 years, he progressed from Journeyman to Foreman, then General Foreman and finally Superintendent. During that time, Mr. Sauer supported and/or

managed projects for New York City, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New York City (NYC) Transit Authority, Bulova Watch Corporation, Long Island Jewish Hospital, Downstate Medical Center, Washington, DC Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Statue of Liberty Renovation Project. In 1988, Richard accepted the position of Project Manager at Forest Electric Corporation, one of the largest electrical and data communications companies in the New York metropolitan area. In this role, he expanded his skills in project management, design, engineering, cost control and organizational development for both electrical and data communication systems and projects. Within a short period of time, he was promoted to Director of Special Projects, responsible for the procurement, engineering, installation and maintenance of large data and communication systems for State, City and Federal customers. Projects managed by Richard included the upgrade and modernization of the NYC Transit Authority System-Wide Telecommunications Network; security upgrades for the Holland Tunnel, Lincoln Tunnel and George Washington Bridge; installation of the NYC Metro Card system; and communications upgrades for Grand Central Station. In 1993, Mr. Sauer was appointed Vice President and General Manager for the Forest Datacom Services division of Forest Electric, where he was responsible for managing all operations and administrative functions. Over the next several years, Mr. Sauer established Forest Datacom as a leader in the voice and data communications field. Richard married Bernadette Pearson in 1972 and had two daughters, Gwen and Tara. They had a happy marriage and were each other's best friends. His wife Bernadette lost her battle with cancer in 1989. He became not only a stronger dad but had to act as a mom too. In 1992 he remarried to Janice Keene and became an integral part of the Trimble-Keene family. Janice and Richard loved each other deeply and had many great memories together. They shared the love of food, family and giving back to the community. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Richard retired in 2005 after having completed 35 years in the Electrical and Communications Industry, and relocated to Frostburg, Maryland with his wife Janice. In Frostburg, Richard spent a number of years focusing on Civil War history, particularly the soldiers who fought and were hospitalized at Clarysville in the early 1860s. Richard volunteered thousands of hours helping to decipher a Clarysville hospital journal to uncover and record for reference the information of over 3000 men who stayed in the hospital. Richard also served as Operations Officer for the Evergreen Heritage Foundation with a historic property in Mount Savage, MD, where he designed and built a 2100 square foot greenhouse, a passage solar energy greenhouse, a saw mill and wood shop and an outdoor learning pavilion. Hundreds of children attend classes and camps at the property each year. Richard Sauer is survived by his wife Janice, his two daughters, Gwen Powers and Tara Kelly, his sons-in-law Ed Kelly and Chad Powers, and his three adoring grandchildren, Brooke Powers, Aidan Powers and Kayla Kelly. There are so many people that will miss him dearly; everyone that knew Richard loved him. He was a rock and pillar of the community. We will miss his sense of humor, his laugh and his kind heart. Family and friends were received at the Durst Funeral Home, 57 Frost Avenue, Frostburg, MD, on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Funeral services were at 7:00 PM with Reverend George Harpold officiating. Interment was in Pinelawn Cemetery, New York. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, 101 Braddock Heights, Frostburg, MD 21532 or [www.evergreenheritagecenter.org](http://www.evergreenheritagecenter.org) , in memory of Richard Sauer.

**KARL SCHNEIDER** – Died Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in Warrenton, Oregon at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 9, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moses Lake (Washington) Chapter #686**.



**ROGER EARL SCHUH** - Died Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Eau Claire, Wisconsin at the age of 75. He was a resident of Mondovi, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 14, 1941 in Owen, Wisconsin to the late Anthony and Geraldine (née Shelley) Schuh. He attended and graduated from Colby High School in 1959 and later graduated from Juneau County Teachers College in 1971 and UW Stevens Point in 1973. He taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the Mondovi School District from 1973 to 1996. He coached basketball and football for many years and was a member of the Wisconsin Basketball Association. Roger served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1969 and also in the reserves from 1969 to 1983. Roger played in the US Army band during his active years. Roger married Barbara Underwood on November 27, 1963 in Wausau, Wisconsin. She preceded him in death on January 14, 2013. Roger was a member of the Mondovi American Legion and was the 10<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain, State of Wisconsin Oratorical Chairman as well as the Sons of the American Legion. He was also a very proud member of the Brothertown Indian Nation, the 40 et 8 Club, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #5**, AMVETS and was the recipient of the Mondovi Citizen-of-the-Year Award in 2002. Roger enjoyed teaching kids, coaching and singing. Roger is survived by his four daughters, Michelle (Glen) Miller of Mondovi, Rhonda (Daniel) Tollefson of Eleva, Pamela (David) Gray of Gilmanton and Brenda Accola of Mondovi; six grandchildren, Amber, Stephany and Mariah Miller, Cheyenne (Dylan) Steiner and Madison Gray and JJ Accola; five great-grandchildren, Zachary, Alanah, Maylinn, Zara and Lizzy; two great-grandchildren on the way; seven siblings, Judy (Lee) Underwood, Richard Schuh, Jean (Tom) Klimowski, Lois (Jim) Asplund, Larry (Patsy) Schuh, Nancy Brown and Tom Schuh; a sister-in-law, Judy Underwood and many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Roger was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Barbara of over 49 years and an infant brother, Jerome. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in his memory. Funeral services were held at the Talbot Funeral Home, 679 Hehli Way, Mondovi on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 1:00 PM. The Reverend Dennis Kuehling officiated. A visitation was held at the funeral home on Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM and also on Monday from 12:00 PM Noon until the time of the service. Cremation rites were accorded and burial took place on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Riverside Cemetery in Mondovi.



**JIMMY L. SCHUTTE** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Monday, January 16, 2017 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 31, 1935 in Batesville, Indiana to the late John Irvin Schutte and Evelyn (née Moody) Schutte. He spent his early years in Indianapolis, Indiana before graduating from Deland-Weldon High

School in Deland, Illinois. During his summers he worked on various local farms as well as for the Collier Players Tent Theater. He met Linda Belle Smith at the movie theater in Monticello, Illinois in 1955. They married August 31, 1956 and he joined the United States Army in February 1957. He served tours in Korea and Vietnam and was stationed in numerous locations around the United States and Europe. Jimmy received the Bronze Star and many other citations while serving his country. He retired from the Army in November 1978. Jimmy, Linda and their 4 children made Lawton their home beginning in October 1975 until his death. Jimmy was a *Life Member* and served as *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, as a board member of the Korean War Veterans Association, AMBUCS Ramp Administrator, a member of VFW, as well as numerous other organizations. He was appointed to the Governor's Council of Veterans Affairs under Governor George Nigh. He was a faithful member of Faith Bible Church, Lawton. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Linda Schutte; his children, Jeffry Schutte (Cheri), of Lawton, Beth Traina, of Bonham, Texas, Janelle Jones (Terry), of Lawton and Jeryldine Schutte-Pogue (Pamela), of Elgin; his son-in-law, Ronald Edgar, of Fletcher; his grandchildren, Robin Moore, of Lawton, Tiffany Atchley (Brian), of Bonham, Texas, Rachel Edgar and Jacob Edgar, of Elgin; his great-grandchildren, Dustin and Kaylee Moore, of Lawton, Camryn and Kadyr McCarley, of Bonham, Texas, Kaylen and Holden Atchley, also of Bonham, and; his sisters, Sue Stewart of Indianapolis, Indiana and Janelle Reid of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, grandson Dustin, granddaughter Kelly and son-in-law, Ross Traina. Jimmy overcame a difficult childhood as well as various trials and tribulations to live a life of service. He had a deep love for his family, his God, his Country and selling pancake days tickets for AMBUCS. His never-ending optimism was contagious and his "just great" attitude was infectious. His sparkle will truly be missed! The funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 20, 2017 at Faith Bible Church with the Reverend Leonard Reimer, pastor officiating. The arrangements were under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma at a later date.



**DAVIS SANDERS SELF** - Died Tuesday, June 14, 2016 in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 74, after fighting a short but courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Flat Creek, South Carolina on November 23, 1941 to the late Benjamin Franklin Self and Emily (née Mahaffey) Self. Davis proudly served in the United States Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in Vietnam, and remained actively involved in veteran's groups throughout his life. He was a member of DAV, a *Founding Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**, and the American Legion Riders of Post #6, VFW Post #641, and the Carolina Chapter of the 101<sup>st</sup> Association. Davis worked for many years as an electrician, and he was passionate about fair treatment for workers. He was a member of Labor Union #1293 Laborers and he retired from IBEW Labor Union #379. Davis was always active in the community, and he treasured the friendships he shared in the Dentsville Masonic Lodge #398, the York Rite, the Columbia Chapter of the Combat Infantrymen Association, life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #402, and as a charter member of Jamil Shrine. Davis touched many lives and he will be deeply missed by his family and dear friends. Davis is



survived by his wife of 38 years, Mary Vick (née D'Antonio) Self; his son, Rob Levin; his daughter, Crystal Self; his brothers, J.E. Self, Joe Self, and Jerry Self, and; his sister, Warneda Sims. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Paul William Self, Cecil Mahuffey Self, Raymond Self, and Robert Franklin Self; and sisters, Mildred Brewer, and Helen Haynes. A funeral for Mr. Self was held at 12:30 PM on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Extension. Interment with military honors was at 2:00 pm at Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home, prior to the service, beginning at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Legion Riders Post #6, 200 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29205; Dentsville Masonic Lodge #398, 6604 Shakespeare Road, Columbia, SC 29223; or Blue Ridge Hospice, 110 Ministry Drive, Suite B, Irmo, SC 29063.



**ERNEST WAITE SELL, JR.** – Died Sunday, April 24, 2016 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 12, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Yolanda, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. A graveside service was at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 2, 2016 at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Services were entrusted to the Sunset Funeral Home West. Please visit our online registry book at [www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net](http://www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net).



**CHARLES J. SENTKER** - Died unexpectedly on Monday, June 19, 2017 in Batesville, Indiana at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack, cardiogenic shock, acute inferior myocardial infarction and type II diabetes mellitus. He was born on January 11, 1942 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He served in the United States Navy and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**. He retired from BP Oil. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Lou Sentker, and is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Renée and Rick Farr; his grandson, Cody Farr; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Ted and Lori Sentker, Mike and Donna Sentker; his sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Larry Huber; several nieces and nephews, and; a girlfriend, Sharon McKee. Charles will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and friend. Per his request of no visitation, the family held a memorial service later in the year.



**PHILLIP ALLEN SHADRICK** - Died Thursday, February 23, 2017 in Whitwell, Tennessee at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 19, 1948 to the late Carl and Gracie Mae Shadrick. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Johnny, Paul, David



and Joseph Shadrick. Phillip was a retired United States Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Those left to cherish his memories are his son, Carl Shadrick of Sequatchie; his sisters, Dorcas Coffelt, of Whitwell and Wanda Rollins, of Chattanooga; his brothers, Jewell Shadrick, of Whitwell and Jerry Shadrick, of Shelbyville. The family received friends on Friday from 1:00-8:00 PM, February 24, 2017. Funeral services were at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, February 25, 2017 in the funeral home chapel. Interment was at Griffith Creek Cemetery with military honors provided by the Sequatchie Valley Honor Guard. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to help with funeral expenses.



**ROBERT MORIN “Bob” SHOEMAKER** (USA, LTG-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in Belton, Texas at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 18, 1924 in Almont, Michigan. He was raised on an 80-acre farm in rural Michigan. He attended the same small school building from kindergarten through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated in a class of 23 from Almont High School in 1941. In 1942, while a pharmacy student at the University of Grand Rapids, he enlisted in the United States Navy V-12 officer training program. A few weeks before entering active duty in the Navy he switched to the United States Army by accepting an appointment to West Point earned through a competitive examination. After graduating from West Point in 1946, he was commissioned in the Infantry and attended Basic and Advanced Courses as well as parachute and gliderman training at Fort Benning, Georgia. His assignments as a junior officer emphasized duty with troop units. He commanded four infantry companies; a rifle company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in Germany in 1949-50, rifle and heavy weapons companies for a year each in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in 1951-52, and a rifle company in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in Korea in 1953. While in Germany in 1948 he married Tuke Rickard. In 1958 he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth followed by pilot training at Fort Rucker. After command of the Army's original Armed Helicopter Company at Fort Rucker in 1962, he was assigned to Vietnam to test an armed Mohawk unit. He returned to Fort Benning in 1963 to serve as operations and training staff officer (G-3) of the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Assault Division (Test). When the Air Assault Division was redesignated the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Shoemaker deployed with it to Vietnam in 1965 and commanded in succession the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry (airborne infantry) and the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry (air cavalry). After attending the Army War College and serving in the Pentagon for a year and a half, he returned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in Vietnam in 1969 as Chief of Staff and, after promotion to Brigadier General, as Assistant Division Commander. Task Force Shoemaker, a combined force of eight US and three Vietnamese maneuver battalions, made the initial US incursion into Cambodia in May 1970. In July 1970, he began a seven and one half year tour at Fort Hood, Texas serving successively as Chief of Staff, III Corps; Commander MASSTER (an operational test organization); Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division; and in 1975 Commander, III Corps. Beginning in 1978, General Shoemaker served four years as Commander, U.S. Army

Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia. In that position, Shoemaker supervised about one million Active, Reserve and National Guard soldiers in the Continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, and Puerto Rico. Since retiring from the Army in 1982, he has been active in community affairs in Central Texas. In December, 1994, he completed eight years as an elected County Commissioner of Bell County, Texas. In the mid-1980's he served for three years as the President of the 12 County Heart 'O Texas Council of the Boy Scouts. A strong supporter of the United Way, he served on the board of the United Way of Texas for six years and many more years as a board member of the Greater Fort Hood Area United Way including the positions of President and Campaign Managers. His community work has been recognized by the Frank W. Mayborn Humanitarian Award and the Roy J. Smith Award for community service. In 2000, the Killeen Independent School District named Robert M. Shoemaker High School with over 2,000 students, in his honor. He has visited the school several times weekly and is well known to the teachers and students through his regular attendance at athletic and extra-curricular events. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. General Shoemaker was preceded in death by his parents, Uriah Beebe and Pomola Orda Morin Shoemaker, brother, Thomas Gordon Shoemaker and sister, Betsey Shoemaker Murphy. Left to cherish his memories are his wife of 70 years, Mary "Tuke" Shoemaker; brother, John "Jack" Marshall Shoemaker and his wife Barbie; several loving nieces and nephews, a large extended family and thousands of grandchildren from Robert M. Shoemaker High School. Should friends desire, memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to any of the following foundations; Killeen Independent School District Foundation, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association, Central Texas College Wolf Warrior Endowed Scholarship, or the Texas A&M University Centex Scholars Endowed Scholarship Fund. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center, 3601 South WS Young Drive, Killeen, Texas. Burial, with full military honors, was at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. Visitation hours were held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen. Family and friends may express condolences and sign the online guest book at [www.crawfordbowersfuneralhome.com](http://www.crawfordbowersfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were under the direction of Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen.

**DANIEL A. "Dan" SILVA** – Died Thursday, February 9, 2017 in Abingdon, Maryland at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 21, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588**.



**CLEMENT EUGENE "Gene" SMITH** - Died Thursday, June 29, 2017 at a local hospital near Belton, Texas where he resided at the age of 80. The cause of death was a heart attack secondary to pulmonary fibrosis. He was born on August 10, 1936 in Dubois, Pennsylvania to the Clement H. Smith and Mary Catherine Smith. He was born and raised in Pennsylvania until he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserves and then United States Army during the Korean War. He then went on to serve his country proudly for over 26 years. He served two 1-

year combat tours during the Vietnam War where he was awarded the Purple Heart, a Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars and many other service-related medals. Gene was a true hero, and like most great service men of that generation he was very humble about his time in the Army. Gene was a Christian man that stood for God and country. Even after his retirement he was still involved in and was a lifetime member of many different veterans' organizations such as, being an officer in The Purple Heart Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He visited wounded soldiers of the Iraq War in San Antonio with The Purple Heart Association. After his time in the military he, his beloved wife, Sue and daughter, Joan settled in Belton. Gene worked for many years for the City of Belton in the water and sewer department. He was a hardworking man who loved his job. Mr. Smith was a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers fan to the core. During Steelers games, you knew whether they were winning or losing by the noise level coming from the back room where he watched the games. When the Steelers weren't on TV, he enjoyed fishing with friends and family. Above all else, he enjoyed every single moment spent with his family. Gene especially treasured the time he got to spend with his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. He was also a huge fan of Belton Tiger football, softball and any other activities his granddaughters and future grandson-in-law were involved in. Gene was a very special man who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Gordon Smith; and a sister, Carol Joan Smith. Those left to honor and cherish his memory are his loving wife, Sue Ann (née Merryman) Smith; daughter, Joan Smith Vance and husband Tim; sisters, Peggy Wilson, Linda Herrelko, Mary Kay Guthrie; grandchildren, Kelly Holt and husband Blake, Sarah Vance; great-grandchildren, Molly, Carter, Brooks, Madison, and Cooper; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial Services were held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Harper-Talasek Funeral Home of Belton with Dr. Robert Beamon officiating. Arrangements were in the care of the directors at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home of Belton.

**FREEMAN W. SMITH** – Died Friday, May 6, 2016 in Guntersville, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 24, 1936. He is survived by his wife, LaCrecia Smith, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Major (O-4). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**.

**JOHN B. SMITH** – Died recently in 2017 in Magnolia, Arkansas at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 10, 1928. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Magnolia Chapter #808**.



**RONALD CLIFTON "Ronnie" SMITH, SR.** – Died Saturday, June 17, 2017 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 68. He died after a brief but mighty battle with cancer. He was born in Cushing, Oklahoma on January 12, 1949 to the late Marlin C. and Bette Jo (née Spearman) Smith. Ronnie attended grade school at Lincoln Elementary in Lawton, and often talked about being a shoe-shine boy in downtown Lawton in the 1950's. He would use his shoe-shine

earnings to buy a Pepsi on the way to school and would use the rest to help his mother buy groceries. He continued junior high and high school in Moore, OK when his father moved after the passing of Ronnie's mother, Bette Jo, when he was only about 12. Ronnie enlisted in the United States Army in July 1966 at the age of 17 after convincing his father to sign to allow it, and Ronnie completed basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Ronnie turned 18 after arriving in the country of Vietnam where he served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Division for 18 months as a radio operator and recon Sergeant. For his duty in the A-Shau Valley, he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. For his total time spent in Vietnam, he received three overseas bars. After an honorable discharge from the Army in 1969, Ronnie continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1972, and worked as a brick mason working on many homes in the Lawton and Cache areas. He also worked as a delivery driver for 7-UP/RC Bottling and Fairmont Milk before being hired on the Lawton Police Department (LPD) in September 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Ronnie worked in just about every division of the police department and served the department and community for 37 years before retiring as the Chief of Police in 2012 after seven years in that position. He started in 1974 as a patrolman, was promoted to Master Officer, Lieutenant and Captain, and also worked in the Special Operations as a detective, in the Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D.) as detective, Patrol Lieutenant, Patrol Captain, Deputy Chief of Police, then Chief of Police. He served as the Tactical Team Commander and attended bomb technician training in Huntsville, AL to become one of the department's first bomb technicians. He also attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, graduating in the 184<sup>th</sup> session in 1996. He was proud of the good men and women of the PD, many whom have been lifelong friends, and was also proud of all that was accomplished by the PD for the community, much that takes place without ever being seen or heard. He loved to participate or assist with so many events, such as the Cops 'n Kids Picnic, Citizens on Patrol Academy, Shop with a Cop, Moonlight Walk Against Drugs, etc. While working at the PD, Ronnie held various security jobs around Lawton, such as at multiple Herb's Food Stores (Herb's #14 is where he and Nikki met), K-Mart, Comanche County Memorial Hospital, Dillard's and Sutherland's. Ronnie married Nikki Elise Epperson in 1989, and just as they did everything else as a team, they built their "forever home" together in east Lawton in 2003 that Nikki designed, and they performed much of the work themselves, with Ronnie installing all 5,000 feet of electrical wiring in the two-story home himself. He could build or fix anything and was often to be found helping family or friends do just that. After retiring from the PD in 2012, Ronnie joined the Comanche County Sheriff's Department to continue to help and serve his community and surrounding areas until becoming too ill just before the time of his death. He was so ready to be healed so he could go 10-8 again. He had served a total of 43 years in law enforcement, and was truly a protector and servant. Many people have said he was their hero, but he would just say that he's no hero, just a helper. Ronnie also co-founded the Valley View Volunteer Fire Department on the east side of Lawton and was the Assistant Chief. He always helped to coordinate their annual chili fundraiser, and cooked many, many roasters full of chili himself (and peeled potatoes quicker than three other people combined to make steak fries for the chili dinners). He recently assisted with the build of the Valley View Fire Station, even while undergoing cancer treatments. Ronnie will be missed

by many but kept in the hearts of even more. He is survived by wife, Nikki; son, Ronnie, Jr and wife Kelly, and their daughters, Payton and Aubree of Lawton; son, Justin and wife Stephanie and their children, Braxton, Bexley and Maverick of Yukon, OK; son, John and daughters, Chelsea, Ashley and Shelby of Edmond, OK; daughter, Amanda and husband Cory White and their children, Dylan, McKenna, Izzie and Addox of Corsicana, TX; sister, Sandra Marline and her daughter, Lisa of Lawton; sister, Sheila and husband Craig Fraley and their children, Larry Oliver and Sandy Cross of Lawton; grandsons, Greg, Jr and Joshua of Lawton; mother-in-law, Barbara Epperson of Cache, OK; brother-in-law, Ethan Epperson and children, Remington and Presley of Lawton; and a host of special cousins, aunts and uncles, and many friends as close as family. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Greg; newborn grandson, Asa; special friend, Fred Baltierra; and his unconditional canine best friend, Spaz, who passed the same day as grandbaby, Asa. All the care, prayers and concern for Ronnie throughout his treatments are greatly appreciated by his family and loved ones, and in particular the personalized attention from Dr. Vernon (Mike) Love, and the doctors and staff at the cancer Center of Southwest Oklahoma in Lawton, Ken's Pharmacy, and Dr. Richard Brittingham/Aspire Hospice and LeeAnn at Heritage Pharmacy. Ronnie never met a stranger and has a helping hand (and his tools!) ready for anyone around him that needed help. The world has lost a great American and human being so Nikki and his family will be lost, but they know Heaven has gained an angel standing by and ready to assist. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Whinery-Huddleston Chapel and on Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM in the Whinery-Huddleston Chapel. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the First Baptist Church, 501 SW "B" Avenue, Lawton. Interment was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under the direction of Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Service. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Valley View Fire Department at 6704 NE Cache Road, Lawton, OK 73505, ATTN: Chief Lin Newton.



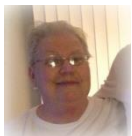
**LARRY E. SNYDER** - Died Wednesday, August 9, 2017 in Rockhill Furnace, Pennsylvania at the age of 71, after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma due to Agent Orange exposure. He was born May 12, 1946 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to the late Wilbur Snyder and Emma (née Tyson) Snyder who survives of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. He was married to his soul mate the former Sandra "Sandi" Laird who survives and resides at their home. His surviving children include, Shane Snyder and wife Rebecca, of Brandon, FL, Rick Shoop and wife Jody, of Chambersburg, Jessica Patrick and husband Christopher, of Hollidaysburg, PA, Shei'la Hoffer and husband Christopher, of Palmyra, PA and Travis Snyder, of Manheim, PA. One son, Dustin B. Snyder, preceded him in death. He is also survived by three brothers and one sister, James Snyder and wife, Marilyn, of Millheim, Gwendolyn Snyder, of Lititz, Donald Snyder, of Mount Joy and Steven Snyder and wife, Patty, of Mount Joy. He is the grandfather of Jenna (Hershey) and Matt Hoffman, Jonathan Hershey, Emily Hershey, Zerek, Vance, Xavier and Stone Hoffer, Dustin and Darren Snyder and Dexter Snyder. He was known as "Paw-Paw" to his grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and all of their friends. Larry was recently was blessed with a great-granddaughter, Callie Grace Hoffman. Larry was a graduate of Manheim Central High School Class of 1965. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965-69

and the USMC Reserves from 1969-71. He was a Vietnam Veteran from 1966-67. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. He retired from Alcoa Aluminum, Lancaster in 2008. He was a member of the Rockhill Borough Council. As a member of the Orbisonia-Rockhill Sportsmen Club he enjoyed caring for the fish at the hatchery. Larry was a member of the Orbisonia Lions Club and always loved helping with the Orbisonia-Rockhill Homecoming each year. He was a life member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #34, Altoona, PA, Blue Juniata Post #5754, Mount Union, PA and also a member of Madden-Wennick Post #518, American Legion, Rockhill Furnace, PA. He will always be remembered for his contagious smile and pleasant personality with his witty humor. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at the Martin R. Brown Funeral Home, 565 Ridgley Street, Orbisonia, PA with the Reverend Sandra Snyder officiating. Interment was at the I. O. F. Memorial Cemetery, Rockhill Furnace, PA. Friends visited at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.



**VERNE DALE SPELHAUG** - Died Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 73, after a long illness. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 5, 1944 in Minto, North Dakota to the late Charles Spelhaug and Dorothy (née Barclay) Spelhaug. He was also predeceased by a sister, Jeri Lee Spelhaug and Casper, a beloved family pet. Verne leaves behind his loving wife, Carolyn, of the home; a sister, Darlene Hawn; a brother, Bob Spelhaug; his children, Rusty and Dawn Kinion, Anadarko, Jason and Jamie Wise, of California, Jerry and Tina Spelhaug, Lawton, and Van and Denise Lovvern, of Pennsylvania. He was blessed with 11 grandchildren. Verne served as the field artillery Senior Staff Sergeant, he served four years with Pershing missiles, and was a cannon crew member for 11 years. He was very proud to serve his country and was United States Army from his head to his toes. He believed in what the US flag stood for and he believed in his country. You couldn't find a man that is more patriotic in his heart and soul. Even to the day he passed, he always said "if they call me back to serve I would go." He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with LaDana M. Miller, from The Transformation Church in Tulsa, officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery.

**LEONARD J. SPOSATO** – Died in May 2017 in Roseville, Michigan at the age 70. The cause of death was diabetes mellitus – type II. He was born on January 10, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



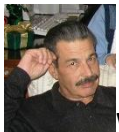
**BARBARA S. STAFFORD** - Died Tuesday, June 20, 2017 in Kettering, Ohio at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 20, 1939 in Nicholasville, Kentucky to the late Russell and Nellie Coyle. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband of



46 years, Walter B. Stafford; her son, W. Dean Stafford and her sister, Betty Geisler. She is survived by her daughters, Barb (Charles) Welles and Terri Murry; daughter-in-law, Lori Hayner; grandchildren, Charles, Jr., Alicia, Janice, Amanda, Crystal and Jonathon; 7 great-grandchildren; sister, Joetta Sutherland; brother, Wayne (Melsina) Coyle; companion, John Gordon; and many other relatives and friends. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. The family would like to thank the Ohio's Hospice of Dayton for their loving care. The family received friends on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Newcomer Funeral Home South Chapel (3940 Kettering Boulevard, Kettering, OH 45439). The service was on Monday at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Barbara was laid to rest at Miami Valley Memory Gardens.

**CHARLIE STAGGS** – Died in 2016 in Lovelock, Nevada at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 13, 1952. He served in the United States Navy from November 1972 to November 1998 as a Vietnam-era Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lovelock Chapter #834**.

**WILLIAM RICHARD “Dickie” STANLEY** - Died Friday, May 19, 2017 in Gainesville, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 2, 1949 in Atlanta, Georgia. Dickie was a United States Army Veteran serving from 8 September 1969 to 4 April 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 24 May 1970 to 22 April 1971. He was a member of the VFW in Gainesville. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**. He loved photography, model cars, airplanes and his family. Survivors include his nieces Stephanie Burnette and Laura Brewer; great-nephews Caden, Cody, David, Peyton and Jeffery and his great-niece Christina. He is preceded in death by his brother Bryan “Dan” Stanley and his sister Norma Beth Stanley. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 26, 2017 at the Lawson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in the Alta Vista Cemetery, 521 Jones Road, Gainesville, GA, 30501. The family received friends from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Friday, May 26, 2017 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the VFW in Gainesville or the Shriners. Funeral arrangements were made by the Lawson Funeral Home, 4532 Highway 53, Hoschton, GA, 30548.



**WALTER THOMAS STAYVAS** - Died Friday, July 21, 2017 at home in South Plainfield, New Jersey surrounded by his family and bolstered by the love of all those who supported him on his cancer journey. He was 67 years of age. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer. He was born on January 26, 1950 and raised in Irvington, New Jersey. He moved to South Plainfield in 1966 and graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1968. He was drafted into the United States Army from 1969-1971 and deployed to Vietnam where he served as a gunner on an M-42 duster. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with a “V” device for valor in combat. He later became a *Founding Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He married Diane (Dee) Margulski in 1975 and settled in South Plainfield where they raised their children. Formerly a mechanic at Royal Foods, Walt worked at Thermo King East as the sales manager for 31 years where he made

many lasting friendships. Along with his devoted wife, Walt worked hard to maintain a beautiful home, send his kids to college, take them on vacation, and fund their every artistic, athletic, and leisure pursuit. A quietly brilliant man, he could give directions to any location in the NY-NJ area and could design, build, and fix anything including cars, houses, plumbing, and appliances, not to mention his kids' many school projects and investment dilemmas. Walt believed in financial literacy, proper car maintenance, careful research, family dinners, and no free lunch. In his spare time, he enjoyed making home improvements, cruising with his family, chatting with his Matis Street neighbors, attending VVA meetings, drinking Gentleman Jack, listening to music (especially the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 25th Anniversary Concert), and watching Law & Order. His favorite character was Munch. He is predeceased by his mother Catherine, his father Walter, and his beloved miniature dachshund Stumpy. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Dee, his son Scott and daughter Robin, his sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, and many cousins, neighbors, and friends. Visitation hours were held on Monday, July 24, 2017 from 4:00-8:00 PM in the McCrskin-Gustafson Home for Funerals at 2425 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 beginning at 9:15 AM in the funeral home followed by a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church. Interment was in the Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Walt's name to the Vietnam Veterans of America--Central New Jersey Chapter #233, P.O. Box 10251, New Brunswick, NJ 08906.

**ROGER ANTHONY STEVENS** - Died Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at his home in Basye, Virginia at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 23, 1939 in Attleboro, Massachusetts to the late Harry F. Stevens and Anne Marie (née Giroux) Stevens Herold. He served in the United States Air Force for 30 years, including Vietnam, seven years in Germany and had been four years at the Pentagon at retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Galax Chapter #710**. He was a member of Mount Hermon United Methodist Church west of Mount Jackson. He is survived by his wife, Carol J. Stevens, whom he married August 5, 1989. Also surviving are three sons, Glenn, Mark and Craig; two brothers, Ronald and Bruce; and three grandchildren, Lisbeth, Andrew and Kenneth. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. Arrangements were by the Dellinger Funeral Home in Mount Jackson. Condolences may be sent to [www.dellingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dellingerfuneralhome.com).

**DON STOCKWELL** – Died recently in 2017 in Pomona, California at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 9, 1947. He is survived by his wife Cathy, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**.



**JAMES EDWIN "Jim" STONE** - Died Saturday morning, June 3, 2017 at his home northwest of Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 67 years. He was formerly of Blackwell, Oklahoma. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on October 8, 1949 in Cedar Vale, Kansas to the late William Nathan and Ellen Belle (née Brum) Stone. He grew up in Cedar Vale and graduated from Cedar Vale High School in 1967. Following his education he was drafted into the United States Marine Corps serving in the Vietnam War where he was twice awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery. He

married Lonette Marie “*Lonnie*” Norlin on June 2, 1972, in Blackwell and they made Blackwell their home. In 1975 he began his career as a U. S. Post Office mail carrier, for the Blackwell Post Office. He retired in 2006 after thirty-one years of service. He was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church where he was a third degree in the Knights of Columbus. He also held membership in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**, Disabled American Veterans and the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing and his family, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Lonnie Stone, of Ponca City; a daughter, Jamie Sawyer and husband, Jeff, of Ponca City; a son, Jason Stone, and wife, Kara, of Blackwell; four sisters, Caroline Contreras of Wichita, Kan., Loma Smart and husband, Jerry, of Sedan, Kan., Opal Evert and husband, Les, of Kiowa, Okla., and Ruth Lane and husband, Jim, of Sedan, Kan.; five brothers, William “Bill” Stone and wife, Cookie, of Blackwell, Don Stone of Cedar Vale, Kan., Tim and Kim Stone of Cedar Vale, Kan., Terry Stone and wife, Wanda, of Blackwell, and Dale Stone and wife, Sherry, of Cedar Vale, Kan.; five grandchildren, Grace and Emma Sawyer, Jacob, Nathan and Kenneth Wiggins; two great-grandchildren, Lydia Wiggins and Autumn Murphy; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two great-grandchildren, Damien and Krystal Wiggins. A prayer service was at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Roberts and Son Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral mass was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, in Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Blackwell with Reverend Father Ben Lwin officiating. The burial was in the Blackwell Cemetery with military rites performed by the United States Armed Services. Casket bearers were Jason Stone, Bill Stone, Don Stone, Tim Stone, Terry Stone and Dale Stone. Serving as honorary casket bearers were Jeff Sawyer, Scott O’Hair, Dean Morris, Bill Mauntel, Kenneth Wiggins and Steve Yunker. A memorial has been established in his honor with Saint Joseph Catholic Church in c/o Roberts and Son Funeral Home, 120 West Padon, Blackwell, OK 74631.



**THOMAS P. “Tom” STROM** - Died Tuesday, August 1, 2017 in Crivitz, Wisconsin at the age of 79. He was formerly of Green Bay, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 24, 1937 in Sparta, Wisconsin to the late Lloyd and Luella (née Haskins) Strom. Thomas proudly served his country in the United States Navy for more than 13 years. On Sept 3, 1966, Thomas was united in marriage to Connie Teteak at Saint Charles Catholic Church in Lena, Wisconsin. Thomas was employed as a mechanical designer for many years until his retirement to the Crivitz area in 2000. Thomas was a longtime member of Saint Mary Catholic Church in Crivitz and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224**. In his free time, Thomas enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing cards and spending time with his family. He was also an avid Brewer and Packer fan. Tom will be deeply missed by his wife, Connie; two sons, Bill (Andrea Konop), Cory (Kim Konop); seven grandchildren, Courtney, Connor, Cade, Olivia, Sophia, Ava, and Henry; sisters-in-law, Audrey Teteak and Annette Tonn; brother-in-law, Fred Frater; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved canine companion, Winston. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, William and Elva Teteak; siblings Virginia, Patricia, John and Jeannette; brothers-

in-law, Ray Neta, Bill Teteak, and Mike Tonn; sister-in-law, Mavis Neta; and two nieces, Janice and Jackie. Friends visited the family at Saint Anne Catholic Church in Lena, Wisconsin on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 9:00 AM until the time of the Funeral Mass. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday at the church with Reverend Father Nonita Barra officiating. Burial with Military Honors was in the Saint Charles Cemetery in Lena immediately following the Mass. Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home-Lena assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rhodescharapata.com](http://www.rhodescharapata.com).

**HARRY FLANROY SYDNEY, JR.** – Died Friday, March 4, 2016 in Washington, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death was colon cancer metastatic with carcinomatosis. He was born in Logan County, West Virginia on November 10, 1937 to the late Harry Flanroy, Sr. and Helen (née Hunter) Sydney. He is survived by his wife, Rosa Sydney, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. He was interred in Homestead Gardens Greenville, North Carolina. The Roundtree Family Mortuary and Cremation Services on 315 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Greenville, North Carolina was in charge of the services.

**JERRY LEE TENNANT** - Died Sunday, May 7, 2017 at his home in Hillsville, Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related neoplasm of the liver, gall bladder and bile duct. He was born in Ray, Ohio on February 15, 1947 to the late Raymond B. and Janelle (née Newport) Tennant. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn A. Tennant; his son, Nicholas J. Tennant and spouse, Andrea Campbell; his stepdaughter, Heather Lucas and spouse, Jamie Lucas; his stepson, Daniel Carter and spouse, Angela Carter; his sister, Sherry Hassler and his nieces, Kelly Finn and Tracy Whitehead; his grandchildren, Zoe Tennant, Xavier Tennant, Dalton Triplett, Sadie Lucas, and Leslie Holston, and; his great-granddaughter, Cassidy Bradley. Jerry graduated from Jackson County High School in Jackson Ohio. He was a disabled Vietnam Veteran, beginning his United States Army career in 1966, completing his basic training in Ft. Gordon, GA and AIT at Ft. Sam Houston, TX. Additionally, he took jungle training at Ft. Bliss, TX. He was deployed to Vietnam in August of that year and served as a medic with the 87<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion. During his few days 'in country' he was with the 90<sup>th</sup> Replacement Battalion. Jerry earned a number of decorations during his military service in Vietnam. These included a Vietnam Service medal, a Vietnam Campaign medal with device 60, two letters of appreciation, a Certificate of Achievement, and an Expert Badge (M14 rifle). He lived in Hillsville, Virginia for the last 7 years enjoying a peaceful retirement. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville (Kentucky) Chapter #454**. The Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel was in charge of the arrangements serving the family.



**WILLIAM C. "Bill" TERRY, JR.** - Died Saturday, October 29, 2016 in Harrison, Arkansas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born at Hot Springs, Arkansas on September 8, 1949 to the late Glendora (née Cogbill) and William C. "Bill" Terry, Sr.

He was raised in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and received his education there. Along with his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn (Terry) McKinney, and step-grandson, Michael Irwin. Bill was a member of Faith Assembly of God Church. He entered the United States Marine Corps in October, 1967, and attended MCRD at San Diego, California. Upon graduation, he served in Republic of Vietnam with Hotel Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marines BLT, 9<sup>th</sup> MAB. He was involved in Operation Napoleon Saline in the Quang Tri Provient. On May 25, 1968, he sustained a gunshot wound to the upper right arm and upon returning home, he arrived in Millington, Tennessee Naval Hospital; finally arriving at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 22, 1968. Bill was discharged September 1, 1970. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with star, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with star, the Marksmanship Badge, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Ribbon, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Navy Commendation Ribbon. Bill was a life member of the John H. Dunn Disabled American Veterans Chapter #10 and the John H. Dunn VFW Post #2259, both in Conway, Arkansas. His involvement in the DAV consisted of helping to form and charter Grant County DAV Chapter #56 in Sheridan. He served as adjutant 14 years and one year as charter commander. He transferred to John H. Dunn Chapter #10 in Conway in 1997. He served every position including commander and adjutant. He was involved in the Department of Arkansas DAV and served all positions including commander in 2001-2002. Bill served on the audit committee 4 years for the Department of Arkansas DAV and 5 years in the DAV Transportation Network as office assistant in the Little Rock Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson (Missouri) Chapter #913**. Bill is survived by his wife, Barbara A. (Dixon) Terry, of the home; his son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Angela Terry, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; his step-sons and their wives, Tony and Kris Matthews of Velma, Oklahoma and Robert G. and Rhonda Matthews of Harrison; and his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Paul Harp, of Marble Falls, Arkansas; 9 step-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; his sister and brother-in-law, Glenda and Bob Chambers, of Canton, Georgia; and a host of other family and friends. Visitation was Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at the Roller-Christeson Funeral Home. Funeral service was on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Roller-Christeson Funeral Home, with Arlis Thrasher and Brian Herring officiating. Interment was in the York Cemetery. Pallbearers were Paul Harp, Sarah Searcy, Kirk Dixon, Jarid Matthews, Jeff Dixon and Michael Evert. Honorary pallbearers were Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #913 in Branson, Missouri, Bill's grandchildren, Newton County Nursing Home staff. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, PO Box 632, Branson, MO 65616; 417-239-6551; [bransonvva913.com](http://bransonvva913.com).



**JOSEPH EDWIN "Joe" THOMAS** – Died Thursday, July 6, 2017 in Beckemeyer, Illinois at the age of 75. He was at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, Illinois. The cause of death was heart failure. Joe was born in Jamestown, Illinois on March 18, 1942 to the late Charles and Linda (née Frey) Thomas. He married Sharon Hoffman on May 4, 1968 at Saint Anthony Church in Beckemeyer, and she survives in Beckemeyer. In addition to his wife, Joe is survived by his son Brad (Dawn) Thomas of Beckemeyer; two grandchildren: Kirsten and Bradon Thomas of



Beckemeyer; brothers-in-law: Joe (Joan) Perez and Frank Edwards; three nieces: Linda Thomas, Stacie Perez, and Debbie Sincox; four nephews: Eldon Hammond, John Hammond, Brian Perez, and Steve Thomas. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, as well as his mother-in-law Wilma and father-in-law Laverne Hoffman; two brothers: Leroy and Charlie Thomas; three sisters: Betty Hammond, Linda Perez, Marlene Edwards; his in-laws: Mary Thomas, Melba Thomas, and Eldon Hammond; a niece, Lea Edwards; and his nephews: Mark Hammond, Jeff Thomas, Rob Edwards, and Michael Thomas. Joe was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. After his services he was a heavy equipment operator for the civil services at Scott Air Force Base. Joe was extremely active in his community. During his time in Beckemeyer he served two terms as mayor and several years as village trustee. He served many years on the Beckemeyer – Wade Fire Department and was the Wade Township Treasure and Supervisor. Mr. Thomas was a member of the Beckemeyer Community Development Club and Washer Club. He was the past commander of Beckemeyer Legion Post #1227, where he was also a member of the drill team, volunteered his time at fish fries, and called bingo. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**. His hobbies included gardening, hunting, fishing, camping and playing cards. Most of all, Joe enjoyed frying chicken for family gatherings with his famous chicken fry mix and being with his friends and grandchildren. He was his grandkids biggest fans. He never met a stranger and could always be seen with a smile on his face. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 12:30 PM on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at the Beckemeyer American Legion. Friends and family were invited to stay and visit with the family at the Legion following the services. Visitation hours were held from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at the Beckemeyer American Legion. Memorials were suggested to Vietnam Veterans Chapter #269 or Beckemeyer American Legion Post #1227 and will be received at the Legion or at Nordike Funeral Home in Carlyle, Illinois.



**ERNESTINE SHARON "Ernie" THORNTON** - Died Monday, November 21, 2016 at her residence in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on September 13, 1940 in Wyoming County, West Virginia to the late William and Amanda (née Lockhart) Thornton. Ernie was a 1958 graduate of Iaeger High School and a 1961 graduate of Lewis-Gale Hospital School of Nursing. After graduation she worked at Stevens Clinic in Welch, West Virginia until 1964 when she joined the United States Army Nurse Corps. Ernie achieved rank of Army Captain (O-3) and served eight years in Vietnam. There she was assigned to the 85<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital at Qui Nhon where she became head nurse for two post-op Surgical Wards. Following a prestigious military career, Ernie worked as a registered nurse at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, KY for nine years, and Coordinating Council for Independent Living in Beckley for ten years. In 1990 she graduated from WV State College where she received a Bachelor degree in Social Work. Ernie retired from Wyoming County Commission on Aging. She had been a resident of Princeton since 1995 moving here from Charleston, WV, and was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**. Ernie was an amazing person and never missed an opportunity to tell of her



nursing and military experiences. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, J.C. Morgan; one sister, Bernice Long; and brother-in-law, Jack Trail. She is survived by one sister, Josephine Trail of Charleston; two brothers, Frank Morgan and wife Kathy of Richmond Hills, GA, and Raymond Thornton and wife Candice of Lexington, NC; sister-in-law, Helena Allen Morgan of Charleston; special friends, Sue and Don Jones of Princeton; and her extended friends at the Vietnam Veterans of America in Princeton. In honoring Ernie's wishes, she has been cremated. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton with Reverend Barry Early officiating. Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard conducted the military rites.



**LEO K. THORSNESS** (USAF, COL-Ret. Medal of Honor Recipient) - Died Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in Saint Augustine, Florida, according to a news release from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. He was 85 years of age. He was born on February 14, 1932 in Walnut Grove, Minnesota, where he earned the Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts of America. He is one of only nine known Eagle Scouts who also received the Medal of Honor. In 2010, Thorsness received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. He attended South Dakota State College in 1950 and enlisted in the United States Air Force a year later. He graduated from the Aviation Cadet Program with a commission earning his wings. He served as a fighter pilot with Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command before he was sent to Vietnam with the 357<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron. He and his wingman were shot down in April 1967. The U.S. Air Force veteran was shot down over North Vietnam and subsequently held captive by the North Vietnamese at the Hoa Lo Prison, nicknamed the "Hanoi Hilton." He was released on March 4, 1973, almost six years after he was shot down. He was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Richard Nixon on October 15, 1973. He retired from the Air Force in 1973. He is survived by his wife Gaylee. The President of the United States in the name of the Congress takes pride in presenting the Medal of Honor to:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEO K. THORSNESS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

For service as set forth in the following citation: *For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. As pilot of an F-105 aircraft, Lieutenant Colonel Thorsness was on a surface-to-air missile suppression mission over North Vietnam. Lieutenant Colonel Thorsness and his wingman attacked and silenced a surface-to-air missile site with air-to-ground missiles and then destroyed a second surface-to-air missile site with bombs. In the attack on the second missile site, Lieutenant Colonel Thorsness' wingman was shot down by intensive antiaircraft fire, and the two crew members abandoned their aircraft. Lieutenant Colonel Thorsness circled the descending parachutes to keep the crew members in sight and relay their position to the Search and Rescue Center. During this maneuver, a MIG-17 was sighted in the area. Lieutenant Colonel Thorsness immediately initiated an attack and destroyed the MIG. Because his aircraft was low on fuel, he was forced to depart the area in search of a tanker. Upon being advised that two helicopters were orbiting over the downed crew's position and that there were hostile MIGs in the area posing a serious*

*threat to the helicopters, Lieutenant Colonel Thorsness, despite his low fuel condition, decided to return alone through a hostile environment of surface-to-air missile and anti-aircraft defenses to the downed crew's position. As he approached the area, he spotted four MIG-17 aircraft and immediately initiated an attack on the MIGs, damaging one and driving the others away from the rescue scene. When it became apparent that an aircraft in the area was critically low on fuel and the crew would have to abandon the aircraft unless they could reach a tanker, Lieutenant Colonel Thorsness, although critically short on fuel himself, helped to avert further possible loss of life and a friendly aircraft by recovering at a forward operating base, thus allowing the aircraft in emergency fuel condition to refuel safely. Lieutenant Colonel Thorsness' extraordinary heroism, self-sacrifice and personal bravery involving conspicuous risk of life were in the highest traditions of the military service, and have reflected great credit upon himself and the U.S. Air Force.*

**JAMES MICHAEL TIGHE** (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Monday, July 17, 2017 in Springfield, Nebraska at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 4, 1930 in Pompey, New York. He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn; his son, Ronald, and; his great-granddaughter, Allyssa Tighe. He is survived by his children, Terry (Carla) Tighe, Mike (Debi) Tighe; five grandchildren, and; fifteen great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Air Force from November 1947 to his retirement on October 31, 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1965. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Weston Chapter #279**. Visitation hours were from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM on Friday, July 21, 2017 with a funeral service at 11:00 AM, all at the Westlawn-Hillcrest Funeral Home. The interment was in Westlawn-Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Westlawn-Hillcrest Funeral Home 5701 Center Street, Omaha, NE 68106 was in charge of the arrangements.

**THOMAS L. TUCKER** – Died in October 2016 in Larkspur, Colorado at the age of 69. The cause of death is cancer. He was born June 24, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance (California) Chapter #53**.



**LUIS FELIPE "Louie" URQUIZO** - Died Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mexicali, Mexico on December 20, 1947 to the late Arturo Urquizo and Maria Isabel (née Lopez) Urquizo. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his stepfather, Roque M. Lopez; his brother, Enrique Urquizo, and; beloved Papa Agustin and Mama Nina Duron. Louie is survived by his loving wife, Louisa Aguilar Urquizo, and his beloved daughter, Melissa Diana Urquizo, who was his pride and joy. Surviving family members include brothers, Arturo Urquizo and his wife, Nena, Roberto Duron and his wife, Celia; his sisters, Marcela Zermeno, Elizabeth Urquizo, and Marta D. Hernandez; his stepbrother, Pepe Lopez; his stepsisters, Licha Lujan and Mary Castro. He is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, and many friends. He graduated from Bel Air High School in 1966. He enlisted in the United States Nav in 1968. He married the love of his life, Louisa Aguilar in El Paso, TX on Valentine's Day 1970. They moved to Kodiak, Alaska where they

lived until returning to El Paso in March 1971. They welcomed their baby girl and love of their life Melissa Diana Urquizo in 1972. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Louie attended UTEP and received his B.S. in Microbiology in 1977. Louie proudly served his country during the Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars where he was nicknamed "Doc" after serving two years of active duty in the Navy, Louie remained in the Navy Reserves from 1968 until he retired in 1992. Louie worked in Pharmaceuticals for Mead Johnson and Wyeth Ayerst for 25 years. He retired in 2004 from Wyeth Ayerst (now Pfizer), Louie returned to UTEP and received his master's degree in Science Education in 2010. He then started teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade science and 6<sup>th</sup> grade math at Paso Del Norte K-8 school (go Jaguars!) in the Socorro Independent School District. Louie was loved and respected by his colleagues, teachers, staff and students. Louie taught them the compassion, hard work, and skills that would forge their eventual careers. His students remember "Mr. U" as a driven, brilliant man and a patient teacher who encouraged them to pursue their goals. They will remember his three words, Honor, Courage, and Commitment. "Doc" as he was known to his VVA brothers was a proud and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**, whom he considered his brothers. He got together with them on Saturday mornings to share breakfast and talk. Thank you Louie for all the joy, love, kindness, friendship and happiness you brought to our lives. You had the most contagious smile. You were a man of honor, ethics and courage. Our lives were better because of you. Louie was an extraordinary man. All who were privileged to know you will miss you. Visitation and Memorial Service were held on Monday, January 16, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at San Jose Funeral Home-East. There was an honor guard presented by VVA Chapter #574. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 10:30 AM at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery with full military honors. Special thanks to Bobby Rangel, Bill Hart and to the rest of the VVA brothers for their support, help, and guidance. Louie loved you all very much. We wish you smooth seas and a fair wind behind your sails. Semper Fi!



**RONALD ROBERT "Ron" VAN HOORN, SR.** - Died Saturday, May 6, 2017 in Roberts County, South Dakota at the age of 66. He was a resident of Milbank, South Dakota. The cause of death was myocardial infarction and hypertension. He was born on December 27, 1950 in Milbank to the late Siebe and Evelyn (née DeGreef) Van Hoorn. He was baptized and confirmed at Saint Lawrence Catholic Church. Ron grew up in Milbank and graduated from Milbank High School with the Class of 1969. Ron served in the United States Army, enlisting on July 23, 1969. He served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged on January 25, 1972. Ron returned to Milbank. He was united in marriage with Sherri D. Amsden on September 29, 1972. After her death in 1986, Ron was united in marriage with Cheryl Pies on June 3, 1989, in Watertown, SD. Ron worked various jobs throughout the years, claiming to be a "jack of all trades." His passion was farming. He was a talented welder and truck driver. He did it all! Ron had a kind heart and enjoyed teaching and mentoring others. He loved life and was especially proud of his family and cherished time spent together. Ron was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**; a life member of DAV Chapter #19; a member of American Legion, Birch-Miller Post #9; a life member of VFW Grant County Post #3486; and a very loyal DAV

driver. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Cheryl of Milbank, SD; children: Corrina (Johnny) Brown of Brandt, SD; Kerry (Matt) Harr of Aberdeen, SD; Ron (Jamie) Van Hoorn Jr. of Milbank, SD; Dan (Michelle) Van Hoorn of Milbank, SD; stepchildren: Rita Geyer of Milbank, SD; Lynn (Chad) Wientjes of Milbank, SD; Jenny Wellnitz of Milbank, SD; Robert Wellnitz of Milbank, SD; 24 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; 10 siblings: Gerry Martell of Watertown, SD; Norma (Larry) Peters of Milbank, SD; Richard (Doris) Van Hoorn of Texas; Susan (Jack) Hippen of Milbank, SD; Jim (Dorothy) Van Hoorn of Estelline, SD; Fred (Phyllis) Van Hoorn of Milbank, SD; Eileen (Rich) Olson of Colorado; Patty (Brian) Hill of Savage, MN; John (Kathy) Van Hoorn of Willmar, MN; and Joe (Barb) Van Hoorn of Minneapolis, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Sherri; and one son, Walter. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the American Lutheran Church in Milbank with the Reverend Carl Larson officiating. Visitation was at the church on Wednesday from 5:00–7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Visitation continued on Thursday one hour prior to the service. Military honors were provided by the American Legion, Birch-Miller Post #9, VFW Grant County Post #3486, VVA Northeast SD Chapter #1054, and DAV Chapter #19. Music was provided by MacKayla McKinney and Lindsey Geyer. Pall bearers were Floyd Hermans, Bernard Hermans, Tony Folk, Todd Sprung, Jim Speidel, Dale Hermans, and Verlyn Pierce. Honorary bearers were Ron's grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and his siblings.



**DONALD J. "Chief" VOLLMER** - Died Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at the UPMC Hamot, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. He was a resident of Millcreek Township and Erie, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Erie on May 6, 1952 to the late Gilbert L. and Dorothy R. (née Fischer) Vollmer. Donald was in the United States Navy from May 1972 until May 1993. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #73, VFW, American Legion Millcreek Post #773, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Erie Chapter #435**, Sons of Lake Erie, Eagles Club, Moose Club, Siebenbuerger Singing Society, and the Keystone State Elk Foundation. Donald enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Cleveland Indians. Donald is survived by his son, Kevin J. Vollmer (Amy) of Drayden, Md.; brothers, Gilbert L. Vollmer of Erie, and Ronald L. Vollmer (Lee Schlosser) of Sarasota, Fla.; and grandchildren, Kaitlyn A., Dylan J. and Jaxson L. Vollmer, all of Drayden, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends were invited to attend a graveside service in the Chapel at Erie County Memorial Gardens on Friday at 1:00 PM. Military honors were rendered by the American Legion Millcreek Post #773. Arrangements were being handled by the Dusckas Funeral Home, Inc., 2607 Buffalo Road. Memorial contributions may be designated to Disabled American Veterans, 135 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16504, or to the West Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, 3142 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16506.

**BARRY LYNN WALKER, SR.** - Died at his home in Gnadenhutten, Ohio on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the age of 69. The cause of death was positional asphyxiation due to being trapped in a well in a body position whereby he could not breathe adequately. He was born on May 29, 1947 in Dennison, Ohio to the late Howard Marion "Bud" and Evelyn Marie (née Fisher) Walker. Barry

was a 1965 graduate of Tuscarawas High School before proudly serving his country in the United States Army, including a year in Vietnam. Upon his return home, he began his 22-year career as an engineer with the railroad until his retirement in the late 80s. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857*. He was active in Journey Through Faith, and was a past assistant treasurer and trustee for the Tuscarawas County Genealogical Society. On December 23, 1966, Barry married the former Christy Jean Baker with whom he celebrated 50 years of loving marriage this winter. She survives him along with their sons, Barry (Holly) Walker, Jr., Bob (Jan) Walker, and Bryon (Tracy) Walker; 11 grandchildren, Christina (Andre) Servais, Jeffrey (Ashley) Walker, Sara (T.J.) Johnson, Brennen Walker, Dylan Walker, Tyler Walker, Jamie Wade, Hunter McGuire, Kaleb Walker, Solomon Walker, and Micaiah Walker; and 3 great-grandchildren. Barry is also survived by his brother, Lanny (Denise) Walker; sister, Jody (Philip) Meyers; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Rick and Melissa Baker and Charlie and Kathy Baker; and several nieces and nephews. Pastor Seth Filburn officiated over an 11:00 AM funeral on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Gnadenhutten United Methodist Church. Interment was in the Gnadenhutten-Clay Union Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 5:00-8:00 PM on Thursday at the R.K. Lindsey Funeral Home in Dennison. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Journey Through Faith or Tuscarawas County Genealogical Library.



**RICHARD A. WALTER** - Died Friday, June 23, 2017 in New Paris, Pennsylvania at the age of 68, after a two year battle with cancer. He was born on May 16, 1949, in Altoona, Pennsylvania to the late Harry R. and Gladys (née Snyder) Walter. On July 19, 2015, in New Paris, he married Rita Ibarra who survives along with a brother, Harry R. Walter, Jr. and wife Carol (Miller), of Hummelstown, two nieces Tina (Corle) Baham of Bedford and Amanda (Walter) Mannion and husband Matthew, of Hershey, one nephew, Harry R. Walter III and wife Shana (Pugh) of Etters; four great nieces, Kaitlin Baham, Elizabeth, Madelyn and Samantha Mannion, and one great-nephew Harry R. Walter IV. Richard retired as a Plant Manager from Lane Metal in 2005. He was a United States Army Veteran that served in Vietnam. He was a member of the BCVVA, Schellsburg VFW Post #4440, Bedford American Legion Post #113, Moose Lodge #480 and the New Baltimore Sportsman Club. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172*. He enjoyed hunting and golfing. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM, in the chapel, at the Timothy A. Berkebile Funeral Home, in Bedford, with the Reverend Sandra Ibarra officiating. Burial at Bedford County Memorial Park, with full military rites was conducted by the Fort Bedford Honor Guard. Friends were received on Tuesday, from 6:00-8:00 PM and on Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Richard's name to Love, Inc., 80 State Street, Everett, PA 15537 or The Bedford County Humane Society, 1108 Lutzville Road, Everett, PA 15537. Our online guest book is available at [www.berkebilefuneralhome.com](http://www.berkebilefuneralhome.com).

**ROGER ALLEN WALTERS** – Died Friday, June 16, 2017 at his residence in Newark, Ohio at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newark on January 19, 1953. He served in the United States Navy from 28 May 1970 to 1974 with service in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. The Brucker and Kishler Funeral Home, 985 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Newark assisted the family with the arrangements.



**RONALD D. WARGAS** - Died Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt, New York at the age of 75. He was a resident of Carmel, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 19, 1941 to the late Joseph and Beatrice (née Azzato) Vargas. He proudly served our Country with the United States Air Force from 1960-1980. He was a *Permanently Hospital Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. On November 19, 1974 he married the love of his life, Catherine A Ciano in Anchorage, Alaska and together they were blessed with two sons; Thomas and John. Before he retired in 2004 he was a Security Guard and was employed by Unisys Corp., in Great Neck, NY. In his spare time he enjoyed bowling and was an avid fan of both the NY Yankee's and the NY Jets, but most of all he enjoyed spending his time with his family and friends. Ronald is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years; Catherine, his two loving sons; Thomas His Wife Jessica Vargas and John Vargas. He is also survived by his cherished grandson Ryan, whom he adored. He is predeceased by his beloved brother, James. He will be dearly missed by all who had known and loved him, yet his legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in our hearts. A visitation was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Cargain Funeral Homes, Inc., 10 Fowler Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512. A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Ronald's life will take place on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 11:30 AM at Our Lady of the Lakes/Mt. Carmel, 1 Noonan Drive, Carmel, NY 10512. Interment of cremains was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Mr. Vargas honor can be made to: VFW Post #1374, Post Office Box 984, Carmel, NY 10512.



**DARRELL L. "Dan" WEBSTER** – Died on Monday, March 20, 2017 in Cedar City, Utah at the age of 72. The cause of death was a rare, aggressive cancer of the brain - glioblastoma. He was born on Mother's Day, May 14, 1944, a blonde, blue-eyed boy was born in Los Angeles, California, and he was named Darrell "Dan" L. Webster. He did not quite make it to this year's Mother's Day (also May 14<sup>th</sup>) because a rare, aggressive cancer of the brain (Glioblastoma) brought him down at the home of his sister. His parents passed in the 1970s and his older brother, Craig, died at birth in 1939, but the rest of his family remains: Claudia "Penny" Webster-Scholten (Donald) of Cedar City; his nieces, Jill Scholten of Murray and Monica Wurm (Joseph) of Cedar City; and a close cousin Lora L. Spencer of Fort Collins, Colorado. His life was typical for a young boy in Fullerton, California: attending elementary, junior high, and high



school, and body-surfing the waves in nearby Newport and Corona del Mar in summers and on most weekends. He entered the United States Air Force Strategic Air Command in 1965, with tours of duty in Thailand, California, and Mississippi, reaching the rank of Sergeant. Though generally a quiet and reserved man, he could become a joker with his friends and family wherever they happened to be. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**. He attended Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona, and became a real estate appraiser working for his brother-in-law in Prescott where he met his future wife. Later he appraised in southern California, advancing to Branch Manager at Beverly Hills Savings and then to Vice President of Security First National Bank and Bank of America. Moving to Tucson, Arizona, in 1995, he returned to academia as a student when he enrolled and completed studies at the Desert Institute of the Healing Arts, a college of massage therapy, graduating at the top of his class. Following his graduation he studied neuromuscular therapy (NT) and worked at Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort while also operating his own clinic of massage and NT in Tucson. He retired in 2000 and moved to Cedar City where he could hike the many nearby trails and visit with his extended families (the Websters and the Sherratts). He divorced in 2005 and was in the process of remodeling his home in Fiddlers Canyon. When the Pura Vida College of Massage Therapy opened in Cedar City he became a much admired NT Instructor. Several times a year (for five or six years) he also traveled to the Costa Rica School of Massage Therapy in Samara, Costa Rica, where he taught functional anatomy and NT as a visiting teacher. During the months back in Cedar City he continued to tour his favorite places, eventually becoming a tour guide for Southern Utah Scenic Tours. In that capacity he led tours of Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef, Arches, and Canyonlands National Parks, describing the unique features and geology of each place as well as the culture and history of areas along the routes. Dan was always present when anyone called for assistance, be it computer trouble, automobile repair, household emergencies, muscular distress, or whatever other reason that required an expert to fix. And, as a gifted public speaker, he would have audiences roaring with laughter while he kept a straight face. As a distinguished and tall, slender, handsome, and kind man, he will be missed by all who knew and loved him, and his family will grieve for years to come. A celebration of his life is planned for mid-May of this year.



**CARL HOWARD WHATELEY** - Died Thursday, December 22, 2016 at Mercy Medical Hospital in Merced, California at the age of 77, surrounded by his loving family and friends. The cause of death was hypoxic brain injury, cardiopulmonary arrest, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease due to heavy tobacco use, and type II diabetes. He was born on February 21, 1939 in Landis, New Jersey to the late William Whateley and Delores (née Otto) Whateley and was raised in Florida with siblings William, Kenny and Beverly. Carl served 28 years Active duty in the United States Air Force beginning as Airman Basic and retired from Castle AFB at the rank of SMSGT. His career and travels through Philippines, Thailand, Okinawa, and Diego Garcia and the states made many lifelong friends and relations. He continued to work, becoming a lifelong member of the VFW Post #7792, American Legion Post #668, Mule Deer Foundation, NRA, and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - California**. He wrapped his arms around those in his life. We celebrate his life as an outdoor enthusiast and passionate family man. Carl is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kazuko "Tina" Whateley; daughters: Margaret (Frank) Fields, Valerie (Brian) Wilson,

Sandra Peters and Lynn Whateley; His Grandchildren: Kayla, Jessie, Jessica (Andy), Kyle and Aleesha. He is further survived by five great-grandchildren, a brother, Kenny Sloan, 3 sisters in Texas, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, William and sister, Beverly. A memorial service was held on Friday at 10:00 AM, January 6, 2017 at Ivers and Alcorn Funeral Home, 901 West Main Street in Merced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Veterans or the charity of your choice.



**CHRISTOPHER ARTHUR WILLIAMS** – Died Tuesday, March 25, 2014 in Hawthorne, California at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 13, 1948 at Saint John's Hospital in Santa Monica, California to Arthur and Nikie Williams. He was the first born of two children. He is survived by his son, Jason; his sister, Stacey; his nieces, Andrea, Kyla, and Kory; his brothers-in-law Mike, Dan, Kurt; his sisters-in-law, Karen, Kathleen; and his lifelong friend Larry. He was best known to his friends and family as Chrissy and Weasel. Chris spent his educational years within Manhattan Beach, graduating from Mira Costa High School in 1966. His first job was a box boy at Von's Supermarket. Chris served his country in the United States Army and was wounded in combat in the Vietnam War and for that, he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53*. He began his career as a truck driver for B.D. White Top Soil where he worked for 40 years, achieving the position of supervisor. Chris married Kathy on May 7, 1977 in Manhattan Beach, CA. Chris and Kathy welcomed their son Jason Christopher into the world on January 11, 1983. He loved to surf, charcoal barbeque, cruise to Mexico, his plumerias, Levi's, OP corduroy shorts, drink beer with friends, his mustache and hang out with his kitties. His ability to fix anything and his unique sense of humor will be incredibly missed. Kathy passed on October 15, 2013; their journey of life together was truly memorable as the couple who entertained the best, 141<sup>st</sup> Street block parents, and loving individuals. Please go to Rice Mortuary's website, [www.LAfuneral.com](http://www.LAfuneral.com) to send the family messages and to share memories.



**CARL R. WILSON** - Died at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at the Sparta Community Hospital in Sparta, Illinois at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 12, 1945 in West Frankfort, Illinois to Charles A. and the late Bonnie (née Stewart) Wilson. Carl married Teresa B. Mathews on December 9, 1983 in Chester, Illinois. She preceded him in death on December 20, 2006. Carl worked at McDaniel Funeral Homes, LTD and served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a Gold Legacy Life Member of the Sparta VFW, Life Member of the AMVETS, Redhorse Association and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269*. Survivors include his father, Charles A. Wilson, of Sparta, IL; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lois J. (Richard) McDaniel, of

Sparta, IL, Rita F. (Pierre) Slatier, of Grain Valley, MO, and; one brother and sister-in-law, Allen D. (Joann) Wilson, of Sparta, IL. Carl was preceded in death by his mother; step-mother, Jean Wilson; his wife, Teresa B. Wilson, and; an infant daughter, Tina Jo Wilson. Memorials may be given to the Randolph County Humane Society. Visitation hours were on Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 10:00 AM until the hour of the service at the McDaniel Funeral Home, Sparta. The funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 3, 2011 at the McDaniel Funeral Home, Sparta. The interment was in at Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta, IL.



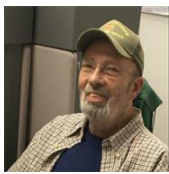
**DONALD R. "Don" WILSON** - Died Friday, July 21, 2017 in Kettering, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Red Ash, Tennessee on June 4, 1950 to the late Charles and Ima Jean Wilson. Don served our country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of the **Miami Valley Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97** and the NRA. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his wife, Miku Wilson, and son, Alexander Wilson. He is survived by his close friends, Shirley Garringer and David Fuchs; his sisters, Betty and Linda Wilson; brothers, Danny Wilson and Benny Wilson (Tonya); nephews, Travis Wilson, Trey Wilson (Cecilia) and Donnie Hoch (Robin); a host of other family and friends. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 31, 2017 at the Dayton National Cemetery, 4400 West Third Street, Dayton, OH 45428. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #97, P.O. Box 2707, Dayton, OH 45401-2707. The arrangements were made by the George C. Martin Funeral Home, "Northridge Chapel," Dayton. Condolences can be shared at [www.georgecmartinfuneralhome.com](http://www.georgecmartinfuneralhome.com).

**PATRICIA A. WILSON** - Died recently in 2017 in Lincoln University, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on November 6, 1942 in Passaic, New Jersey. She served in the United States Navy from December 6, 1963 to December 21, 1964. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparrows Point (Maryland) Chapter #965**.



**JESSE JAMES WINBURN, JR.** – Died Saturday, February 25, 2017 in Madison, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related acute myocardial infarction and ischemic coronary artery disease. He was born on July 19, 1947 in Florence, Alabama to the late Jesse James Winburn, Sr. and Pearl Lee (née Hawkins) Winburn. His two brothers, Leon Winburn and Clyde Winburn also preceded him in death. At an early age, Jesse accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and united with Greater Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church. While living in Michigan, he united with Second Baptist Church and was a faithful member. Jesse organized the first Male Usher Board and was President. In 1999, he joined First Missionary Baptist Church where he was an active member until his untimely death. He was a very dedicated driver for the Bus Ministry. Upon graduating from high school, he was

drafted into the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (Big Red One) as an Air Traffic Controller. After completing his tour of duty, he resided in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Jesse began his career at Ford Motor Company Plastics Plant in Saline, Michigan where he retired with 32 years as a Final Inspector for Quality Control traveling to various plants throughout the United States and Canada. During his tenure at Ford Motor Company he completed a two-year program in Preventive Recurrence. After retiring, he moved his family to Madison, Alabama and several years later he became a bus driver for Madison City Schools and retired in 2014. Jesse was committed and dedicated to service and was a substitute driver when needed until the Lord called him home. Jesse was an active *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067** and he was also a member of the American Legion Post #229. He loved people and never met a stranger and he was always a man of his word. He enjoyed traveling, working in his yard, bowling and especially family. Jesse was married to Carmeleita (née Johnson) Winburn and they celebrated 31 years of marriage on February 18<sup>th</sup>. He loved his wife dearly and you would never see one without the other, because they were inseparable. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Carmeleita Winburn of Madison, AL; three sons: Noah (Brandi) Winburn of Athens, AL, Mario Winburn of Minneapolis, MN and Mark Winburn of Louisville, KY; two sisters: Kathleen Harris of Bensenville, IL and Carolyn (Aaron) King of Schaumburg, IL; one brother: William (Mattie) Winburn of Elmwood Park, IL; three sisters-in-law: Clara Winburn of Ypsilanti, MI, Bridget Johnson of Redford, MI and Melanie Davis of Florissant, MO. He also leaves a devoted cousin, Joan Pugh of Nashville, TN; a special adopted brother, Paul Thompson, Jr. of Florence, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The funeral service was on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 1:00 PM at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road NW - Huntsville, AL) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating. Mr. Winburn was placed in the church one hour prior to the funeral service. Interment location was in the Huntsville Memory Gardens. Visitation hours were on Friday, March 3, 2017 from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.



**JAMES LEON “Jimmy” WOOLARD** - Died Saturday, March 4, 2017 in Winterville, North Carolina at the age of 70, with his wife, Catherine by his side. The cause of death was squamous cell cancer of the left lung which spread to the right lung. He was born in Beaufort County, North Carolina on March 15, 1946 to the late Leon R. Woolard and Kathleen (née Elks) Woolard. He was a veteran of the United States Army when he served his country during the Vietnam War 1967-68. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Catherine E. Woolard; children, Shelia Parker, Amy Woolard and Neal Woolard and wife, Rena; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; good friend, Lee Garrish and sister, Susan Woolard Ransom. The family would like to express their appreciation for their compassionate care to Dr. Paul Walker and staff at the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center. The funeral service was held on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM

at the Farmer Funeral Service-Ayden. The burial was in the Winterville Cemetery. The family received friends on Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home.

**A.B. WRIGHT** – Died recently in 2017 in Winchester, Indiana at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 5, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777**.

**JOHN ROBERT “Bobby” WRIGHT** - Died Sunday, June 25, 2017 at his home in Kingsport, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 11, 1946 in Kingsport to the late John and Mildred Wright. He was also predeceased by his son, Dwight, Gentry; his brother, Jack Wright, and; his Aunt Erma Statzer and Uncle Charles Statzer who raised him. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. Bobby is survived by his wife, Clara Lee Wright; three daughters, Tina, Deanna, and Elizabeth; three sons, Bobby and wife, Monica, David and wife, Courtney, and Michael; special grandson, Bubba; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mavis Kitzmiller, Ruth Overbey, Betty Wallace, and Henrietta Crigger; special sister-in-law, Rose Zella Wright; and several nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday at the Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home, Kingsport. The service was at 7:00 PM. The graveside service was conducted at 11:00 AM on Thursday at East Tennessee Cemetery with military honors conducted by The American Legion, Posts #3/265. Family and friends served as pallbearers.



**LEROY YOUNGER** - Died Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center after a long battle with cancer. He was 68 years of age and a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. He was born on June 25, 1948 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Walter Younger and Elizabeth Selene (née Smith) Younger. He was also preceded in death by three sisters: Mary Jane Beckwith, Wilma Jean Younger, and Florence Meade; and a brother: Norman Younger, Sr. A graduate of Allegany High School, Class of 1966, Leroy was a United States Marine Corps Veteran serving two tours during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Maryland State Highway Administration. Leroy was a member of the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church where he was a Trustee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172**; a former member of the Ridgeley American Legion Post #136; and Past Commander of the Fulton Myers Post #153 American Legion. Leroy was an avid gambler and loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing softball and coaching children's basketball. Leroy was also a staff member for the CUIA Youth Group where he mentored youth. Leroy is survived by his wife of 14 years: Sheila (née Washington) Younger; his daughters: Shanetta Younger and Monica Younger; his stepdaughter: Tammy Hilton; and his stepsons: Stephen Washington and wife, Shari; and James Hilton, Jr., and wife, Mary. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Timmy and Tony Ampey; Stephen Washington, Jr.; Briannah Alger; Demetrius Hilton; and Desirae Hilton. Leroy is also survived by his brothers: Walter “Eggy” Younger and wife, Barbara; William Younger and friend, Genevieve;

Dwight Younger; and Lionel Younger; his sisters: Mary Barnett; Angela Nicholson and husband, Floyd; Virginia Jessie; Frances Sell; Norma Younger; Linda Whitehead and husband, Glander; and Deborah Moore and husband, Darryl; his special friends: James Simmons and wife, Barbara; William "Mr. Bill;" and Danny Darr; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD on Thursday, June 15, 2017, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Friday, June 16, 2017, at 12:00 Noon with Reverend Dr. J. Anthony Josey officiating. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap, Maryland. The pallbearers were Simeon Younger, Travis Jessie, Stephen Washington, Sr., Michael Fields, Patrick Younger, and Todd Blowe. The honorary pallbearer was Demetrius Hilton. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard.

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

**FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.**

**National Chaplain**