GEORGE W. ABBOTT – Died recently in 2019 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 10, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49.

HENRY JOHN ALVARADO – Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 10, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.

DANIEL D. ANTICO, SR. - Died Saturday, October 5, 2019 in Glendora, New Jersey at the age of 73. He was formerly of Oaklyn, New Jersey. The cause of death was a heart attack and cancer. He was born in Camden, New Jersey on January 2, 1946. He was the loving father of Danette Antico, of Runnemede, NJ and Daniel D. Antico, Jr., of Oaklyn, NJ; dear brother of Vincent Antico, of Woodbine, NJ; loving grandfather of Kayla, Savannah, Mya and Angelina, and; leaves behind many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Daniel was a proud United States Navy Veteran who served during the Vietnam War. He was a retiree of the C.C.S.D and a volunteer fireman for Oaklyn. He was well known at the Glendora VFW Post #0281 and a member of the Oaklyn VFW Post #4463. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068. Daniel will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Family and friends were invited to Daniel’s visitation on Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Creran Funeral Home, 400 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn, NJ 08107. His funeral service was at 8:00 PM at the funeral home. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Daniel’s memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

CHARLES THOMAS “Chuck” ARMBRUSTER, JR. - Died peacefully Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in Wilmington, Delaware at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and leukemia. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on June 1, 1949 to the late Margaret (née Gallagher) and Charles Thomas Armbruster, Sr. Chuck was a 1968 graduate of Claymont High School. He was a proud United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He retired from Edgemoor Dupont after 32 years of service. Chuck was very active in the community: American Legion Post #18, Sons of the American Legion Squadron #18, VFW Post #5447, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lewes Chapter #1105 and Del Vets Post #1. He was the State Commander of the American Legion in 1998 – 99 and was currently a member of the Governor’s Commission of Veteran Affairs. He was also active in Brandywine Little League, the Romeo Club and Crestview Pool. Several of Chuck’s favorite legion programs were American Legion baseball, Boy’s State and The Oratorical Program. In addition to his parents, Chuck is predeceased by his brother, James Russell Armbruster and his sisters, Margarella Armbruster and Mary Helen Peko. He is survived by his loving wife of 42
years, Patricia; his children, Chip (Sarah), Katie Socorso (Vince) and Carrie Sawyer (Paul); five grandchildren, Lily and Charlotte Armbruster, Porter Sawyer, and Charlie and Drew Socorso, and; his brother, Joseph Surace. Survivors also include his brothers-in-law, Ray Tomasetti (Christine) and Rich Tomasetti (Tracy); his niece, Amanda Tomasetti, and; his nephews Jeff, Michael and Christopher Tomasetti. He will be missed by all who knew him. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at Holy Rosary Church, 3200 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, DE. Family and friends were invited to his visitation at the church on Monday, July 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and on Tuesday, July 2nd from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. A committal service was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday July 11, 2019 at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery, Bear, Delaware. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Holy Rosary Church, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1300 North Grant Avenue, Suite #100, Wilmington DE 19806 or Child Welfare Foundation, c/o American Legion Department of Delaware, PO Box 930, Seaford, DE 19973-0930.

ELDON LYLE ARMSTRONG (USN, LCDR- Ret.) - Died Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in Grand Prairie, Texas at the age of 87, from bone cancer. He was born on January 6, 1932. Eldon lived a full and rich life. Eldon enlisted in the United States Navy in 1949. He served his country as an air traffic controller aboard aircraft carriers in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He received numerous medals for his distinguished service. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander and retired after 27 years of service. While in the military, he earned his pilot’s license. He loved soaring though the clouds and later taught others the joy of flying as a flight instructor. He was a member of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW); Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA); Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Grand Prairie Chapter #1013 (VVA); Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and; the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). He continued to serve his community as a volunteer with the DAV, serving on the Executive Committee as the State Adjutant. He also volunteered with the VA North Texas Health care system and the AARP Tax-Aid TCE preparing taxes for seniors. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Alice Faye Armstrong; his younger sister, Evelyn Jo McKenzie; six children, Tim Armstrong (spouse Romalee Armstrong), Debra Armstrong, Teri Armstrong, Max Shuppert (spouse Jane Deeken), Tamara Pereira and Sharon Shuppert (spouse Frank Cheff); 16 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren, and; 14 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Sue Farris and Betty Brown and by one beloved grandson, Timothy Armstrong, Jr. He will always be loved and remembered by his family and many friends. May he rest in peace. There was a memorial service on Sunday, July 28th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Veterans Park Event Center, located at 925 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX, 75051. All were welcome to join the family in celebrating his life, while mourning this great loss with loved ones and friends.
MICHAEL STONE “Mike” ARNOLD - Died Tuesday, October 23, 2018 in Southeast Alabama Medical Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Enterprise, Alabama. He was born on August 9, 1947 to the late George Richard Arnold and Florence (née Stone) Taylor-Arnold. Mike served in the United States Army for three years and spent one year in Vietnam. He came home and dedicated his life to service. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373*. He was a special needs teacher at Hillcrest, an assistant principal at Enterprise High School for nine years and then principal at Rucker Blvd. He dedicated the rest of his life serving his church and volunteering throughout the community. He was man of great faith, strong character, and quick wit. He loved his family and had a heart for serving the Lord. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Morgan Elizabeth Arnold, his mother and father, George Richard Arnold and Florence Stone Taylor. Survivors include his wife, Roberta (née Breckenridge) Arnold, Enterprise, AL; three children, Amy Arnold Rasmussen (Niel) Headland, AL; Captain (USN) George Richard Arnold II (Robbin) Springfield, VA; Margery Arnold Zimmerman (Ellington) Enterprise, AL; six grandchildren, Haley Nicole Rasmussen; Megan Renee Rasmussen; Marie Lizbeth Rasmussen; Michael Stone Arnold II; Hosana Toussiant Zimmerman; Enoch Rudo Zimmerman. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Friday, October 26, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church with Reverends Tonya Elmore and Billy Lutrell co-officiating. The burial was in the Meadowlawn Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service.

BOBBIE LEE ASHCRAFT - Died Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the Hospice of West Alabama at the age of 81. He was a resident of the Clara Verner Towers in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was born in Coker, Alabama on May 1, 1938 to the late Herman and Evelyn Ashcraft. He was also predeceased by his son, Tony Ashcraft of Northport. He is survived by two sons, Mike Ashcraft of Brookwood, AL and Chipper Ashcraft of Tampa, FL; one brother, Ray Ashcraft of Pepperell, MA; one sister, Gay Bannerman (T.A.) of Coker, AL, and; one granddaughter, Maranda Ashcraft. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301*. He was a member of Sandy Springs United Methodist Church in Northport. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at the Big Creek Cemetery in Coker, AL with Brother Jerry Skinner officiating. The Magnolia Chapel Funeral Home North was in charge of the arrangements. Visitation hours were from 12:30–1:30 PM on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at Magnolia North. Special thanks to his caregiver, Bobby at the Clara Verner Towers.

HENRY L. BENNETT – Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 24, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of *Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080*.

JOHN M. BERNAS – Died recently in 2019 in the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 23, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967*. 
EDWARD “Ed” BERNSTEIN - Died Thursday, June 20, 2019 in Brighton Rehab and Wellness Center at the age of 94. He was a resident of Brighton Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on October 3, 1924 in Youngstown, Ohio to the late Joseph I. and Kathleen Louise (née Byrne) Bernstein. He was a veteran of World War II have served in the United States Army Air Corps as a waist gunner and radio operator. He served his country a second time with two tours of duty in Vietnam in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War as a radio operator and radio repairman. Upon his return to the states he joined the Air National Guard until his retirement. He was a Charter Member and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862, Southwestern Pennsylvania, and a Life Member of the Rochester VFW. He was a member of Chippewa United Methodist Church and had retired from Republic Steel Corporation. He was also an amateur astronomer. He is survived by his dear wife of 72 years, Mary Alice Wood Bernstein, his three children, Joseph N. Bernstein, Sr., Mineral Ridge, Ohio, Karen Smith and her husband Doug Brown, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, Melinda K. Bernstein, Silver Spring, Maryland, two grandchildren, Joseph N. Bernstein, Jr., Jennifer Bernstein, three great-grandchildren, and four sisters, Katherine Elman, Ann Lee Zercher, both of Chicago, Illinois, Margaret Shuler and Joan Taylor, both of Youngstown, Ohio. Friends were received on Friday, June 28, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Hill and Kunselman Funeral Home, www.hillandkunselman.com, 3801 Fourth Avenue, College Hill, Beaver Falls. The funeral service was held in the funeral home on Friday at 8:00 PM with Pastor Lonnie Hogue, a member of VVA Chapter #862 officiating. Private interment was in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania. The Rochester VFW conducted a service in the funeral home at 6:15 PM on Friday. The Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #862 had a white rose ceremony at 7:00 PM. The Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #862 conducted full military rites at 7:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Ed may be to VVA - Chapter #862., P.O. Box 26, Rochester, PA 15074.

ROBERT J. BERRUTI - Died Friday, July 12, 2019 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 14, 1944 in Oneonta, New York. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036.

ROBERT OWEN “Bob” BIANCO - Died Thursday, October 18, 2018 in Mount Vernon, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was head trauma from an automobile accident, death resulting. Bob was born on December 10, 1947 in Bronxville, New York to the late Victor and Helen Bianco. He served proudly in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from February 13, 1968 to October 11, 1969 and was a member of the Yonkers VFW for many years. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49. Bob worked as a carpenter for the Mount Vernon Board of Education before his retirement. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 31 years Carol; his mother, Helen; his daughter, Jeanette; his sister, Jane,
WALTER BISMARK – Died recently in 2019 in the Westchester County Home in Pleasantville, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 12, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49.

JAMES C. “Doc” BRANIGAN - Died Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, New Jersey at the age of 71. He was a resident of Oakhurst, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in North Attleboro, Massachusetts on July 14, 1948 to the late George and Winona Branigan. He had lived in Oceanport, New Jersey before moving to Oakhurst in 1974. Doc was a Police Officer for the Borough Interlaken for 27 years retiring in 2001. He served our Country honorable in the United States Navy and was a member of the VFW Post #2226 in Oakhurst, the American Legion and a Free and Accepted 32nd Degree Mason. He was also a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12. Surviving are his wife, Patricia Branigan and his two brothers, George H. Branigan, Jr. and Steven Branigan. All services were held privately. Letters of condolence may be sent through the web at www.damianofuneralhome.com.

LEE RALPH BROLL – Died peacefully on Wednesday March 28, 2018 in Lisbon, Connecticut at the age of 74, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Cerebrovascular Accident, Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease, Diabetes Mellitus-Type II, Atrial Fibrillation and PTSD. He was born on February 7, 1944 in Manchester, Connecticut to the late Ralph Q. and Annabelle C. (née Lee) Broll. On August 6, 1969 he was married to Josephine S. (née Wybraniec) Broll. She survives him. Lee served his country honorably within the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he received a Purple Heart. He was proud to be a Paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division and the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a Life Member and Past President of both the Vietnam Veterans of America – Southeastern Connecticut (Norwich) – Chapter #270 and the Vietnam Veterans of America – Connecticut State Council. After serving his country, Lee worked at United Nuclear and worked for 25 years at Foxwoods Casino, within the Security Department. He really enjoyed the time spent joking with his coworkers. When not working, or spending time with his family, Lee enjoyed hunting, fishing and driving his 1965 Ford Mustang. In addition to his wife Josephine,
he is survived by his daughters, Lynn Fortin and husband William, Mary Broll-Lizotte and Tammy Yates; his brother, Daniel Izzarelli, and; his grandchildren, Melissa Seagraves, Ernest DeGunia and Kelsea Yates. Lee is predeceased by his brother Fred Izzarelli and his sister, Lynn Vanase. Calling hours were held from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Gagne-Piechowski Funeral Home, 490 Voluntown Road, Jewett City, CT with Full Military Honors. The burial was private and at the convenience of the family. For online condolences please go to www.gagnepiechowski.com.

MICHAEL EVAN “Mike” BROWN - Died Saturday, April 20, 2019 at home in Burdett, New York at the age of 73, surrounded by loving family and friends after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born on October 1, 1945 at Shepard Niles Hospital in Montour Falls, New York to the late Harold Evan Brown and Frances Sarah (née Ward) Brown. Michael attended Odessa-Montour Central School and transported propane for Griffith Energy. He served honorably with the United States Army from 1966-1968. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Michael was a fun-loving person who loved tinkering in the garage, chasing the sun and listening to music while drinking beer with friends and family. He spent many hours boating on Seneca Lake. He will be forever missed. He is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Gina (née Scuteri) Brown; son, Aaron Michael Brown (Sarah Randall); daughters, Carie Lyn Buisch (Scott Cleveland), Brooke Tiffany Brown, Harley Jean Brown, and Abelgayle Parker; sisters, Peg Kay States (Claire Gunning) and Susan Jelliff (Ron); grandchildren, Joe Brown, Sheode Brown, Courtney Brown, Titus Buisch and Taryn Buisch; and four great-grandchildren. A graveside service with military honors was held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Woodlawn National Cemetery, 1825 Davis Street, Elmira. A celebration of Michael’s life was followed at 4:00 PM at the Burdett Fire Department. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #803, 1200 Davis Street, Elmira, NY 14901, or the Burdett Fire Department, P.O. Box 238, Burdett, NY 14818.

NELWYN TERESA (née Fulton) BURNS – Died Monday, January 18, 2016 in Plano, Texas at the age of 83, surrounded by her family. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on December 24, 1932 in Denton, Texas to the late Charles Elwyn Fulton and Emmabel (née Rogers) Fulton-Crouch. She was a nurse, loving mom, grandmother and United States Air Force wife. Formerly of Texarkana, Arkansas, she had lived in Dallas, TX since 2012. She grew up on several ranches in West Texas where her father was a foreman of the ranches. She was a graduate of Scott and White School of Nursing. Where upon graduation she began her career at St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana, AR where she met and married her husband Raymond, who
she lovingly and proudly supported in his 26 years of service in the United States Air Force. She was an avid Notre Dame, New Orleans Saints, Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs fan. She was a devoted Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana (Texas) Chapter #278 where alongside her husband she spent countless volunteer hours to help all Veterans in their time of need, especially bringing home POW-MIA's back to the USA. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 48 years Master Sergeant (Retired) Raymond L. Burns. She was predeceased by her parents, mother Emmabel (Rogers) Fulton Crouch and father Charles Elwyn Fulton and stepfather Hugh Crouch. She leaves behind five children and their spouses, Jacqueline and Calvin Smith, of Texarkana, AR, Marilyn Burns and Lance Fenney, of Longmont, CO, Tommy and Tammy Burns, of Longview, TX, Valerie and Billy Martin, of Allen, TX and Justin and Christina Burns, of Dallas, TX; also fifteen grandchildren, and; two very special great-grandchildren, Joshua Smith and Olivia Martin. She was a devoted Catholic and lived her last three years at Saint Joseph's Residence, Inc. in Dallas, TX where she was cared for lovingly by the Bethlemite sisters, while there she loved trivia, current events, bingo, audio books, gardening and children's choirs who came to sing for the residents. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 24, 2016 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM with the recitation of the Rosary at 3:00 PM. The funeral service was on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Gonzalez Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 3050 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX. The committal service was at 1:30 PM at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway. She was loved greatly by many people and will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations were requested to be made to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #278, Texarkana, TX or Saint Joseph's Residence, Inc Dallas, TX.

LEONARD CONLEY BURBACH – Died Tuesday, January 1, 2019 in Waterloo, Nebraska at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Yankton, South Dakota on April 5, 1948 to the late Leonard and Theresa (née Conley) Burbach. He lived the first six years of his life in Cedar County, Nebraska. When almost six, his family relocated to Norfolk, Nebraska, which he considered his hometown. He attended Catholic Schools there, graduating from Burns High School in 1966. He attended Norfolk Junior College for one year. He was inducted into the United States Army in February of 1968 and served in the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa. He toured the country on a “chopper” (souped-up motorcycle) in the mid-1970s. He visited many relatives in the process and took on odd jobs to support himself. Years later he referred to motorcycles as “suicide machines” and sold the last one he had after someone rear-ended him. In his younger adult years, he enjoyed camping, hunting, and fishing. He returned to Nebraska, working at Omaha Stationery for many years. In later years he worked driving a bus for Omaha Public Schools. He was fond of his Burns High School classmates and was grateful to touch base with many of them at his 50th class reunion in 2016. He suffered poor health and credits the VA medical system for keeping him alive for many, many years. He attended family holiday gatherings as his health and the weather permitted. The last family gathering he was able to participate in was Thanksgiving 2018 with siblings and other family members. It should be noted that good friends, Jack and Lisa Hollins of Little Sioux, IA were very supportive of him for decades and were particularly helpful as his health declined. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Theresa (Conley) Burbach; and siblings Kenneth and Jay. He is survived by
siblings, Rich Burbach, of Central City, NE, Jodi Christensen, of Waterloo, NE and Nancy (Mel) Schaecher, of Battle Creek, NE; four nieces; three nephews, and; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 11, 2019 at the Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home. Inurnment was at the Omaha National Cemetery at a later date.

BENFORD O'NEIL BYRD (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, July 31, 2019 in Northport, Alabama at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 5, 1939. Bessie Kay Byrd, wife of fifty-eight years, preceded him in death on May 10, 2017. They are survived by daughters, Marsha Januskiewickz (Jim), Annette Peters and Linda Lockard; son, Randy Byrd (Janet); grandchildren, Jessica Trainor, Joshua Lockard, Cassandra Heilner, Garrett Lockard, Kathrine Germany, Kayley Peters, Jacob Byrd, Emily Peters and Jason Byrd, and; great-grandchildren, Alena, Kendall, Alayna, and Kason. We cannot forget his love for Bama, his Chihuahua guard dog. O'Neil, Sergeant First Class, retired from the United States Army in 1978. He served five tours of duty in the Vietnam War. During his military service, he earned the Bronze Star, Air Medals and many other commendations for merit, valor and bravery. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301. O'Neil was a devoted member of the Northport Church of Christ. It was important to him to celebrate his faith at every bible study, preaching, young at heart trips, singing or suppers with his friends in Christ. He received a bachelor’s degree in Ministry from David Lipscomb University. With evident love for his God, family and country, Dad much to mom’s dismay was also an Auburn football fan. Mom adored Roll Tide, hence Bama’s name. Visitation hours were on Monday, August 5, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel. On this date, he would have turned 80 years of age! Services with full Military Honors were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel. Kerry Richardson of Northport Church of Christ officiated the service with burial to follow in the Tuscaloosa Memorial Park. Northport Church of Christ hosted a remembrance luncheon after the burial at their location of 2700 44th Avenue, Northport, AL 35476. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 301, 627 Paul W. Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Whether at the visitation, burial or remembrance luncheon, all were welcome to celebrate his life and share your memories with his family.

JOSEPH "Joe Cal" CALABRESE, SR. - Died Thursday, September 26, 2019 in the Township of Tonawanda, New York at the age of 71. He was formerly of Tonawanda, New York. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Buffalo, New York on June 5, 1948 to the late Jack and Mamie (née Cassata) Calabrese. He was the loving husband of Pamela (née Shaffer) Calabrese and the late Karen Ann (née Parnett) Calabrese who died in 1993; beloved
father of Joseph J. (Rebecca) Calabrese, Jr., Amand Hanlon, Emily Sparks, Kevin Speck, Michael and Kate Lawrence; papa of Harmony, Isabella, Tyler, Addison, Chase, Isla and Jacob, and; brother of Pasquale (Jeanne) and James (Kathleen) Calabrese and AnnMarie (Robert) Baker. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Joe Cal was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam. He was a member of Tonawandas' Post #264 American Legion, Frontiersmen Post #7545 VFW, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Tonawanda Chapter #77 and also the DAV. There was no prior visitation. Relatives and friends were invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday October 12th at 10:00 AM in Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, 150 Broad Street in Tonawanda. A burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery was held. Everyone was welcome. Joe's family invited everyone to join them immediately following the cemetery prayers at the Frontiers Men Post #7545 VFW, 110 Elgin Street in Tonawanda for a Celebration of Joe Cal's Life. Flowers gratefully declined, memorial contributions are preferred to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #77, 57 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150. The arrangements were made by the John O. Roth Funeral Home, Inc., Tonawanda, NY. Condolences may be shared at www.rothfuneral.com.

MICHAEL CAMPBELL – Died Thursday, July 25, 2019 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 4, 1964. He was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #877.

JAMES J. CARROLL, SR. - Died Monday, September 2, 2019 at his residence in Locust Fork, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death was cancer to the liver and the lungs. He was born on January 22, 1939. Survivors include wife Joanna Carroll; his sons, James J. Carroll, Jr. (Ana), Michael Carroll (Rhodana), David Carroll (Wanda), Steven Carroll (Mariah), Christopher Carroll (Megan), Mark Medina (Sandra), and Stephen Medina; his daughters, Conny Brunson (Terry), Anna Schack (Kevin), Dawn Nier (Brad Stefanov), Debra Hitch (Jeff), Alicia McIntosh (Chris); two brothers; one sister; 39 grandchildren, and; 16 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his mother and son Keith Medina. Mr. Carroll retired from the United States Air Force on April 30, 1978 after 22 years of service. He was a member of DAV Chapter #38, American Legion of Snead, VFW in Cullman, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416, Grateful Heart of Oneonta, the Legion Riders, and the Patriot Guard. The family received friends at the Blount County/Cleveland Funeral Home Chapel, 17885 State Highway 160, Cleveland, Alabama on Thursday, September 5, 2019 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. The funeral services were held on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Blount County/Cleveland Funeral Home Chapel. The burial was in the Alabama National Cemetery. Blount County/Cleveland Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KARL FRED CARTER – Died Wednesday, July 31, 2019 in Buffalo, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death was Parkinson’s disease. He was born on October 21, 1946 in Freestone County, Texas to the late Eddie Lee and Ina Mae (née Turner) Carter. He served in the United
States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013. He married Kathern Ann Colbert on July 17, 1970 and they were married for 49 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Karl Fredrick, of Humble, TX, Kristopher and Taonea Carter, Rowlett, TX and Keith and Celestina Carter, of Dallas, TX; five grandchildren, Ebony, Kaiya, Jada, Kerea and Trenten Karl; his brothers and sister-in-law, Ealy Joe Carter, Otis and Peggy Carter and Clifford Carter, all of Dallas, TX; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Eddie and Bobbie Kirven, of Sepulveda, CA, Patricia and Earnest Colbert, of Oakwood, TX and Peggy Kemp, of Humble, TX; three sisters-in-law, Eva Carter, Odessa Carter and Janice Carter, all of Dallas, TX, and; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. The funeral service was held on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the True Vine DOXA Center, 917 South Highway 75, Fairfield, TX. The viewing hours were held on Friday, August 9, 2019 from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM at the Emanuel Funeral Home - Palestine Chapel, 1721 West Oak Street, Palestine, TX.

FRANKIE A. CHALOUPKA – Died Friday, August 9, 2019 in Schulenburg, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 15, 1945 in Sweet Home, Texas to the late Frank V. and Agnes (née Gaidousek) Chaloupka. He was also predeceased by two sisters, Theresa Jalufka and Rose Melnar. He served in the United States Arm from November 1965 to September 1967 during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870. Survivors include, his sisters, Agnes H. Berckenhoff, of Schulenburg and Frances Janak/husband Edmund, of Houston; his brothers, James Chaloupka, of West Point and Anthony Chaloupka, of Schulenburg, and; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Saint John Catholic Church in Saint John, Texas. Visitation was at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 12th at the Schwenke-Baumgarten Funeral Home in Schulenburg, with the American Legion, VFW, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial service at 6:30 PM followed by the Parish rosary at 7:00 PM. The burial was in the Saint John Catholic Cemetery in Saint John, Texas. Full Military honors were conducted at the graveside by the Schulenburg American Legion, VFW, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #870.

ROGER LEE CHANG - Died Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the Charles George VA Medical Center at the age of 75. He was a resident of Hickory, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 13, 1944 to the late Kwang Hwang Chang and Alice (née Penny) Chang. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Conover Chapter #1136. Please sign the online guestbook at www.jenkinsfuneralhome.net. The Chang family has entrusted arrangements to Jenkins Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Newton.
MICHAEL J. “Mike” CHOVANETZ - Died Saturday, January 6, 2018 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 69, surrounded in prayer by his loving family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 8, 1948 to the late Fred and Annabelle (née Buehrig) Chovanetz. On October 27, 1990 he married Kathleen Buzek, of Hallettsville at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He served in the United States Army 243rd A.V.N. Company and served two tours in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, VFW, and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lone Star (Hallettsville) Chapter #854. Michael is preceded in death by his parents the late Fred and Annabelle Chovanetz. Michael is survived by his wife Kathleen Chovanetz; his son, Kevin Chovanetz and wife, Tina; his grandson, Konnor Reid, of Fulshear, TX; his three brothers, Fred Chovanetz and wife, Laverne, James Chovanetz and wife, Rida, both of Hallettsville, Charles Chovanetz and wife, Julie, of Richmond, TX, and; his sister, Natalie and husband, Jimmy Brandt, of Wallis, TX. Mike loved many things about life, to name a few, early morning squirrel and hog hunts, Saturday afternoon cruising country roads with his brother Charles and one of his most beloved times was spending time with his grandson Konnor. Mike was very knowledgeable and enjoyed reading a good book either in his rocking chair on his front porch or in his library. Mike will always be remembered as a loving husband, father and best pawpaw ever. The family would like to give a special thanks and appreciation to the staff at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Lavaca Medical Center, Hospice of South Texas, and Msgr. John Peters. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, American Cancer Society, Hospice of South Texas or donor’s choice. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville. Visitation was at 5:30 PM on Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with a recitation of the rosary at 7:00 PM. The main celebrant was Reverend Monsignor John Peters. The burial was held privately at a later date.

REVEREND CHARLES TOMMIE CLANTON (USA, COL-RET.) - Died Monday, July 8, 2019 at the Prisma Health Richland in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 3, 1935 in Little Rock, Arkansas to the late Thomas David Clanton and the late Almedia (née Woodward) Clanton. He was the husband of Betty Ann (née Green) Clanton. Through marriage to his wife Betty Ann, he was also the son-in-law of the late LeRoy and Elizabeth Ann Green of Shiloh. Reverend Clanton was a graduate of Furman University and Southeastern Baptist Seminary. He was a Chaplain in the United States Army for 26 years. He served 2 tours in Vietnam for which he was awarded—among others—the Silver Star, Bronze Star (5 awards), Purple Heart, and the Air Medal (4 awards). He was Commandant of the United States Army Chaplain Center and School and retired as the Forces Command (FORSCOM) Chaplain where he assigned all religious support for Operation Desert
Storm. Following his retirement, he served 7 years as the Chaplain for The Citadel then returned to Sumter where he was Interim Pastor to Crosswell Baptist Church and First Baptist Church (twice) before serving as Pastor to Senior Adults at First Baptist. Rev. Clanton was a member of American Legion Post #15 and was Post Chaplain and Past Post Commander. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens (Alabama) Chapter #511. Survivors include his wife of 61 years; three children, LTC John Charles Clanton (U.S. Army, Retired), of Atlanta, Dean Timothy Clanton (Traci), of Cumming, Georgia and Elizabeth Ann Niedzwiecki (Abe), of Athens, Alabama; four grandchildren, Rachel Bloemer (Keith), Nick Niedzwiecki (Jordan), Sarah Niedzwiecki, and Isaac Niedzwiecki; two great-grandchildren, Joseph and Caroline, and; a number of nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday at the First Baptist Church. The burial, with full military honors, was held in the Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery. The pallbearers were his grandsons, Nick Niedzwiecki and Isaac Niedzwiecki; and Eddie Harrison, Wallie Jones, John James, and Don Morris. The honorary pallbearers were members of the Senior Adult Sunday School Department of First Baptist Church. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 107 East. Liberty Street, Sumter, SC 29150. The Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter was in charge of the arrangements.

GERARD P. CLEARY – Died Monday, March 26, 2018 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 24, 1939 in Kingston, New York. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49.

BRYCE EDWIN COLLINGS – Died Saturday, June 15, 2019 in Foley, Alabama at the age of 74. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on February 25, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Reverend Edwin Collings and Pauline Collings. He was a stereotypical pastor’s kid and would get in trouble (or encourage his younger brothers to do so) on a regular basis. His family moved many times in the course of his educational career. He graduated from Nathan Bedford Forrest High School in Jacksonville, FL in 1963. Bryce enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam. His wife, Terry, referred to this service as his 50-year mistress. Every aspect of his adult life was shaped by the time spent in the Army. During that time, he learned discipline (and how to have a lot of fun) and developed friendships that lasted a lifetime. He earned a Bronze Star Medal before being honorably discharged. Bryce remained active in the 335th RRC annual reunions, where their company gathered each fall to reminisce and to make new memories each year. In 1973, Bryce graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College on the same day he married his bride, Teresa. Jennifer was born a few years later. “Doc Bryce” was a blessing to all who knew him. He had a huge heart and those he called friends were friends for life. Bryce was active in the United Methodist Church in every town he lived in after 1985. He also served on the City Council in Anderson, Missouri for 13 years. He enjoyed painting, website design, and piddling in the shop on a variety of projects (now left for his family to complete). His faith and resilience allowed him to thrive through 14-year battle with Congestive Heart Failure. In 2017, Bryce began volunteering with the Baldwin County Veterans Court. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter #864.
He mentored other veterans and assisted with the website. Bryce was thankful for this avenue to help others and to show compassion for fellow service members. Bryce is survived by his wife, Teresa Collings; a daughter, Jennifer Schroeder; her husband, Russell Schroeder; one grandson, Aaron Schroeder; and his two younger brothers, Eugene Collings and Gerald Collings. A “Celebration of Life” was held at the Foley United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM with a visitation preceding the service at 10:00 AM. A private interment service was at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Baldwin County Veterans Court, 201 Section Avenue, Foley, AL 36535.

GEORGE MELVIN COOPER, JR. - Died Monday, June 17, 2019 at home in Mount Juliet, Tennessee at the age of 78, surrounded by his family. He was formerly of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The cause of death was cancer. George was born on January 18, 1941 in Chattanooga to the late, George Melvin Cooper, Sr. and Leona (née Park) Cooper. A 1959 graduate of The McCallie School, he attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and graduated from the University of Chattanooga. His long career as an underwriter for Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company and Cigna Healthcare was only briefly interrupted by his service in the United States Army where he served in Vietnam. George was a lifelong, active church member, faithfully serving as a Deacon, Elder and Church Treasurer at Central Presbyterian Church later Northside Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN. Since relocating to Mt. Juliet in 2010, he has been a faithful member of Providence United Methodist Church where he served as an usher and greeter. George enjoyed his grandchildren’s activities and was an avid poker player. After retirement, he developed a passion for service with various military organizations. He was an active Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) – Chattanooga Chapter #203 and was a former Vice-President of the local VVA - Lebanon Chapter #1004. He served as Treasurer of the Vietnam Veterans of America Tennessee State Council. He was also active with the local American Legion - Post #218, serving as the Finance Officer. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth List Cooper; his daughter, Claire (Steve) Cooper Slone, of Mount Juliet, TN; his son – George List Cooper, of Nashville, TN; his grandchildren, Ashlyn Slone, Carson Slone and Landon Slone, and; his brother, David Cooper, of Memphis, TN. A Celebration of Life services was conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 24, 2019 at the Providence United Methodist Church, 2293 South Rutland Road, Mount Juliet, TN with Pastor Mark Youngman officiating. Interment with military honors was at 1:00 PM at the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. The honorary pallbearers were members of the Tyler Cates American Legion Post #281, Mount Juliet and members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Post #1004, Lebanon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, 3322 West End Avenue, Suite #900, Nashville, TN 37203, Providence United Methodist Church, 2293 South Rutland Road, Mount Juliet, TN 37122 or the VVA Tennessee State Council, 607 Saddlestone Drive, Lebanon, TN 37090. Visitation hours were
from 1:00-3:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Monday at the church. The arrangements were made by the Bond Memorial Chapel, North Mount Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mount Juliet, TN. www.bondmemorial.com.

RICHARD E. “Rich” CORSON - Died Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Florida at the age of 68. He was a resident of Elmira, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 30, 1950 to the late Edwin and Evelyn (née Bachert) Corson. Rich is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Linda (Sheive) Corson; sister, Kitty Corson (Tim Richards), of Elmira, NY; brothers-in-law, Donald Sheive, of Canandaigua and Bruce Sheive, of Virginia; daughter, Michelle Corson Witsch (Steve); grandchildren, Holden, Michaela, and Rachel; and great-granddaughter, Aurora of Pittsburgh; stepchildren, Jozel O’Donnell, of Bradenton, FL and Joe (Amy) O’Donnell of Sarasota, FL; nephews, Brett (Jenny), Bryan, and families, of Spring, TX; several nieces and nephews; lifelong friend, “brother” Bill (Pat) Thomas and family; very special friends, Andrew (Melissa) Blake and family; and many close friends from SHS ’68. Rich was also predeceased by his Nana Bessie; sister, Kandy Corson Camp, Bill Camp and nephew, Bart Camp; aunts; uncles; and dear cousins; Patricia Drake Corson Wenze; and very close friends, including Tom Preston. Rich proudly served his country in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He left Kennedy Valve in 2011, after 39 years of dedicated and loyal service. During this time, he developed close friendships with many people. Rich was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting through the years. He was a member of South Creek NTSC, Pine City Sportsman, Sullivan Trail, Chemung County R&G, Shooting Trap and Skeet, Elmira Elks Club, VFW, and was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira chapter #803. He treasured his friendships with his shooting buddies, especially Paul, Ray, Tom, Mickie, Dan, and many others. Rich enjoyed fishing the Finger Lakes in his beloved “Bass” boat with his favorite fishing buddies, John Wheeler, Tim Richards, or Linda. He loved to tell stories of his adventures, grinning all the time. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend who will be missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803 Museum, 1200 Davis Street, Elmira, NY 14901. Family and friends are invited to call on Monday, July 1, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with an Elks Service at 6:00 PM and a funeral service to follow at the Olthof Funeral Home, 1050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, NY. The burial was in the Woodlawn National Cemetery.

OSCAR A. COSTA – Died recently in 2019 in Port Richey, Florida at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 19, 1941. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Richey Chapter #1003.
ROBERT L. “Bob” CRISPELL, JR. – Died Tuesday, April 24, 2018 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kingston, New York on January 2, 1947. He served in the United States Air Force from August 25, 1966 August 24, 1970. He was a Permanently Hospitalized Veterans Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49. Visitation hours were held in the TJ McGowan Sons Funeral Home, 71 North Central Highway, Garnersville, New York on Friday, April 27, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The funeral service was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 112 North Street, Pearl River, New York on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

RUDOLPH E. “Rudy” CZEIZINGER (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) – Died Monday, August 26, 2019 in Dover, Delaware at the age of 88. The cause of death was cancer. Rudy was born in Allentown, New Jersey to the late Charles and Ethel (née Olah) Czeizinger. Rudy served in the United States Coast Guard for eight years before enlisting in the United States Air Force and serving fifteen years, including two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Air Force in 1972. While in Vietnam, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic actions during combat operations in 1966. Following his active duty retirement as Master Sergeant, Rudy worked in civil service at the Dover Air Force Base and founded Diamond State Properties, where he owned, managed and renovated residential investment properties. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in the 32nd Degree, Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850, the VFW, and the Air Force Sergeant’s Association. Rudy enjoyed genealogy work and tracing his family roots in Hungary and Romania. He also enjoyed tinkering in his garage and was able to fix anything from electrical to plumbing and everything in between. Mr. Czeizinger was preceded in death by, his first wife, Noella (Robert) Czeizinger, and second wife, Jocarrol (Wiley) Czeizinger, and all his eight brothers and five sisters. He is survived by his son, Robert Czeizinger (and wife Barbara) of Greenwood; daughters, Suzette Butler of Camden, and Noella Fritz (and husband Stephen) of Longmont, Colorado; stepsons, Kirk Rankin (and Linda), of Brownwood, Texas, Robbie Rankin (and Christine), of Wrentham, Massachusetts; and stepdaughter, Beth Rankin of Dover; grandchildren, Stephanie Polley, Steven Butler, Jeffrey Fritz, Christopher Horton, Jason Kolohe, Christa Schlemmer, Aaron Czeizinger, Chris Rankin, Lucas Fisher, Eric Rankin, Cameron Rankin, Keith Rankin, Scott Rankin, and; eleven great-grandchildren. The funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the Torbert Funeral Chapel, 1145 East Lebanon Road (Route 10) Dover, DE. In lieu of flowers,
please make donations to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, Suite #205, New Castle, DE 19720.

ROBERT C. “Bob” DARROW – Died Sunday, May 26, 2019 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 72. He was a resident of Wausaukee, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on August 9, 1946 in Chicago, Illinois to the late La Vern “Cecil” and Shirley Darrow. He graduated from Green Bay West High School in 1964. Bob proudly went on to join the United States Marine Corps and served his country in the Vietnam War. He married Sandra Stencil in 1966, during his service. They had three children. In 1984, Bob married Bonnie Terrien and together they owned and operated JR’s Bar in Green Bay for 35 years, where a great family of friends was built. Bob was passionate about the years he served as secretary on the Brown County Tavern League as well as on the board of directors for the Tavern League of Wisconsin. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #221. Over the last seven years, Bob attained his goal of getting out of the city and happily lived in Middle Inlet, WI, and enjoyed his peaceful time in the woods with his canine best buddy, George. A special thank you to his fellow proud veteran and nephew, Nick Leisch, for being there for him as a friend and whenever he needed a helping hand. Bob will be missed by his entire family. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Darrow; his daughter, Sherri (Bill) Peeters; his son, Robert (Susan) Darrow; his daughter, DeDe Darrow, and; his stepson, Brett (Nicole) Terrien. Bob was a proud grandfather and great-grandfather to many children who will miss their “Grandpa Wink”. He is further survived by his sister, Donna (Bruce) Leisch; brother, Dennis (Debbie) Darrow; sister, Judy (Joe) Lemerond; and brother, James “Jim” (Sue) Darrow, who all brought him many wonderful nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, La Vern “Cecil” and Shirley Darrow; niece, Andie Darrow; and nephew, Jesse Darrow. Visitation was held at the Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Avenue on Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 3:30 PM until the Memorial Service at 6:30 PM. Military honors were accorded. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Bob’s name. The family would like to thank the nursing staff at Parkview Manor Nursing Home for their care and compassion for Bob.

HAROLD F. “Harry” DATES, JR. - Died Saturday, June 29, 2019 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Harold was born on May 10, 1946 in Corning, New York to the late Harold F. Dates, Sr. and Anna Dates. He moved to Cincinnati in 1966 to attend the University of Cincinnati and graduated with a degree in Sociology. He then went on to proudly serve in the United States Army with the Military Police from 1969 until 1971. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10. His career started off with him working for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Great Rivers Girl
Scout Council. His career with the ASPCA Cincinnati began in 1975. He became the President and CEO in 1986, helping a countless number of animals throughout his 42-year career. During that time, his proudest accomplishments include his partnerships with Local #12 and their Adopt-A-Pet segment multiple days a week; WGRG Frank’s Friends radio segment; and his involvement in seeing the concept of the second ASPCA facility in Sharonville come to fruition. He served on numerous boards and received countless awards for his work. In the years 2005 and 2006, he was President of the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators. In 2009, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Veterinary Medical Association, being the only non-veterinarian to receive this prestigious award. He was also recognized as the first of two, honorary members of the Cincinnati Veterinary Medical Association. Upon retirement, he received a proclamation from the Governor, recognizing his lifetime of work with humane services and livestock and the laws that mandate their humane care. Throughout his career, ""Harry,"" not only served locally, but his reach spanned to both the state and national level. He was instrumental in assisting in multiple hurricane efforts, along with supporting rescue efforts during local flooding and tornados. All of his accomplishments cannot be listed, but please know that they are extensive and his work for the humane treatment of animals will never be forgotten. Harry wanted everyone to ""Remember me with smiles and laughter for that is how I will remember all of you."" He is survived by his lifetime companion, Dr. Tamara Goforth; her son, Dane Merckle; his sister and brother-in-law, Leah Dates and Bob Koch; his daughters, Caitlin Dates and Corrine Dates, Kelly Dates Bigham and son-in-law, Christopher Bigham, and; grandson, Calvin Bigham; and numerous close friends (many who were considered family to him). He is preceded in death by his sister, Lois Dates; and his parents, Harold and Anna Dates. Visitation was held on Monday, July 8th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Sharonville Convention Center. A service took place on Tuesday, July 9th at 10:00 AM at the Spring Grove Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking donations to be made to League for Animal Welfare, Pets-In-Need and the Mount Washington American Legion Post #484.

FLOYD E. DEAN - Died Sunday, September 1, 2019 at the Cleveland Clinic - Indian River Hospital in Vero Beach, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. Floyd was born in Glens Falls, New York on December 21, 1948 to the late Irving Dean, Sr. and Mary Elisabeth (née Lingston) Dean and then they moved to Vero Beach in December of 2012 from South Glens Falls, New York. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and was stationed in An Khe and Pleiku Vietnam from 1969 – 1970 while serving in the United States Army. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Vero Beach Chapter #1038. He was a member of the 9.23 Community at Christ Church in Vero Beach. Floyd graduated from Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, New York. He retired as the Logistics Administrator from Encore Paper South Glens Falls, New York. When he retired to Vero Beach he served as a Goodwill Rehab Tech. Floyd was also an accomplished chef and enjoyed his time in several restaurant kitchens. Survivors include wife Doreen Dean, of Vero Beach; his sons Timothy Dean, of Vero Beach and Matthew (Jodi) Dean, of Glens Falls, New York; his daughter Heather Clark,
of Glens Falls, New York; his brothers, Earl and James Dean, of Glens Falls, New York sister, Bobbie Lee VanGuilder, of Whitehall, New York; his brothers-in-law, Richard (Cindy) Goodman, of Glens Falls, New York and James (Eva) Goodman, of Vero Beach, and; his grandchildren, Evan Dean, Emma Dean, Brittany Clark, and Brianna Clark, adopted children Kody Dean, Lizbeth Dean, and Danyal Dean, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Irving Dean Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Livingston); a son Logan Dean, brothers Earl Dean, Sr. and Irving Dean, Jr., Robert Dean and sisters, Ella Dean and Geri Mound. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scully Welsh Cancer Center of Cleveland Clinic, 3555 10th Court, Vero Beach, FL 32960 or the 9.23 Community at Christ Church, 667 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960. The family received friends from 4:00-7:00 PM on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Strunk Funeral Home in Vero Beach. A memorial service celebrating his life took place on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at Christ Church Memorial Garden beginning at 7:00 PM.

**LARRY J. DECKER** – Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 9, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080**.

**ROBERT JAMES “Bob” DELMONICO** - Died Monday, August 12, 2019 at the age of 73, while at the VA Clinic for a routine eye exam. He was a resident of Baytown, Texas. He was born on August 14, 1946 in Utica, New York. Sandy, his wife of 36 years, was by his side at the time of his passing. He and his son were feted with a family birthday party on the previous Saturday, two days prior to his death. At the age of 18, Bob was drafted into the United States Army. Within weeks he was sent to serve in Vietnam, at which time he was exposed to Agent Orange. After serving in Vietnam for two years, he returned to Oakland, California to complete his four years of service to our country. He received five distinguished medals during the war. Due to his exposure to Agent Orange, Bob continued to cope with various medical problems for the remainder of his life. He was a **Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Beach City Chapter #922**. A native of Utica, New York, Bob moved to Baytown in 1980 to accept a job with GTE Phone Company. At this time, Bob found Sandy, who was also working at the phone company. Two years later he married the love of his life. Bob welcomed all to his dinner table and loved sharing his culinary skills with the family and friends. Everyone who put their feet under his table felt the love and joy he generously gave to all. Bob is survived by his wife, Sandy; his daughter, Kelley McFaddin (Shawn), his daughter, Jennifer Perry (Chad) and son, Jeff Delmonico. Also surviving are his six grandchildren, Allie and Avery McFaddin, Houston, Addison, Marshall and Campbell Perry. After cremation, his remains were buried in the VA National Cemetery in Houston, Texas with full military honors. A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 5010 North Main, Baytown, with the Reverend Meredith Crigler officiating. Immediately after the service, in
keeping with Bob’s Italian heritage, there will be an Italian buffet served at Bonner Hall. The family requested no flowers. Donations in Bob's memory can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 922, P.O. Box 2052, Baytown, Texas 77521, or to the charity of your choice.

MICHAEL LEE DICKEY - Died Friday, August 2, 2019 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 71 and now reunited with his wife, Margaret Eugenia (née Jones) Dickey. The cause of death was cancer. Michael was born on June 29, 1948 in Etowah, Tennessee to the late Vernon Lee and Willie Mae Dickey. Michael was the eldest of three children. He was a 1966 graduated from J.L. Cook High School in Athens, TN. Michael was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force who served during the Vietnam War. He was an active member of the Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596** and the Forty and Eight. Michael was a man of many words who never met a stranger. He was loved and adored by all who grew to know him. He delighted in spending time outside in his yard. The stories and memories of his larger-than-life personality and clever sense of humor will be missed. In addition to his wife and his parents, Michael was also preceded in death by his brother, James Benney Dickey. Left to cherish his memory are his two sons, Montazz Dickey and Deountray Dickey; grandchildren, Natori Bateman, Jayanna Bryant, Deounka' Dickey, Montasia Dickey, Malaysia Dickey, and Amerah Dickey; stepdaughter, Yolanda Campbell; stepson, Martin Cheatham; brother, Alvin Paul Dickey; nephew, Fati King; niece, Natasha Moore; mother-in-law, Adella Jones; "compadre", Tim Green; devoted caregiver, Patience Brown; two great nieces, and a host of other loving relatives and friends. Home going services were held on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 1:00 PM in the chapel of M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home with Tim Green delivering the eulogy. The family received friends one hour before the service from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM with recognition from Vietnam Veterans of America and the Forty and Eight. The interment was in the Fort Hill Cemetery in Cleveland, TN with full military honors.

JOHN S. DOLHON - Died Sunday, September 15, 2019 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 73, after a long Illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania on April 19, 1946 to the late Steve and Alberta Dolhon. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (née Gawel) Dolhon and the late Doris (née McHenry) Dolhon; devoted father of Steven R. and Alex P. Dolhon; loving grandfather of Keely Dolhon; dear son-in-law of John Gawel; brother-in-law of Ronald (Eileen) Gawel and Diane Castranova, and; also survived by one niece and nephew and numerous cousins. He served in the United States Army from April 1966 to April 1968 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. The family received friends at the C. Mertz and Son Funeral Home, Inc., 911 Englewood Avenue on Thursday from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00
PM. All were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at Saint Rose of Lima Church (500 Parker Avenue, Buffalo, NY) on Friday at 9:30 AM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in John's memory to Intensive Care at the Erie County Medical Center or the S.P.C.A. Please share condolences at www.mertzfh.com.

ROBERT FRANK “Ski” DOMBROWSKI – Died Monday, July 8, 2019 in Honolulu Hawaii at the age of 72. The cause of death was cardiac arrest, hypertension, pure hypercholesterolemia, obstructive sleep apnea and hypoxemia. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on July 27, 1946 to the late Rudolph and Rose Marie (née Derillo) Dombrowski. He is survived by siblings, Rudy Dombrowski and Karen Sheehy, of NJ. He married Velma Pilani "Peewee" (née Freitas) December 29, 1972. He will be sorely missed by his beloved wife of 46 years; his sons Rob, Kalani, Kekoa and daughter Stacey Rose. He was also blessed to have in his life ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kailua Chapter #858. His Celebration of Life was on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at the Hawaiian Memorial Park Chapel in Kaneohe. Visitation was a 9:00 AM. The burial was at 1:00 PM at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

LARRY J. EDINGTON – Died Friday, June 22, 2018 in Cleburne, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death was suicide. He was born in Fort Worth, Texas on December 23, 1942. He served in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1983 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278.

DONALD JAMES “DJ” “Don” EIDEN - Died Saturday, August 10, 2019 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 74, from liver cancer while at home. He was comforted through his final moments by his loving wife and devoted children. He was born on June 14, 1945 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Walter and Olga Eiden. Donald grew up in Amherst, Wisconsin where he developed a strong work ethic from potato farming with his father. This same work ethic would serve him well later while he served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He also served in the United States Army Reserves. After meeting and marrying his wife, Ruth (Johnson), while stationed in California, the two moved to Appleton where he would find work as an assembler at Miller Electric, a job he would retain for the next 33 years until retirement. Ruth and Don raised three children and later were gifted with six grandchildren. Don loved every member of his family dearly and anytime they got together it was a certainty that he would get teary-eyed as he declared how blessed he was to have his beautiful family. A true American patriot, he would retire in 1996 with over 32 years of distinguished military service. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America –
Appleton Chapter #351. He was an active member in the American Legion Post #38 and would act as service officer for twelve years. He visited and assisted fellow veterans, both those in dire need and those just looking to "shoot the breeze." He was a kind, caring, honest and trustworthy human being who would give anyone in need the shirt off his back. The lives of all who knew him were made brighter by his presence. Don is survived by his wife of 50 years: Ruth; his children: Scott (Katy) Eiden, Appleton, Jeff (Wendy) Eiden of Neenah. and Stephanie (Eric) Wilber of Darboy; adoring grandparents: Jacob and Jennifer Eiden, Ally and Logan Eiden, and Arianna and Alexandria Wilber. Don is further survived by sisters-in-law Susie Olivo and Linda Miller, a brother-in-law Doug (Claudia) Johnson, and many devoted nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents, his wife's parents, Gilbert and Charlotte Johnson, and brothers-in-law Lou Olivo and Jim Miller. The funeral service for Don was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 23, 2019 at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, located at 2330 East Calumet Street in Appleton with Reverend Roger McQuistion officiating. Full military honors were accorded following the service. A private burial took place at the Riverside Cemetery. Family and friends were invited to gather at the Wichmann Funeral Home, Tri County Chapel, located at 1592 Oneida Street in Menasha on Thursday, August 22nd from 4:00 PM until the time of a combined military visitation at 7:00 PM. Visitation resumed at the church on Friday morning from 9:00 until 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund was established for the Old Glory Honor Flight.

DAVID JOSEPH EIERMANN - Died Monday, July 1, 2019 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 88. The cause of death was dementia. He was born on June 10, 1931 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Milton and Lillian Eiermann. Mr. Eiermann was a combat veteran in the United States Army, wounded in Korea and received a purple heart and he was also a veteran of the Vietnam War, which he served in 1969 and received a bronze star. He retired from the military in 1976 and worked another 20 years for the civil service before retiring completely in 1996. Mr. Eiermann loved his family and the outdoors and was a big supporter and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana (Texas) Chapter #278 and the Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by his children Don Eiermann (Sheila) and Debra Thompson (Charlie); grandchildren: Joey Eiermann (Caroline), Blake Eiermann, C. D. Thompson and Rachel Savering (Rick); and great grandchildren: Lucy Savering, Dylan Savering and Mazie Savering. He was preceded in death by his wife Jutta Eiermann. Donations can be made in Mr. Eiermann’s memory to Vietnam Veterans of America or to the Disabled American Veterans.

DONALD JOSEPH “Don” ELLISON - Died Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at his home in Bullville, New York at the age of 71, following a long battle with cancer. He was born on May 30, 1948 in Port Jervis, New York to the late Walter and Mary (née Stanton) Ellison. Don graduated from Port Jervis High School Class of 1967. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War until 1972. He married Cynthia Langbein on August 25, 1973 at the North Congregational Church. Don studied Nursing at Orange County Community College, earning his
degree in 1975. He worked as a Registered Nurse at Orange Regional Medical Center for 35 years. He was awarded the Trilogy Award for being a Nurse of Distinction. Don brought his hard work ethic and energy to all of his endeavors. He never said no to anyone and no one was a stranger to him. He gave himself generously to his family, friends and community. He was a dedicated member of Bullville Fire Department for 42 years, he was Fireman-of-the-Year in both 1995 and 2003. During his firematic career, he served as President, Secretary, Past President and Past Secretary. He was a member and Past Commander and Past Quarter Master of the American Legion Post #151; member, Past commander and Past Quartermaster of VFW Post #692 in Middletown and Past County Quartermaster. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140. Don also volunteered for many years as the caretaker of Circleville Cemetery. He was a member of the O.C. Bike Club and enjoyed being out the road on his bike or in his beloved mustang. He is survived by his loving wife Cynthia at home; his sons, Jeffrey and his wife, Lindsey, of Leakesville, MS, and Marc and his partner, Ramon Ruiz, of Goshen; and his mother-in-law, Christine Langbein. He is also survived by his brother Kenneth of Ridgebury; sisters-in-law, Joanne Jones, Nancy Ellison and Diana Ellison and brother-in-law Stephen Langbein and his wife Cindy; three grandchildren Gianna, Elijah and Jacob Harvison; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation hours were from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Friday, August 30, 2019 at the Applebee-McPhillips Funeral Home, Inc, 130 Highland Avenue, Middletown, NY. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Circleville Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 890 Goshen Turnpike, Middletown, NY in Circleville, NY. The burial with Military Honors followed at the Ellison family plot. Memorial contributions in Don’s name may be made to one of his favorite organizations, The Middletown VFW Post #692, Circleville Presbyterian Church, 890 Goshen Turnpike, Middletown, NY 10941 or the Bullville Fire Department #2891 NY-17K, Bullville, NY 10915. The arrangements were under the direction of Applebee-McPhillips Funeral Home, Inc. www.applebee-mcphillips.com.

EDWARD M. “Ed” “Buzz” ERICKSON - Died Friday, September 27, 2019 in West Nyack, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on December 5, 1947 in Passaic, New Jersey to the late Edward and Frances Erickson. His life was well-lived, and he was well loved. Ed, called Buzz by the ones who knew him well, was a lifelong Rockland County resident and attended Clarkstown High School. Cherished husband to Patti Erickson and devoted father to his son Jared, daughter Jaime (Sainz) and stepsons Chris and Jeff (Partridge). He was proud and honored to be the grandfather of Patterson, Peyton, Dallas and John. He is also survived by his sister Jane (Balling), brother-in-law Frank, nieces Betsy, Christy, Amy and their families. Buzz was a veteran of the United States Army who served from August 1968 through June 1970. He was also a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49. He later devoted himself to becoming a local business owner and in
retirement continued to contribute the community as a bus driver for the Clarkstown School District. Buzz was his happiest relaxing on the beach at his favorite spots in Long Beach Island, New Jersey. He will always be remembered for his quick one-liners to get a smile or a laugh, his "beautiful" singing voice, his expert grilling and cooking skills and his green thumb. Buzz was a sports lover and avid golfer. He cherished his time on the golf course and passed on his passion for the game to his son. He instilled his love for the Yankees and Giants in his children by attending countless games together. His passion for sports will live on through his children and grandchildren for years to come. Visitation took place at the Joseph W. Sorce Funeral Home, 728 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY on Wednesday, October 2nd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of Westchester, Chapter #49 and the American Cancer Association, as Buzz was a long-time supporter for cancer research.

**PAUL BENTON EVERLY** - Died August 17, 2019 at his residence in Mountain Lake Park, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 9, 1948 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania to the late Carl H. and Nettie E. (née Culver) Everly. Paul proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was the founder and sole proprietor of EZ Excavating. Paul was very active in serving his community through various organizations. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #10077, and a member of Proctor Kildow American Legion Post #71, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172, Marine Corps League, Deer Park Sportman’s Club, Oakland Elks Lodge #2481 and ABATE. His hobbies included spending time outdoors fishing, boating, snowmobiling and four wheeling. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and Steeler football on television. Paul is survived by his fiancée, Lisa E. Sweitzer; two sons, Tim Everly, of Westernport and Carl William Everly and fiancée, Christy, of Gormania, and; three grandchildren, Corey, Daphne Charlotte and Deanna. Friends were received at the C and S Fredlock Funeral Home, P.A., 21 North 2nd Street, Oakland, on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was held in the funeral home on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Barbara Rexroad officiating. Interment, with full military honors, was held in the Garrett County Memorial Gardens. A special thank you to his Marine Corps brother, John Gnegy, for his friendship and support. Memorial contributions may be directed to a military charity or organization of your choice.
ROBERT G. FALCONE - Died Saturday, February 9, 2019 in Milford, Connecticut at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 29, 1948 in Queens New York to the late Harry and Mary (née Fizzuoglio) Falcone. A proud United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, Robert was a member of the American Legion. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Milford Chapter #251. After retiring from the accounting office in the West Haven VA, he continued to volunteer driving veterans from the parking lot to the hospital for their appointments until his wife retired in 2013. Robert loved his annual fishing trips on the Captain Rod, out of Captree New York, his family’s annual Christmas Tree Weekends in Vermont, The Big Bang Theory, and spending time vacationing with his wife and family, taking numerous cruises, most recently around the British Isles last October. In addition to his wife, JoAnne (née Wagner) Falcone, Robert is survived by his son, Robert and his wife Marcie, and his daughters, Jennifer and her fiancé, Jeff, and Mary and her husband Chuck, and his beloved Pekingese, Dusty. Robert is also survived by his two grandsons, Emery and Caleb, and his granddaughter, Riley, with another grandson on the way. Robert is also survived by his brother Harry, and his loving sisters Dottie, Maryanne (and her husband Bob) and Tina (and her husband Mario); in addition to a multitude of nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. In addition to his parents, Robert is predeceased by his beloved brother, Leonard. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday February 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM at Saint Mary Church 70 Gulf Street, Milford, CT with the interment in Saint Mary Cemetery, Milford, CT. Family and friends were invited to call on Friday, February 15, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital or the Wounded Warrior Project.

JOHN AMOS FAVRET – Died Thursday, September 12, 2019 in Rochester, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born in Cape Vincent, New York on February 2, 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20.

BETTY L. FELDER (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Sunday, July 21, 2019 at the Hope Creek Care Center in East Moline, Illinois at the age of 80. She was formerly of Davenport, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. Betty was born on March 3, 1939 in Iowa City, Iowa to the late Anthony and Jacqueline (née LoRang) Felder. She graduated from Saint Luke’s School of Nursing in Davenport, later attending Scott Community College, Marycrest College, and Saint Joseph’s College, North Windham, Maine. She had a quest for knowledge and was a lifelong learner. Betty worked in the operating room at the former Saint Luke’s Hospital before joining the military. She was a Major in the United States Army serving in the Nurse Corps for 17 ½
years. She served in Vietnam, Germany and the United States. She was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669*. Betty began volunteer work when she was 14 with the Ground Observation Corps. She also was a hospice volunteer. Betty was a woman of great faith and believed in serving her church. She was a Eucharistic Minister and helped with the bazaars at Saint Mary’s, volunteered at the Diocese of Davenport, and spent 16 months in Medjugorje as a volunteer nurse to the Medjugorje community and visiting pilgrims. Betty loved to crochet, sew, quilt and paint watercolors, acrylics and oils. Betty was a certified instructor in the Bob Ross techniques. She is survived by her nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Verna, Jeanene, Jeffery, Jerry, and Tony, and; a nephew, Richard Wilson. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, 516 Fillmore Street, Davenport, Iowa. The burial was in the Rock Island National Cemetery-Arsenal Island. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saint Mary’s Catholic Church. The Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

**ROGER W. FOLEY** - Died Sunday, July 28, 2019 at the Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Walbridge, Ohio. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Pancreatic Cancer. He was born on November 19, 1947 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Caroline and Walter Foley. Roger was a 1966 graduate of Lake High School and served in the United States Navy-Seabees during the Vietnam War. He worked as a mechanic his whole life, retiring from Towlift in 2008. Roger was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church where he served as a church elder and was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35*. Roger enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He will be dearly missed. Roger is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Karen Foley; his daughters, Jennifer (Ken) Zeh, Melissa Foley, Chaunda (Jim) Hame, and Rhonda (Jose) Flores; parents, Caroline and Walter Foley; his grandchildren, Nicholas, Sierra (Mitch), Lucas, Jay, Anthony, Cole, Abigail, Hailey, Priscilla, and Daniel, and; his great-grandchildren, Saylor and Lorenzo. A memorial service was held on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4155 Pickle Road in Oregon, Ohio where the family greeted guests after 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions can be made to Prince of Peace Church or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

**ROBERT CHARLES “Bob” FRANKENBERRY** - Died Sunday, July 21, 2019 at home in Mount Savage, Maryland at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 3, 1947 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Thomas Charles Frankenberry and Elmira Helen (née Haines) Frankenberry. A graduate of Mount Savage High
School, Class of 1966, Bob was a United States Army Veteran during Vietnam, 1966-1970, and a member of the Army National Guard. Bob worked at Chrysler Dodge Dealerships for many years and then at Frostburg State University in the Mailroom where he retired. He was an Associate Member of the Frostburg Church of the Nazarene and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland chapter #172, where he was also a member of the Color Guard. Bob was also a member of the Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Department Company #15; the Allegany County Fire Police; the Mount Savage VFW #6025; the DAV; and the Piney Mountain Sportsmen’s Club. Bob volunteered for 20 years with Toys for Happiness benefitting the Mount Savage area. He liked camping, fishing, and working in his basement. Bob enjoyed working on community projects to help the area. Bob is survived by his wife of 39 years: Norma Frankenberry; his son and “Buddy,” Robert “Rob” Frankenberry and wife, Terry, and his daughter and “Daddy’s Brat,” Patty Jo Kimbrell and husband, Keith. He also leaves behind his granddaughters who were his pride and joy, Samantha and Dellana (Shane); his great-granddaughters, Aaliyah and Arya; his brothers, John Frankenberry and wife, Robyn and James Frankenberry; and; his Godson, Carter Lee Miller. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 11:00 AM, with Pastor Tim Smith and Assistant Pastor Kenneth Fisher co-officiating. The interment was in the Restlawn Memorial Gardens. The pallbearers were members of the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #172. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #172 Color Guard. The family gave a special thank you to Bob’s caregivers during his illness. It was a long journey. They appreciated the Veterans Home Care, Comfort Keepers Aides – Alexus and Jennifer, and also the special people from the WMHS Home Hospice; and the ambulance crew who were always available.

DAVID BRUCE “Dave” FREUNDSCHUH - Died Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in Rochester, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester on April 12, 1949. He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia and his parents. He leaves his daughter, Rachel Allen; siblings, Anne (Steve) Johnson, Fred (Marie) Elliott, Steve (Debi) Elliott; many nieces and nephews. Dave was a United States Marine Corps Veteran who served in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20. He was a longtime Kodak employee and later joined the Carpenters Union. An avid hunter, he also enjoyed target shooting. Dave and his wife Virginia were very active members at Calvary Chapel of Webster. Friends visited the family from 2:00-5:00 PM on Sunday, September 15th at the Willard H. Scott Funeral Home, 12 South Avenue, Webster, where his funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 16th. The interment was in the Riverside Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be directed to VAMC Canandaigua in care of: VAVS 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424, notation on check (Hospice Acct#1640).

HERBERT GALLIKER – Died recently in 2019 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 4, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam war. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154.
AARON HERBERT GILCHRIST, JR. - Died Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the Kitty Askins Hospice Center at the age of 67. He was a resident of LaGrange, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 7, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892. He leaves many cherished memories to his beloved wife, Veronica Gilchrist; his daughters; Jennifer Nails (LaGrange) and Maya Crowder (Raleigh); his sons, Aaron H. Gilchrist III (Greenville), and Benjamin King (Myrtle Beach, SC); his sisters, Mary Gilchrist (Killeen, TX), Matilda Freeman (LA, CA) and Antonette Croom (Kinston); his brothers, Calvin Gilchrist (Kinston), Marion Gilchrist (Kinston), Ray Gilchrist (Kinston) and William Earl Gilchrist (Kinston); thirteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and; a host of other family and friends. A service was held on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the River of Life Christian Center. The interment was in the Climent C. Mills Veterans Cemetery. The viewing was from 3:00-7:00 PM on Friday, August 16, 2019. The family received relatives and friends from 6:00-7:00 PM at the Mills Funeral Home, Inc.

JAMES E. “Jim” GILSDORF, JR. - Died Thursday, June 13, 2019 in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 71. He was a resident of Holland, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer and sepsis shock. He was born on January 22, 1948 in Toledo to the late James E. Gilsdorf, Sr. and Virginia (née Hoskins) Gilsdorf. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Betty; his children, Todd (Kelly), Shawn (Serena), Andrew (Becky), Ryan (Tammy), Nicole (James) Wheeler; many grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and; three siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends and family were received on Monday, June 17, 2019 after 10:00 AM with services at 1:00 PM at the Maison-Dardenne-Walker Funeral Home, 501 Conant Street, Maumee, OH. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.

EDWARD J. “Ed” GREENAWALT - Died unexpectedly Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. He was a resident of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on July 1, 1949 in Ridgway, Pennsylvania to the late Bernard “Barney” and Rita (née Copella) Greenawalt, Sr. Ed was a lifelong resident of the area and was a graduate of Saint Marys High School, Class of 1967. He was a former employee of Keystone Powdered Metal Company and retired from IUE-CWA Local #502 serving as Union President. On March 16, 1995, in Saint Marys, Ed married Jennifer M. Gerg, who survives. He is also survived by the following children: Kristin (Jay) Burke, Allison Nussbaum, Tracy (Cal) Robinson, Taryn (Rhen) Greenawalt, and “His Little Guy”, W. Sean
(Sophie) Bennett. Also surviving are eight grandchildren; two sisters, Carol (Robert) Lininger of Emporium and Bernadine “Dean” Spong of Kersey; and by three brothers, Robert “Joe” (Zita) Greenawalt of St. Marys, Tony (Brenda) Greenawalt of Kersey, and Bernard “Bernie” Greenawalt, Jr. of Kersey. In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Eckert; and by a brother, Ronald Greenawalt. Ed was a member of the Sacred Heart Church. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam War, and was the recipient of two Purple Heart Awards. Ed was the President and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bucktail (Saint Marys) Chapter #720 and a member of the Purple Heart Foundation Chapter #519. He was also a member of the Fox Township Servicemen’s Burial Detail and the Dagus Mines American Legion. Ed was an instructor for Bucktail Archers Youth Archery. He also taught the Hunter Safety and Bow Safety courses for the Game Commission. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM with the Reverend Father Michael Gabler, OSB, Pastor, officiating. Full military rites were accorded by the Fox Township Servicemen’s Burial Detail. The burial was in the Mount Zion Cemetery. Visitation hours were at the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Bucktail Chapter #720, PO Box 220, Saint Marys, PA 15857.

ARTHUR J. GUALTIERE – Died recently in 2019 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 4, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49.

COURTNEY GUENTHER – Died Sunday, August 4, 2019 in Longwood, Florida at the age of 31. The cause of death was leukemia. She was born on April 2, 1988 in Fort Myers, Florida. She was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton (Ohio) Chapter #97.

ROY R. HAAS - Died Thursday, April 25, 2019 at his home in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 6, 1944. He is survived by his wife of 42 years Helen Haas; his children, Rj Haas and Barbi Morrison, and; his grandchildren, Kairi and Emi. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223. In lieu of services the family celebrated Roy's life on August 10, 2019.
DR. FAROUK ANTOINE HABRA, M.D. – Died peacefully Monday, August 12, 2019 in his home in Scottsdale, Arizona at the age of 81, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. Farouk was born in Jaffa, Palestine on February 2, 1938. On the night of his tenth birthday, Farouk fled with his family from Palestine to Egypt, where he would spend the next twelve years. Not long after beginning medical school in Cairo, Farouk received the chance to immigrate to America in 1960, a lifelong dream of his. With few belongings and a limited grasp of English, Farouk set out alone and courageously seized the opportunity, becoming the first in his family to make the trek to chase the American Dream. Undeterred by the 26 rejections of his 26 applications to American medical schools, the man who reveled in the art of negotiation managed to persuade the dean of Georgetown Medical School, during a chance encounter, into letting him enroll in the fall of 1960. While studying in Washington, DC, Farouk met Mary, a nursing student at DC General in 1963. Struck by her beautiful blue eyes, the couple fell in love and were married in Mary’s hometown of Medina, Ohio in 1964, a few months after Farouk graduated from Georgetown with his medical degree. Farouk became a naturalized American citizen in 1965 and was drafted that same year into the United States Navy. He served as a lieutenant from 1965 to 1967 and was deployed to the South China Sea in 1966 during the height of the Vietnam War. Whenever anyone tried to thank Farouk for his service, he would always say, “Thank you for letting me serve,” grateful for all of the opportunities America had given him. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona. Back from war and after finishing his residency in Michigan, Farouk listened to his wife’s orders to find a warmer climate. Now with two young daughters, Pauline and Leila, Farouk settled his family in Tucson, Arizona in 1971, where he would have a successful solo orthopedic practice for the next 25 years. The world has never known and will never again know someone quite like Farouk, known as “Kook,” to his grandchildren (and now to everyone). A giant of a man standing at a generously listed 5’ 4”, he provided for his family with an extraordinary work ethic and a degree of generosity that truly knew no bounds. A man of deep faith, he was a devout Catholic and had a special devotion to Mother Mary. Under his “strong like bull” mantra, he survived wars and political upheavals, overcame economic hardship, and defied multiple grim medical prognoses for over eight decades. The physical strength of his heart alone repeatedly stunned the medical community and was matched only by the love he poured from it to his family. Farouk was the adored patriarch of an ever-growing family and is survived by his beloved wife Mary, his four siblings, John, Nabil, Marcelle, and Corinne, his two daughters, Pauline (Gary) Zaro and Leila (Dean) Miller, his eleven grandchildren, Cecily (Carter), Eric (Larabeth), Luke, Priscilla (Dirk), Grant, Paul, Mark, Troy, John, Alexander, and Matthew, and his seven great-grandchildren, Felicity, David, Cordelia, Miriam, Todd, Jude, and George. Farouk’s funeral was held on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Saint John of the Desert Melkite Catholic Church located at 3718 East Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85032. A visitation began at 9:00 AM followed by a service at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint John
of the Desert Melkite Catholic Church (stjohnofthedesert.com) or the Bioethics Defense Fund (bdfund.org).

**THOMAS R. HALL** – Died recently in 2019 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 22, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Raguet, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.

**BOBBY W. HAND** – Died recently in 2019 in North Charleston, South Carolina at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 7, 1934. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina**.

**GERALD LEE “Doc” “Jerry” HAND** (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the Delaware Hospice Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Millsboro, Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. Jerry was born on March 4, 1948 in Salem, New Jersey to the late Lois Ecret and predeceased by his stepfather, Francis Ecret. He was a retired United States Air Force Master Sergeant serving a combined 27 years in the Air Force, Army and Navy, including serving with the Marines as a Navy Corpsman during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his combat service. Jerry was very patriotic and a proud American. He was a member of Post #28 American Legion in Oak Orchard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lewes Chapter #1105**. His hobbies included softball, darts, boating, fishing and watching the Eagles win. He loved spending time with his family and friends especially his grandchildren. Jerry had a great sense of humor and was often the life of the party. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Barbara C. Hand, of Millsboro, DE; three children, Dale Wilson, of Frederica, DE; Jeffrey Wilson and his wife Stephanie, of Middletown, DE and Michelle Tucker and her husband Michael, of Harrington, DE. He is also survived by three brothers, Frank Ecret (Jean), of Townsend, DE; Wm. Penny Ecret, of Venice, FL; Rick Ecret, of FL; and a sister, Sue Biernacki of Pennsville, NJ. Jerry also leaves behind his six grandchildren, Ryan, Brody and Colby Wilson, Bryce, Alyssa and Abby Tucker. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A memorial service was held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the Watson Funeral Home, 211 South Washington Street, Millsboro, DE, where friends visited from 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon with the family. Interment with the conferring of Military Honors was held privately. In lieu of flowers the family suggested donations in Jerry’s memory to the Home of the Brave, 6632 Sharps Road, Milford, DE 19963.
**GUILFORD A. HARMAN** – Died recently in 2019 in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 6, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Lie Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**.

**ROBERT GENE “Bob” HARPER** - Died Monday, September 2, 2019 in Madison, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 7, 1946 in Atlanta, Georgia. He is survived by his son, Robert Anthony Harper, of Santa Barbara, CA; his daughter, Tonya Harper Henson, of Lewisburg, TN; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his brother, James R. Harper, of Dallas, GA; his sisters, Jackie Tinney, of Piedmont, AL, Angella Brock, of Atlanta, GA and Peggie Yarbrough, of Peachtree City, GA; eight nephews, and; two nieces. He served in the United States Air Force from February 1, 1965 to October 31, 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**. Bob was cremated. A celebration of life service took place at Life Church, 120 Indian Lake Boulevard, Hendersonville, TN. The service was on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 12:00 Noon. The interment was on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Nashville National Cemetery in Madison, TN. In lieu of flowers- Bob requests donations to be made to Life Church or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

**RICHARD C. HART** – Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 11, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080**.

**JERRY LAVON HAYS** - Died Thursday, September 19, 2019 in Pinson, Alabama at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 29, 1948 to the late J.D. and Marilyn (née Prince) Hays. Mr. Hays attended Gateway and Agape Churches. He served in the United States Army and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. Not only did he serve his country, but he served the Lord as well. He loved his family and he was a Daddy and Granddaddy to all! He enjoyed being outdoors and loved animals. He could lead you home from anywhere; he was always there when needed and in any situation. He remained calm no matter what. Preceding him in death were his sons, Shannon Hays and Jeremy Hays, parents J.D. and Marilyn Prince Hays; siblings Judy Elizabeth Hanner and Perry Hays. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Judith Yarbrough Hays; children Laura Calvin, Montana Kelley, Julie Morris (Brandon), and Jonathan Hays, grandchildren; Katelyn Calvin, (Kevin), Alexis Hays, Cheyenne Pope, Savanna Kelley, Piper Morris and Penny Morris; great-grandchildren; Aidan and Adalena and a host of nieces and nephews. The family received friends on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at the
Lemley Funeral Home from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The funeral service was held on Thursday, September 6, 2019 at 12:00 Noon from the Chapel of Lemley Funeral Home with Brother Lawrence Prince officiating and Brothers Gabriel Wright, Billy Patterson and Stanley Owensby attending. The burial was in the Sharon Baptist Church Cemetery at Pinson.

GEORGE E. HEATHERDALE - Died Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at his home in Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 22, 1946 in DuBois, Pennsylvania to the late George and Martha (née Platco) Heatherdale. On November 30, 2001, he married Linda R. (née Royer) Heatherdale. She preceded him in death on February 26, 2018. George was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served in the Vietnam War. He retired from the maintenance department of Owens Brockway after 39 years of service. He was a 1964 graduate of Brockway High School where he played both football and baseball. He was a graduate of Devry Institute in Chicago studying electrical engineering. He was a member of the George D. Montgomery American Legion Post #17 and was a life member of the James J. Patterson Post #813 Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720. He was a member of Allens Mills United Methodist Church and enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. Most of all, he loved making memories with his family. George is survived by a daughter, Jody Lindemuth and her husband Michael, of Brockway, PA; a son, George E. Heatherdale; three stepsons, Robert "Mike" Coder, of DuBois, PA, Brent P. Coder, of DuBois, PA and Brian A. Coder and his wife Suzanne, of Luthersburg, PA; one brother, Mark Heatherdale and his wife, Patty, of Brockway, PA; one granddaughter, Amanda Lindemuth; eight step-grandchildren, and; two step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Gerard Heatherdale and two sisters, Martha Ruth Ann Heatherdale and Joyce Lee Mayew. Visitation hours were held on Monday, July 8, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Baronick Funeral Home and Crematorium, Inc. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 11:00 AM from the funeral home with Pastor Terry Felt officiating. The burial was in the Morningside Cemetery where full military honors were accorded by the DuBois Area Honor Guard. Memorial donations may be made to Toys for Tots, Box 221 Clearfield, PA 16830 and/or Saint Jude Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis TN, 38105. Online condolences can be sent to http://www.baronickfuneralhome.com.

Philip E. “Phil” Hecker, Sr. - Died Tuesday, July 2, 2019 in Grandville, Michigan at the age of 72, surrounded by love with family by his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 29, 1947 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Robert and Mary (née Wacker)
Hecker. Philip enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 1st Cavalry Division in 1964 and proudly served in Vietnam (1965-1966). Throughout his life he enjoyed time with his grandkids and family, bowling, hunting, fishing, and being in the outdoors. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – the Charles S. Kettes (Ann Arbor) Chapter #310, where he was a past President and past Treasurer; a life member of the American Legion where he was a past Commander of Post #322, Saline, MI; a life member of VFW Post #423, Ann Arbor, MI; and a life member of Disabled American Veterans. He also was a past Commander of the Washtenaw County Council of Veterans. Philip married Regena Plock on March 26, 1983 in Milan, MI and together they had a daughter, Stephanie (Eric) Huizenga. He is also survived by four boys from a prior marriage, Philip (Teri) Hecker, Jr., Gary (Kim) Hecker, Allen (Tracey) Hecker and Justin Hecker; nine grandchildren, and; his siblings, Robert Hecker Jr, Rosemary Hall, Laura Barnhart, John Hecker, and Patty (Bill) Edwards. He is preceded in death by his parents. A Celebration of Life took place at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 15, 2019 at the Chapel Pointe Church, 3350 Baldwin Street, Hudsonville. The interment was in the Fort Custer National Cemetery at 2:30 PM, 15501 Dickman Road, Augusta, MI, 49012. To send a message of sympathy to the family, sign Philip's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, please visit: www.MichiganCremation.com. In lieu of flowers donations in Phil's memory may be made to Tight Lines for Troops, tightlinesfortroops.com, PO Box 274, Manistee, MI, 49660 or the Faith Hospice at Trillium Hospice, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Drive SW, Byron Center, MI 49315, faithhospicecare.org. The arrangements were entrusted to the Michigan Cremation and Funeral Care, Grand Rapids, exclusive providers of Veterans Funeral Care.

RICHARD JOSEPH “Rick” HEHNEN - Died Tuesday, July 2, 2019 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 12, 1946 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late George Albert Hehnen and Anne Estelle (née Weinman) Hehnen. He was also predeceased by his siblings, Thomas Hehnen, Gary Hehnen and Joanne Wells. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Linda Ann Hehnen; his children, Michael Wade Hehnen, Stacey Ruth Wakefield (Howard); his sister, Lisa Anne Wright, and; his grandchildren, Becca Kaylor, Brandon Kaylor and Mikayla Wakefield. Rick is also survived by his Dachshund, “Max”, along with many extended family and friends. He graduated from Father Ryan High School and graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science in business. Rick was a United States Army and Vietnam veteran. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240 and the Disabled American Veterans. Rick had many interests and hobbies. He enjoyed watching movies, especially superhero movies. He was an avid NASCAR fan, his favorite driver being Dale Earnhardt, Sr. He liked to travel with favorite destinations that included Cape May, New Jersey, Panama City, Dauphin Island and whitewater rafting in Nantahala, North Carolina. He enjoyed listening to all types of music, especially classic rock. Rick found true happiness spending time with his family. Whether it was gathering in the dining room for Thanksgiving and other holiday gatherings or relaxing on the patio grilling, surrounded by family and friends. Rick was an honest, rational and
logical thinking man who also had a sense of humor. He was a loving and responsible husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed. A Celebration of Life gathering was held at the Hendersonville Funeral Home on Saturday, July 20th from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM, with Military Honors at 4:00 PM.

**EUGENE HERR** – Died Monday, September 16, 2019 in Bridgeville, Delaware at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 25, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Temple (Pennsylvania) Chapter #131.*

**ARNOLD HOROWITZ** – Died recently in 2019 in La Cygne, Kansas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Mary 23, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City (Missouri) Chapter #317.*

**GUADALUPE WEAVER (née Herrera) “Lupe” HUDSON** - Died Monday, September 2, 2019 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. Lupe was born on January 28, 1945 in San Antonio, Texas to Valentin and Teresa Herrera. For many years, Lupe was devoted to her community. She created an atmosphere of safety and vigilance by starting the Neighborhood Watch in her area. She was also a life member of the VFW Post #812 women’s auxiliary, and a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844.* Lupe was also a devout democratic advocate and was selected as a member of the Hall of Fame for the Democratic Party for her sacrifices and contributions. Lupe's life was a living example of the Bible verse, Isaiah 40:31—"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their Strength..." She was the strongest woman that always had her Faith to guide her forward. Lupe is survived by her husband and soulmate, Curtis R. Hudson; her sister, Amelia; her brother, Eduardo; her three sons and three daughters; eighteen grandchildren, and; four great-grandchildren.

**JOHN MICHAEL HUSAK** – Died Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in Clovis, California at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related metastatic bladder cancer. He was born in Dearborn, Michigan on August 11, 1949 to the late John Husak and Mary (née Kabaluk) Husak. He is survived by his wife, Tina Marie (née Bonomi) Husak-Jack. He served in the United States Army from February 16, 1968 to February 13, 1970. He served a tour in Vietnam from July 20, 1968 to June 26, 1969 and attained the rank of Specialist Four (E-4). He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clovis Chapter #933.*

**JOSEPH WINFRED “J.W.” HUTTON** – Died Saturday, September 28, 2019 in Wichita Falls, Texas at the age of 88. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in the Lone Tree community of Okmulgee County, Oklahoma on August 6, 1931 to the late Alex M. and Noda M. Hutton. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother and six sisters. He served in the United States Army for over 26 years and was stationed in Korea, Germany, Austria, Italy.
and Vietnam. He retired from the Army and worked in Civil Service at Fort Sill. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) – Lawton Chapter #751. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of over 40 years, Chun, Lawton, Oklahoma; a daughter, Patty Hutton, Lawton, Oklahoma; a son, Terrence and Lindola Hutton, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; two sisters, Barbara Dade, Sterling, Virginia Guidry, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and a grandson, T.J. Hutton, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Funeral Services were on Thursday October 3, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Howard-Harris Funeral Services. 1005 SW C Avenue. The burial was at 1:00 PM in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. The arrangements were made under the direction of the Howard-Harris Funeral Services.

DENNIS E. INGALLS – Died Wednesday, August 7, 2019 in Winter, Wisconsin at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 20, 1948 in Janesville, Wisconsin. He was a long-time General Motors employee, and a hard-working man. Enlisting in the United States Army at age 17, he was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and an active Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236 of Rock County. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and working on, and restoring Hot Rod cars. He retired to Winter, WI. A celebration of Life was at the Boundaries Bar and Grill (Old Marine Corps Lodge) on Saturday, August 31st from 3:00 to 7:00 PM with the Honor Guard providing military honors held at 3:30 PM.

NICKOLA ROBERT “Nick” JANNETT (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Monday morning, September 2, 2019 in Spokane, Washington at the age of 78. He was a resident of Ozark, Alabama. The cause of death was cardiogenic shock, aortic dissection with tamponade physiology and acute kidney injury on dialysis with profound acidosis. He was born on February 17, 1941 in Waverly, New York to the late Robert John Jannett and Elizabeth Belle (née LaDue) Jannett. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1958 and served until 1961. Mr. Jannett then joined the United States Army in 1964 until 1967 serving in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division and later joined the United States Army Reserve having retired in 2001. He received Drill Sergeant-of-the-Year Award for the 2nd Battalion, 392nd Regiment, 98th Division, Buffalo, NY in 1978. Mr. Jannett was a life member of the VFW Post #5655 in Pennsylvania, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373 and DAV-Ozark, Alabama Chapter #94. He was a charter member of the Wells Jackson Lions Club in Pennsylvania, the National Rifle Association, the Tri-State Gun Club, Daleville, Alabama, the American Legion Post #0082, Ozark and the American War Orphans Network. Mr.
Jannett was especially proud to receive a Quilt of Valor in 2019. He moved to Ozark in 1985 where he was a member and deacon at Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Mr. Jannett was preceded in death by an infant brother, Jerry Jannett; Mother-in-law, Peggy (née Lattimer) Coolbaugh; Father-in-law, George W. Lattimer and sister-in-law, Veronica L. Hill. Surviving relatives include his wife of fifty-seven years, Shirley R. Jannett, Ozark; two daughters, Jennifer J. Horton (Larry), Cape Coral, FL and Valerie J. Alumbaugh (Bruce), Lewiston, ID; granddaughter, Sara L. Riches (Ian), London, England; his siblings, Martina Jannett, Oceanside, CA; Gary Jannett (Liane), Alford, FL; Emily J. Bober, N. Ft. Myers, FL; Kenneth Jannett (Pat), Louisville, TN; Danny Jannett (Sherry), Buckeye, AZ; Tom J. Rawald (Ruby), Kissimmee, FL; Michael Lattimer, Gillett, PA; Sue Warfle (Vern), Rome, PA; Russell Lattimer, Marianville, PA and Randy Lattimer (May), Athens, PA; brothers-in-law, George W. Lattimer (Carole), Rio Rancho, NM and John L. Lattimer (Nancy), Gillett, PA. The funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in the Ridgecrest Baptist Church with Dr. Scott E. Thompson and Reverend Jim Hill co-officiating. Graveside services, with full military honors, were in the Woodlawn Memory Gardens. Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. The family received friends from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday in the sanctuary of Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Flowers were accepted or memorial contributions may be made to Ridgecrest Baptist Church Building Fund, 1971 Deese Road, Ozark, Alabama 36360.

BRADLEY W. JOHNSON – Died Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in Texarkana, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 17, 1943 in Galveston, Texas. He served in the United Navy from 1961 to 1964. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278.

ROSEMARIE ANN JOHNSON - Died Friday, July 5, 2019 at the Morristown Medical Center at the age of 80. She was a resident of Branchville, New Jersey. The cause of death was a heart attack. She was born on June 21, 1939 in the Bronx, New York to the late Charles Daniel Carrier and Helen Rita (née Martins) Carrier. After graduating high school, Rosemary knew she had to use her gift to help others by becoming a Clinical Hypnotherapist for over 30 years. She supported our vets by becoming a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sussex Chapter #1002. In her free time, she very much enjoyed playing computer games on Pogo. Rosemary is survived by her husband of 44 years, Donald Johnson, of Sandyston, NJ; her children, Darleen Maxcy, Thomas Maxcy, Daniel Johnson and wife, Jill Alesandro Johnson; her sisters, Helen Caprara and Harriet Taft; her brother, Michael Dobinscarrier; along with her grandchildren, Sean Maxcy, Natalee Johnson, and Mia Johnson. A celebration of life was celebrated at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com.

JOE LEE JONES – Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institutes in Raiford, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 2, 1951 He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.
RAYMOND E. "Ray" JONES, SR. - Died Tuesday, September 3, 2019 of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was formerly of Darby, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 6, 1944. Predeceased by his first wife, Angela (née Squadroni) and his brother George. He is survived by his beloved wife of 23 years, Sharon S. (née Stiglitz); his children, Raymond E. Jr., Kimberly M. (Robert) Meiklejohn and Jennifer A. (Frank) Palmer; his six grandchildren; his brothers, Russell (Dee) and Robert (Flossie); his sister, Joanne (late John), Wallace, and; many loving nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67. Relatives and friends were invited to his visitation on Thursday morning, September 12th from 10:00-11:45 AM and the funeral service at 12:00 Noon at The D’Anjolell Memorial Home, 2811 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA. Entombment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions in Ray's memory may be made to the Disabled American Vets at www.secure.dav.org/donate.

DAVID KEITH KARNE - Died Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio at the age of 68. He was a resident of Piketon, Ohio and formerly of Baltimore, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 2, 1948 in Norwalk, Ohio to the late Walter Oliver Karnes and Merrill (née Condon) Karnes. On August 8, 2000, David was united in marriage to Janine (Pratt) Karnes of Baltimore, Ohio who died on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in Piketon, Ohio at the age of 57. He is survived by his sons, Brad Karnes and Brian Karnes, of Washington C.H., Ohio; his stepson, Michael Bender and wife, Crystal of Apple Grove, WV; his grandchildren, Cole Karnes and Rubee Karnes; his brother, Dr. Wayne Karnes and wife, Peggy, of Salem, Oregon; and; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. David was a Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Navy, life member of the VFW Post #1060, NRA, Hog Club, and member and past president of Rolling Thunder Chapter #10. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Howe Wheeler Boyer Hornback Funeral Home in Piketon, Ohio. The burial was in the Mound Cemetery with Full Military Services being conducted by the American Legion Merritt Post #142. Friends visited at the Howe Wheeler Boyer Hornback Funeral from 5:00-8:00 PM on Thursday and one hour prior to the service on Friday. www.boyerfuneral.com.

EDWARD EUGENE KING – Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1030.
KENNETH B. KING - Died Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Stormont Vail Health Regional Health Center in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 72. He was a resident of Wamego, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. Kenneth was born on November 21, 1946 in Marysville, Kansas to the late John T. and Grace L. (née Roepke) King. After graduating from Marysville High School in 1964, he worked as agent-operator for the Rock Island Railroad. In 1965, he joined the United States Air Force and served for four years. After the Air Force Kenneth continued his education completing a Master of Arts Degree in Learning Disabilities from the University of Northern Colorado. He taught school in Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604. Survivors include his brother, Dennis (Marlene) King of Beaverton, Oregon, as well as many friends and relatives. Preceding him in death were his parents, a sister Phyllis Peterson and a brother Calvin King. A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in the Chapel at the Colmery-O’Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka. A private inurnment at Riverside Cemetery in Waterville was held at a later date.

RICHARD DALE “Dick” KNIGHT – Died Saturday, June 22, 2019 in Haslett, Michigan at the age of 89. The cause of death was end-stage renal failure and hypertension. Dick was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 2, 1929 to the late James and Esther Knight. After graduating from Ann Arbor High School in 1947, he joined the United States Air Force. During his military career he served overseas in both the Korea and Vietnam Wars. After 20 years of service he retired from the Air Force in 1968. His job experience in the military led to a long career as a computer analyst for Conductor, EDS, and CPHA. He retired in 1991. Dick was passionate about being a veteran and was involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310 and was a member of the Washtenaw Honor Guard. He enjoyed vacationing, camping, boating, and golfing. Dick was preceded in death by his father, James Knight, his mother, Esther Knight, his son, Ricky Knight, and his sister-in-law, Eloise Knight. Dick is survived by his brother, Tom Knight; three children, Jim Knight, Sherry Ison (Gary), and Kathy Dey (Andy); eight grandchildren, Rachel Rachedi (Ramin), Nathan Dey (Lina), Shane Ison (Caitlin), Sarah Piggott (Mac), Jesse Ison, Jenny Knight, Brett Ison (Rachele), and Sheryl Knight; fifteen great-grandchildren; his niece, Julie Tobin (Mike), and; his nephew Charles Knight (Bonnie). The funeral services were on Saturday, June 29th at the Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Ann arbor, MI. Visitation started at 9:30 M and the funeral service with military honors was at 11:00 AM. A burial ceremony was in the Washtenong Memorial Park. In Lieu of flowers the donations in his memory may be made to VVA #310 and VFW #423.
JERRY MELVIN KOEHN - Died Friday September 20, 2019 in Vero Beach, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was a pulmonary embolism. He was born on August 25, 1949 in Sydney Nebraska to the late Melvin and Hazel Koehn. Jerry graduated from Heron Lake High School in Heron Lake, Minnesota. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy having served from 1968-1972. Jerry moved to Vero Beach in 1973 and married Sandra Koehn in 1974. Jerry worked in Construction and was a Truck Driver. He most recently worked at the Vero Beach Museum of Art. He was a Life Member and President of Vietnam Veterans of America – Vero Beach Chapter #1038. He enjoyed camping, riding his motorcycle and bowling. He proudly bowled a perfect 300 in 2016. Jerry also actively volunteered at the Victory Center Military Store. Jerry is survived by his wife Sandra Koehn, of Vero Beach; his children, Adam (Arita) Koehn and Aaron Koehn, of Vero Beach; his grandchildren, Anna, Aiyden and Acen Koehn, and; his siblings Melody Christensen, of Brush, Colorado and Claire Koehn, of Hensley, Arkansas. A visitation was held on Friday, September 27th from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Cox Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home in Vero Beach followed by a service at 3:00 PM. Family and Friends were encouraged to gather at the home of Adam Koehn after the Service.

THOMAS WALTER KOHL – Died Friday, August 30, 2019 in Rochester, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester on October 24, 1943 to the late Eugene and Ula Kohl. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20. He is survived by his loving wife, Dotty; daughter, Kate (John) Kenney; son, Tim (Chelsey) Kohl; grandchildren, Lea and Parker Kenney and Haverly Kohl; sisters, Judy Salamone and Pat (Wayne) Lewis; brother, Tim Kohl. He was immensely proud of his children and grandchildren, and a loyal and faithful husband to Dotty. We thank all of our family and friends for their loving support. The family received friends from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Newcomer Cremations and Funerals, 2636 Ridgeway Avenue, Rochester, where Military Honors were accorded at 7:00 PM. The interment was private.

CLIFFORD LLOYD KREISER (USAF, Lt. Col.-Ret.) - Died peacefully Thursday, February 21, 2019 in his home in West Hanover Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 89, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born in Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania on June 28, 1929 to the late Lloyd Hiram Kreiser and Stella Elizabeth (née Ditzler) Kreiser. Raised on a farm
and educated in a one-room schoolhouse, he went on to earn a Civil Engineering degree at The Pennsylvania State University and a Master’s in Engineering from the University of Michigan. In consummate service to his Country and his fellow man, Clifford Kreiser was a World War II United States Army Air Corps veteran who served in the 314th Air Division and received both the WWII Occupational Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. As an Air Force Officer, Clifford flew 106 Combat Missions in Vietnam receiving a Distinguished Flying Cross (heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight), an Air medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters (acts of heroism or meritorious achievement; gallantry in combat) and a Service Medal with two stars (distinguished outstanding meritorious achievement or service to the United States) among other medals and ribbons. Still, Clifford’s preferred accomplishment was time spent in the Los Angeles, CA area working with Ralph M Parsons in education with Industry and time spent as the Project Manager on the shipyard in Pascagoula MI. Clifford retired from the United States Air Force in 1977 as a Lieutenant Colonel and began a second career as an Airport Engineer with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation; he retired from the Commonwealth in 1993. He was a member of Charlton United Methodist Church, Harrisburg and its JOY Sunday School Class and the CHUMS senior group. He had previously been a member at Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church, Harrisburg. Community service was important to Clifford Kreiser. He was a Life Member of National Sojourners and Member of Brownstone Lodge F&AM; Member of the Dauphin County Honor Guard; Life Member and past Commander of Shellsville VFW Post #9639; Life Member of American Legion Post #883 Jonestown PA; Past Commander of 18th District VFW and District Inspector and Community Chairman for several years. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542. Clifford was preceded in death by brothers Harold Kreiser and Guy Kreiser and by his sister Myrle Behney. He leaves behind his wife of 66 years, Bernadette, a son Douglas Kreiser (wife Cheryl), three daughters: Carol Kreiser, Janis Lamar (Stephan Hooker) and Susan Kreiser-Array along with his only grandchild, Allison and several families of his nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, February 26th at 12:00 PM in the Charlton United Methodist Church, 5920 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg 17112. Interment with honors was at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. Visitation hours were held on Monday, February 25th from 6:00-8:00 PM with a masonic service beginning at 5:45 PM in the Hoover Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. in Hershey and also on Tuesday morning beginning one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to his church or the PA Wounded Warriors Inc., 1117 Country Club Road, Camp Hill PA 17111.

DENNIS LEE KRISKO – Died Tuesday, August 22, 2017 in Rockville, Maryland at the age of 72. The cause of death was heart failure and cancer. He was born in Washington, DC on March 16, 1945 to the late John Hunter Krisko, Jr. and Margaret (née Dawson) Krisko. He served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1964 during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641. He was the beloved brother of John H. Krisko, III; fiancé of Selva Karslo. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Krisko served in Vietnam from 1962 to 1964 installing military antennas for the United States Air Force all over the world. He was a superintendent for the W. A. Chester Company for over 30 years installing high voltage underground cable. Friends were received at the Pumphrey’s
Bethesda Chevy Chase Funeral Home, 7557 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland on Monday, August 28, 2017 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM where services were held at 1:00 PM. The interment service was at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, Maryland conducted by Pastor Ann Hummer.

GREGORY J. KROL, SR. – Died Tuesday, January 2019 in Garfield Heights, Ohio at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1946 to the late William and Jessie (née Purkoski) Krol. He was the devoted father of Gregory J. Krol, Jr. (Christine), Kimberly Krol (Chad Guyer), and Michelle Krieger (Kristopher); loving stepfather of Telsa Renea Zubovich, and Misti Mrozowski (Joseph); beloved grandfather of Kailey Byrne, Sabrina and Harlie Krol, Grace and Andrew Krieger, and Joseph and Addison Mrozowski; caring brother of William Krol (Betty). Gregory was a proud United States Army veteran, serving in Korea and he retired from Ferro Corporation. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio. His passions included photography, nature and his corvette. He especially enjoyed cruisin' the country and was proud when his "Krolvet" reached 66,000 miles on Route 66, at age 66. Private services were held. The family has requested donations to be made to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be submitted at www.GDFH.net.

GARY LEE "The Bear" KUBIK - Died Thursday, August 15, 2019 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death was complications from congestive heart failure. He was born on February 21, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. Gary was the beloved husband of Judy and loving father of Eric (Linda) Belasco, Scott (Lisa) Belasco, Kristy Kay Kubik, Brenda Kubik and Kristy (Anthony) Tackett. He was the cherished grandfather of Craige, Connor, Destiny, Angel, Bud, Justin, Breanna, Andie, Lucas and Trevor. Gary was the dear brother of Rosemary (David) Comtois’, Patty (Paul) White and Mike (Kathy) Kubik. After service to his country in the United States Navy, Gary worked for the post office, Meijers and as a bar manager for VFW Post #6695. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Canton Chapter #528. When not working, Gary enjoyed gardening, playing cards, hunting and range shooting. The family received visitors on Sunday, August 18th from 2:00-9:00 PM at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (West of Lilley Road) in Canton. The funeral service for Gary was on Monday, August 19th at 11:00 AM from the chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Gary's final resting place was at the Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

RONALD P. LACKNER – Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 13, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.
PAUL DANIEL “Frenchie” LACOUR, JR. – Died Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Kent General Hospital in Dover, Delaware at the age of 88. He was a resident of Dover. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest. He was born on March 2, 1931 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Paul D. Lacour, Sr. and Ann Rebecca (née Johnson) Lacour. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for 22 years as a Maintenance Supervisor and Flight Engineer. Mr. Lacour had been selected for the command crew at Westover AFB, Offutt AFB and Hickam AFB and served as crew chief for General Joseph J. Nazzaro who was the 8th Air Force commander, commander in chief of the Pacific Air Forces and commander in chief, Strategic Air Command. After his military career, he worked for 18 years at the Blood Bank of Delaware as a phlebotomist and drove and maintained the first bloodmobile in the state of Delaware. Mr. Lacour was recently elected President of the Delaware Veterans Home Resident Council. He enjoyed friends and family, his dog Beau, music, fishing, making others laugh telling stories and jokes. He always had a smile for everyone. Mr. Lacour will be remembered by his loved ones for his favorite quote, "God's gift to me is my wonderful family and friends". He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his sisters, Helen Hughes and Catherine Blouin; and grandson, Ryan Suchko. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Hilma Lacour of Dover; his son, Jeff Lacour and his wife Mary Anne, of West Grove, PA; his daughters, Hope Gorlich and her husband John, of Rehoboth, DE and Elaine Mayer and her husband Tom, of Glenmoore, PA; his sister, Barbara Knox, of Warwick, RI; his grandchildren, Faith Davis and husband Brian, Tom Mayer, Jr., Matthew Mayer, Sarah Lacour, Paul Lacour, Jason Gorlich and wife Marykatherine, Andy Gorlich and wife Suzanna, and; five great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 12:00 Noon, preceded by a 1-hour visitation on Monday, August 12, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 631 South State Street, Dover. Friends may call on Sunday evening from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Torbert Funeral Chapel South, 1145 East Lebanon Road (Route 10), Dover. There will be a remembrance service starting at 7:00 PM on Sunday evening. The Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family had suggested contributions be made to Chapter #850 Vietnam Veterans of America, PO Box 1718, Dover, Delaware 19903, Brandywine Valley SPCA Dover, and Delaware Veterans Home Milford. Letters of condolences may be sent and guestbook signed at www.torbertfuneral.com.

LARRY JOSEPH LEE – Died Thursday, September 19, 2019 in Saint Petersburg, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death was kidney failure. Larry was born on May 15, 1946 in Belmont, Kentucky to the late Agnes and Bennie Leslie Lee. He graduated from High School at Lebanon Junction High School. Lee attended Sullivan Business College. Larry Lee is
survived by his wife, Deanna Lee, Saint Petersburg, FL; his children, Vanessa Wethington – Mt. Washington, KY and Christy Kessler- Somerset, KY. He is preceded in death by his son, Joseph Lee. Lee has seven grandchildren, Emilee Wethington, Sarah Wethington, Meghan Wethington, Holly Kessler, Lauren Kessler, Alexander Lee, Abigail Lee, and Andrew Lee; one great-grandchild, Braxton Wethington. He is also survived by six siblings, Everett Lee, Johnny Lee, Mary Hale, C.W. Lee, and Jean Lee, and Roy Lee. Mr. Lee was preceded in death by a sister, Anita Tyler. Mr. Lee served his country as a United States Marine and received a purple heart during his time in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522. During Mr. Lee’s career he worked for the Post Office in St. Petersburg, Florida, and General Electric in Louisville, KY. Mr. Lee was a loving husband, father and grandfather. His children remember him as a Loving and kind father who encouraged them and loved them selflessly. His grandchildren remember his playful spirit. Mr. Lee was a servant of the Lord and he loved helping people in their time of need. Mr. Lee will be sorely missed by his family and friends. A Celebration of Life was at 9:00 AM on September 20, 2019 at the Life Tribute Funeral Home in Gulfport, Florida, with burial in the National Cemetery in Sarasota, Florida. Mr. Lee was provided with full military honors. As a Kidney Transplant Recipient, Mr. Lee was an avid supporter for the Organ Donation Program and would recommend thoughtful consideration of becoming an organ donor. https://www.donatelifeline.net/ Pastor Genniser Devega officiated the ceremony. All were welcome to attend and celebrate Mr. Lee’s life. The family would like to thank the caregiver and hospital staff for their efforts, care, and dedication.

RONNIE L. LESTER - Died Thursday, August 8, 2019 in Orange Park, Florida at the age of 68, with family by his side. He was a former resident of Saint Augustine, Florida. The cause of death was cancer, multiple myeloma. Ronnie was born on May 28, 1951 in Cedar Bluff, Virginia to the late Woodrow and Effie Lester. He moved to Hawthorne, Florida at the age of 8. Ronnie volunteered for military service in the United States Army and served with the 3rd Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Augustine Chapter #1084. He served for more than 30 years as a Law Enforcement Officer in northeast Florida. He is survived by the love of his life, Lynn (née Arnold) Lester; his son, Ronnie Joe Lester (Tina); two daughters, Jennifer Kennington (Kevin) and Jillian Arnold; his grandchildren, Kelsi Lowell (Jordan), Samantha Masters (Corey), Hunter Cameron, Bryce Kennington, and Cole Slade, and; his great-grandchildren, Aria Lowell, Emmett Lowell, and Cam Masters. Ronnie grew up in the church but didn’t want anything to do with God until February 1994. After Ronnie met Jesus, he was still a mess! Ronnie discovered how Jesus is the only source of happiness and purpose. Ronnie and Lynn began sharing their faith and became evangelism trainers with Evangelism Explosion International at Good News Church, where Ronnie began his relationship with Jesus Christ. If Ronnie could ask you one question it would be “Have you come to the place in your spiritual life that if you were to die today, would you go to Heaven?” Ronnie died and did go to heaven not because he was good, but because by God’s grace, he met Jesus and accepted his free gift of eternal life. Consider: “Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” John 14:6. Ronnie approved this message and so did Jesus. A celebration of life was held at 4:00 PM at the Good News Church Wildwood Campus on Thursday, August 15, 2019.
EDWIN WINFIELD “Pop” “Eddie” LEWIS, SR. – Died Saturday, June 29, 2019 Ocean City, Maryland on his 82nd birthday. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 29, 1937 to the late Anna LeCompte (née Maule) and the late Francis Lewis. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Carol Sefton. Pop is survived by his two sons, Edwin, Jr. and Robert; his daughter-in-law, Carol; his grandchildren, Kimberly, Leanne (Robert), and Steven; his great-grandchildren Tatum, Jessica, Gianna, and Vincent, and; many granddogs and great-granddogs who loved him dearly. Pop grew up in Philadelphia before starting a family in Blackwood, New Jersey. He worked as a union carpenter for 55 years, 40 of which were spent with Degler-Whiting, Incorporated. He was also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose volunteer organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He enjoyed summers in Ocean City, Maryland, for over 30 years and was an avid fisherman. He was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocean City Chapter #1091. Pop’s life is marked by his love of animals, especially dogs and birds. Every dog in Ocean City knew to stop at Pop’s place for a biscuit, and every bird knew that a hearty meal of white bread and meal worms would be served three times a day from his front porch. He even managed to befriend a fox over some chicken wings, much to neighbor’s dismay. His life is also marked by his tireless service to others. His loved ones would attest that he simply could not sit still, even until the end. He was always the first to lend a hand, and always found something that needed fixing. He regularly volunteered his handiwork at the Bucks County Seventh Day Adventist Church in Warminster, PA. He never arrived empty-handed, but always with flowers or food in tow. His big heart, sense of humor, and helping hands will be deeply missed. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his viewing on Friday, July 5, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Earle Funeal Home, 122 W. Church Street, Blackwood, NJ, 08012. A memorial service was at 10:00 AM followed by interment at Eglington Cemetery in Clarksboro. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Pop’s memory may be made to the Worcester County Humane Society at P.O. Box 48, Berlin, MD, 21811 or at www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org/donate.

NICHOLAS W. “Nick” LEWIS, SR. – Died Tuesday, August 27, 2019 Gloversville, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 11, 1948 in the Bronx, New York to the late John P. Lewis, later to become the son of Nancy Altisi. Nick was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served overseas in Korea. He was honorably discharged on April of 1970, ranking as SP4 in military intelligence. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Monmouth (New Jersey) Chapter #721. After his time in the service, he worked for Conrail and retired after 43 long years as a Yard Master. In his later years, he formed The Bronx Boys Doo-Wop group and made many fond memories singing alongside his brother John. Nick will be remembered for his comedic road rage and his love for oldies, karaoke, animals, food, duct tape and glitter and the New York Yankees. Above all else,
he will be remembered for his selfless dedication to his children. It is impossible to put into words the character of the man he was. The world has suffered a monumental loss and his kind, generous soul has earned a special seat on the other side. He is survived by his older brother John; his eight children, Kimberly, Bridget, Candice, Michael, Julia, Nicholas, Laura and Mary; three inherited children, Charles, Joseph and Marc; 29 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and; many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his beloved dog, Brinley to which he spoiled like no other. He is predeceased by his grandson Jonathan, his mother, father and his brother Richard, and many pets to which he deeply loved.

The funeral services took place on Sunday September 1, 2019 at 3:00 PM with Reverend Father O. Robert DeMartinis at the Betz, Rossi, Bellinger Family Funeral Home, 171 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, NY. Relatives and friends were invited to call at the funeral home on Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Honoring Nick can be done without charitable contribution to any organization. To honor Nick, carry his spirit forward by putting family first and spending this precious time here on earth making great memories with those you love. Online condolences may be made at www.brbsfuneral.com.

DONALD B. “Jingles” LINGENFELTER - Died suddenly at home, Monday, September 9, 2019 in Penfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on August 2, 1944 in Stump Creek, Pennsylvania to the late Floyd T. and Hazel (née Reed) Lingenfelter. On January 1, 1966 he married Irma R. “Lovey” (née Aljoe) Lingenfelter who survives. Along with his wife, Jingles is survived by: two children, Tina (Dave) Heindl of DuBois and Tom (Deb Smith) Lingenfelter of Brockway; two grandchildren, Lynze Taylor and Brooke Greathouse; three great-grandchildren, Caydin, Joslyn and Blake; a brother, Gene (Nancy) Lingenfelter of Ridgway; and a sister, Mary Gill of Florida. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Floyd T. Lingenfelter, Jr. and Benjamin Lingenfelter, Sr.; and a sister, Margaret Frederick. Jingles served in the United States Navy from 1962 – 1966, receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a member of the Penfield United Methodist Church, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720, Huston Township Water and Sewage Board of Directors for several years, Horton-Brockway Lions Club, Bennetts Valley Legion Post #978, Penfield Firemen’s Club and the Big “O” of DuBois. Living his younger years in Rathmel, PA he has been a Penfield resident since 1974. There was no visitation. The funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Penfield United Methodist Church with Pastor Randy Hall, officiating. The family suggested memorials be made to the Penfield United Methodist Church, the Penfield Firemen or the Bennetts Valley Ambulance and will be accepting online condolences at www.nedzafamilyfuneralhomes.com.
RICHARD DONQUE “Peanut” “Rick” LONG, JR. - Died Monday, July 22, 2019 at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 69. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 15, 1950 in Cumberland to the late Richard Donque Long, Sr. and Wilma (née Collins) Long. In addition to his father, Rick was preceded in death by his son, Richard Donque Long III. Rick was a graduate of Fort Hill High School class of 1969. Following high school, he served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam. After being discharged, Rick was a security guard at Memorial Hospital. He later worked in housing maintenance in the Baltimore and Washington areas. Rick loved going to flea markets, collecting DVDs, and taking care of his animals – cats, Peaches and Fluffy, and his dogs, Ginger and Sarah. He loved his deceased dog Nikki. He was a bass guitar player for the local band Porsche's. Rick was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172. Rick is survived by his wife of 40 years, Carol Jean (née Beeman) Long; his daughter, Tonya R. Cademartori; his grandchildren, Travis, Josuha, and Nathan Cademartori; his brother, Edward Long; his best friends, Larry Day and Bonnie, and; his good friend and caregiver, Michael Simmons. A celebration of Rick’s life was conducted at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Military honors were accorded at the funeral home by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #172. Those wishing to honor Rick’s memory may, in lieu of flowers, make contributions toward his funeral expenses. The family thanked the staff at the Community Living Center at the Martinsburg VA Center for the kind, considerate care they gave Rick during his illness.

PAUL JOSEPH LUEDTKE (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, September 25, 2016 at Saint Joseph Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin at the age of 73. He was a resident of Cumberland, Wisconsin. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer; disseminated intravascular coagulation, acute blood loss with retroperitoneal nontraumatic hematomata and non-small cell lung cancer with metastases. He was born on June 13, 1943 in Saint Paul, Minnesota to the late Francis and Frances (née Shelley) Luedtke. Paul graduated from the Central Catholic High School in Marshall, MN, graduated from Saint John’s University in Collegeville, MN and then graduated with a degree in Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Minnesota Law School. Paul entered the United States Army, served in Vietnam in 5th Special Forces Group and was Honorably Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the JAG branch after 28 years. He was married to Cynthia Marie Huth on November 25, 1967 in Shakopee, MN. Paul loved to garden, landscaping, solving crossword puzzles, playing sudoko, watching game shows, going to live theatre, fishing, watching the Minnesota Vikings, volunteering, bringing food to different organizations and being with his family. Paul was an active member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2137. Paul
always said yes to God when He placed something on his heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah (Georgia) Chapter #671**. Paul Luedtke is survived by his wife, Cynthia Luedtke of Cumberland, WI; four children, Kristine (R. Steven) Edenfield, of Savannah, GA, Kirk Luedtke, of Hendersonville, NC, Kathryn (Jason) Paxton, of Apex, NC and Kyle Luedtke (Tayjes Shah), of Charlottesville, VA; four grandchildren, Luke Edenfield, Ethan, Evelyn and Emery Paxton, and; three sisters, Mary Catherine (Mike) Whitmore, Redwood City, CA, Diane (Dave) Peters, of International Falls, MN and Carol (Terry) Ohland, of Grand Rapids, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Frances Luedtke. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Dobie, WI where Military Rites were accorded by the Haugen Honor Guard and also Reverend Fathers Ed Anderson and David Neuschwander concelebrated. The interment was in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Visitation was held from 10:00-11:00 AM on Thursday at the Church. The arrangements were entrusted to the care of Appleyard's Home for Funerals, 19 West Messenger Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

**JONATHAN E. LUNDEN** - Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 19, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080**.

![Raymond John Maher](image)

**RAYMOND JOHN MAHER** - Died Wednesday, August 21, 2019 in Howell, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 1, 1946 in Howell to the late Bernard and Ella (née Smith) Maher. Raymond was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam as a rear gunman on Med-Evac choppers. Stateside, he operated a Becker Drill during the construction of the Alaskan Pipeline then leveraged his practice in the skilled trades to start his own commercial construction business. During that time, he built two homes for his family on the "Mason Road compound" and enjoyed reading and playing cards with friends. He was a quick wit and enjoyed sharing a laugh with everyone he knew and many he didn’t. Raymond was truly one of a kind...if you knew him, you understand. Raymond took a leadership role in many ways, including serving as Howell Township Supervisor, coordinating construction of the current American Legion Post #141, of which he was a member, and was active in many local organizations including the Howell Eagles Club, Howell Elks Lodge, VVA #110, AMVETS, VFW and the Livingston County Coin Club. He was proud to lead fundraising activities for people with disabilities and faithfully delivered meals for over 25 years on Christmas morning for Meals-on-Wheels. He was a **Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Howell Chapter #110**. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen M. (née Wroten) Maher, daughter Melinda R. Maher, and stepdaughters, Heidi Anderson, Jessica M. (Anderson) Phillips and her husband Larry D. Phillips, Jr. and their three children, Cameron, Quentin, and Penn Phillips. Raymond is also survived by his siblings, Monica (Wendell) Ferry,
Vincent (Robin) Maher, Brian Maher, Marion (Janet) Maher, Tom (Jenny) Maher, and Dennis Maher. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Bernadette Maher and brothers, Paul and Larry Maher. A visitation was held on Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM with a funeral service on Monday at 11:00 AM at MacDonald’s Funeral Home, 315 North Michigan Avenue, Howell. The burial with military honors were in the Eisele Catholic Cemetery, Fowlerville. Memorial contributions are suggested to Rett Syndrome (rettsyndrome.org), 4600 Devitt Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246.

**BARRY LEWIS MARQUARDT** – Died Saturday, November 3, 2018 in Santa Clara, California at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 11, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – American Canyon Chapter #464. Crosby-N. Gray and Company was in charge of the arrangements.

**OLA MAE MARTIN** – Died Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at the Harrodsburg Health & Rehab Center in Harrodsburg, Kentucky at the age of 80. She was a resident of Junction City, Kentucky and formerly of Russell County, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on August 14, 1939 in Russell County to the late Earl A. and Alpha Foley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Coe; three sisters, Lucille Foley, Earlene Foley, Peggy Tarter. Survivors include her husband, Arnold "Bud" Martin; three children, Roger Coe, of Madison, Alabama, Susan Coe, of Borden Indiana and Richard Coe, of Stoney Fork, Kentucky; seven grandchildren, and; seven great-grandchildren. She was a Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrodsburg Chapter #1104. Visitation for Ola Mae Martin were from 12:00 Noon (CDT) until 3:00 PM (CDT) on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The Bernard Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**WILLIAM H. “Bill” MARTIN, JR.** – Died Wednesday, June 5, 2019 in Hospice of Texarkana, Texas at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 5, 1926 in LaFeria, Texas to the late William H. and Ada Marie (née Murphy) Martin. He was a lifelong resident of Texarkana. He was a devout Christian and member of Beech Street Baptist Church. He graduated from North Heights High School. He attended the University of Arkansas. He deferred his education to serve his country proudly in the United States Navy during WWII stationed on the USS LaSalle and again in the Army during Korea. He returned to graduate from U of A with a degree in Veterinary Science. He was the quintessential salesman. He began his career in veterinary sales with Tyson Foods working alongside the founder John W. Tyson. He worked selling vet supplies to the chicken farmers throughout the Ark-La-Tx area, until he
retired from Vineland Labs in 1991. He was involved in many organizations including the VFW, The Rotary Club, The Lions Club, The Gideons, prison ministry, and Sunday school teacher. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278. He loved to be outdoors especially with a fishing pole and a boat on the water. He was well known for his catfish and BBQ chicken parties. He enjoyed entertaining and being around people. He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife Blanche, his precious daughter Rachel, great-grandson Jackson; his brothers Robert, Amos; sisters Allene and Jean. He also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He is survived by sons Joshua and wife Freddie Martin of Tucson, AZ; Billy R. and wife Valerie of Allen, TX. Grandchildren Carla and Kelly Wood, Jimmy and Tiffany Hall, Aaron, Joshua, Jeremiah, Austin, and Broderick Martin. Great-grandchildren Ely Fisher, Jason, Cameron, Carson Wood, and Olivia Martin. The services were at the Texarkana Funeral Home, 4801 Parkway Drive, Texarkana, AR. on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM. Visitation hours were from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM at the funeral home. The burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation and The Gideons. He was loved by many people and will be greatly missed. Well done good and faithful servant.

ARCHE MARTINEZ – Died Saturday, July 20, 2019 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 10, 1938 to the late Jose and Maria Martinez. He was also predeceased by his brother, Richard. He is survived by his loving wife, Maddie and many other family members and friends. He served in the United States Army from January 16, 1955 to February 28, 1978 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from April 3, 1970 to March 2, 1971. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Weston Chapter #279. The family received friends on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the West Center Chapel with a wake service at 7:00 PM and a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Saint Gerald Catholic Church, 9602 “Q” Street, Omaha. The interment was in the Saint Mary Magdalene Cemetery with full military honors. Memorials were suggested to Saint Gerald Catholic Church Choir.

JOHN L. MARTINS, JR. – Died Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 4, 1937. A resident of Sierra Vista since 2001, he meritoriously served in the United States Army for 20 years. As a platoon sergeant in Vietnam, he was awarded two Purple Hearts and three Bronze Stars, one with valor, in part for his duty at the Battle of Hue. He was also a member of the American
Legion for 50 years. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona.

ALAN CHARLES MASSEY - Died Thursday, November 22, 2018 at Discovery Care Centre in Hamilton, Montana at the age of 72. He was a resident of Corvallis, Montana, formerly of Douglasville, Georgia. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, he was born on June 7, 1946 to the late Charles Warren and Bernice (née Jones) Massey. Alan retired from Bellsouth/AT&T after 45 years. He started as lineman and worked his way into contract management. Alan was well known for his natural engineering and mechanical abilities which served him well whether solving problems at the top of a phone pole or drawing blueprints for a new project. These gifts appeared early in life when he would design and build his own race cars. Alan was an avid racing fan, but his favorite was drag racing. He was always more than happy to discuss the intricacies and strategies of racing. Alan became a man of immense faith. He looked forward to serving and being involved with his church. Using his electronic skills, he ran the sound equipment at his home church for several years prior to his move to Montana. It was his faith that saw him thru his battle with cancer and it was that testimony that inspired countless others to not give up as he would pray for them. In the late 1960s, Alan was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After a knee injury caused an early departure from Airborne School, Alan attended Signal Corps School where he graduated at the top of his class. He was subsequently recruited by the White House Communications Agency and he spent his tour participating in clandestine communications activities around the globe. This included several trips “in country” (Vietnam). Alan worked under both President Johnson and President Nixon. After an honorable discharge from the military, Alan returned to the phone company (Southern Bell) to continue his career. Alan was an American patriot to his core and spent his later years involved with various veteran groups. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Montana. Alan was also a skilled outdoorsman. A lifelong hunter and fisherman, he began honing these skills early in life in the Boy Scouts. Alan earned the rank of Eagle Scout and would later, as an adult leader, earn the level of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. He served as Pack Master and Scout Master (and Little League coach) where he would influence the lives of numerous young men. In 2015, Alan moved to Montana to fulfill a lifelong dream of living out West. There he enjoyed the mountains, watching the various types of wildlife in the area and the lack of traffic associated with rural living. Alan is survived by his wife Sherry of Corvallis; two sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck and Kristin of Villa Rica, GA, Brad and Heather of Douglasville, GA; four grandchildren, Shelby and C.J. Massey, Madison and Nicholas Massey; one sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Ron Cochran of Americus, GA. Alan was laid to rest in a private ceremony at the Grantsdale Cemetery in Hamilton, Montana. At Alan’s request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Corvallis American Legion Post #91 where he was an active member.
THOMAS F. “Bud” McCROSSAN, JR. – Died Friday, August 23, 2019 in Runnemede, New Jersey at the age of 69. He was formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Philadelphia on February 11, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Lorraine (née Imperatore) McCrossan for 32 years; devoted father of Nicole Savidge (Greg) and the late Joseph San Giorgio, Jr.; loving grandfather of Madelyn Joelle Savidge; dear brother of Maryann Rule (Bill) and Patricia Edwards (Joe); brother-in-law of Joan Damiano (Vincent), and; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bud was a decorated United States Army Veteran who proudly served during the Vietnam War. He was the Past Vice-President and Life Member of the Southern New Jersey Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068. Bud was also a member of Oaklyn VFW Post #4463. There was a viewing on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and on Thursday morning from 9:45 to 10:45 AM at the Gardner Funeral Home in Runnemede. The funeral mass was a 11:30 AM on Thursday at Holy Child Parish-Saint Teresa Roman Catholic Church in Runnemed. The interment was in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bud’s memory to MRC Sports Unity Program, c/o Marlton Recreation Council, P.O. Box 159, Marlton, NJ 08053.

BOBBY JOE “BJ” MCDONALD (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Friday, February 23, 2018 in a Texarkana Hospice Center at the age of 76, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was brain cancer. BJ was born on July 3, 1941 in Shreveport, Louisiana to the late George W. and Cecile McDonald. BJ was 76 years old. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Bill McDonald; one sister, Dianne Hendrickson; and one grandson, Hunter B. Roberts. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Josephine McDonald; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Billy B. Roberts of Texarkana Texas, daughter Brenda Bryan of Texarkana Texas; two granddaughters, Chelsea Roberts of Fayetteville Arkansas, and Brooke Bryan of Texarkana, Texas; three nephews, Mike McDonald, Randy McDonald, and Larry Hendrickson. BJ was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. Entering the service in 1959, he retired in 1982 serving 23 years as a Sergeant Major. Upon his retirement from the Army, BJ became employed with Defense Logistics Agency at Red River Army Depot and served as the Security Specialist. He retired from DLA in 2003 with 20 years of service. BJ was also active in the Masonic Lodge Wake Village Chapter as a 32nd Degree Mason. He was also very active with the American Legion Post #25 serving as past Post Commander. BJ was one of the persons responsible in having the Vietnam Veterans Memorial erected in Texarkana. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans of America and was also a past Commissioner of American Legion Baseball Association. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278. He was a member of First Baptist Church Moores Lane and a member of the
Tuller Sunday School Class. During a previous interview, BJ was asked "What time in your life truly tested your mettle and what did you learn about yourself by dealing or not dealing with them?" His response, "Vietnam tested me, you had to put faith in yourself to live or die. You learn stuff about yourself that you never knew and always trusted God." Services with Masonic and Military rites were held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at the Chapelwood Funeral Home with visitation from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and services following immediately afterward. The family would like to thank Christus Saint Michaels Staff for their untiring service and dedication. Also, thanks to Hospice of Texarkana for their professionalism and caring hearts during BJ's short stay. And a special thanks to Judy Baggett and Larry Hendrickson for their caring service to the family during this time.

ALEXANDER McEACHERN – Died recently in 2019 in Forest Hills, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone Chapter #32.

JOHN R. McGIVNEY – Died Friday, February 08, 2019 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 67. He died of Agent Orange related cancer. John was born in Illinois on March 29, 1951, the oldest of six siblings to the late John and Dolli McGivney. His family moved to Sonoma County where he resided for 50 years. He worked for Chevron Refinery for 25 years and loved doing his job. He was so proud to be there. He leaves behind his beloved wife Jill, his cherished daughter Jessica (Eric) and their son, Gavin. Jill and John met at the Aquarium in Petaluma and it was love at first sight and was married 17 months later in The Chapel at Yosemite fall. For the next 30 years they built a lifetime of many memories together. They loved spending time in the garden and going on trips to Disneyland. He was an avid sports fan. His favorite teams were the Chicago Cubs, and whatever baseball league his grandson played for over the years. Before and after retirement he devoted himself to many Veteran's organizations as follows: John McGivney, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223. He was a former Vice-President and Board member of Chapter #223 worked on projects including: over 20 years with the Food distribution program of the Redwood Food Bank, furniture program for veterans, coffee cart program at the Santa Rosa VA Clinic, Vet Connect of Sonoma County past Vice President and Board member, Quilt distribution for veterans at the VA clinic and hospital, annual Airshows at the Sonoma County Airport, Education program for VN Veterans at the local Santa Rosa J.C. and local high schools, and many fund raising programs of Chapter #223 over the years. John worked behind the scenes on many veteran projects throughout Sonoma County. John was also a member of AMVETS Post #40 and VFW in Sonoma. He was the recipient of the 2012 California State Council Vietnam Veterans of America Award for Member of the Year. John joined the United States Navy and became an Aviation Structural Aircraft Mechanic-AME 3 and served in country Vietnam. He was released from reserve duty in 1975. He worked tirelessly for all veterans all generations over the years. He was a great advocate for veterans and their families. The services were on Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 PM in the Santa Rosa Veterans
Building, Club Room. 1153 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa for a time of Remembrance with friends and family.

**GARY S. MECKLER** – Died in July 2019 in Reno, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on February 12, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989.*

**RICHARD T. MEHRTENS** - Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of *Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.*

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**GUY MESSINA** – Died Friday, August 30, 2019 in Metuchen, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death was Alzheimer’s disease and glioblastoma. He was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on August 29, 1943 to the late Philip and Angeline Messina. He graduated from Johnstown High School in 1961. He then joined the United States Army and was stationed in France for 4 years and proudly served the country in Vietnam as a Staff Sergeant with an honorable discharge from the Army in 1967. Upon returning to Johnstown, PA, he worked at Bethlehem Steel followed by General Motors in Linden as a Chairman/President of UAW Local 595 for 45 years. He attended Rutgers and has resided in Metuchen since 1994. He attended VFW meetings and was in various clubs in PA. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233.* His greatest passion was his dedication to those in need and devotion to helping others. He loved to travel, antiques, visit his PA house, classical music, good wine, cars, but most of all to spend time with family and corresponding with his nephew’s son, Ben Messina. He is predeceased by his parents, Philip and Angeline; a sister, Mary Messina; and a sister-in-law, Lorraine V. Bezy. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Teresa; a son, Gino Messina & wife, Anita, of Louisville, KY; stepdaughter, Sylvia Stachowicz of Metuchen; four grandchildren, Cherisse Messina, Ariel DiPalma, Niko Messina and Antonio Messina; great-grandchildren; five brothers, Joseph and wife, Donna, of Johnstown, PA, David and wife, Barbara, of Pittsburgh, PA, Christopher and wife, Joan, of Raleigh, NC, Michael, of Johnstown, PA and Ronnie and wife, Dina, of Virginia, and; several nieces and nephews, Jennifer Erdely, John Messina, Rick Messina, Angela Messina, Candice Messina Brett, Christopher Messina Jr., Matthew Messina, and Jonathan Messina. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Alzheimer’s Association (alz.org), 225 North Michigan Avenue, 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601 or the American Brain Tumor Association, 8550 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Suite #550, Chicago, IL 60631.

**RONALD WILLIAM MULHOLLAND** - Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 15, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of *Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.*
WENDELL PERRY MURRY - Died Sunday, August 11, 2019 in Little Rock, Arkansas at the age of 75. He was a resident of Emmet, Arkansas. The cause of death is unknown. Wendell was born on February 27, 1944 in Emmet, Arkansas to the late Perry and Doris (née Pratt) Murry. He was retired from the Arkansas Department of Transportation serving in many capacities. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Emmet and a United States Army Veteran serving in the First Calvary Division receiving a Purple Heart during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278. He was a true sportsman, enjoying all kinds of hunting and fishing the Mississippi River. Wendell was a true friend to all he “Liked”. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Judy Murry, sister Gail Herron and one grandchild Jonathan Quantie. Survivors include his son, Gil Murry, wife Connie, of Emmet daughter: Kim Harrison of Hope, brother: Carl Murry, wife Mary Beth of Emmet, nephews: Clint Murry, wife Jackie, Rick Murry, wife Holly, three grandchildren: Troy McClure, Brian Quantie, Brittany Ammons, seven great-grandchildren and a host of friends. Visitation hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at Brazzel/Oakcrest, 1001 South Main, Hope, Arkansas. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Thursday August 15, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Emmet with Reverend Jerry G. Westmoreland officiating. Burial to follow in Snell Cemetery with military honors. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Brazzel/Oakcrest -The Funeral Home of Hope, Eddie Brazzel Director.

RAYMOND WYSS “Ray” NEIGER – Died Sunday, July 28, 2019 in Brockway, Pennsylvania at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Ray was born on February 23, 1941 in DuBois, Pennsylvania to the late Melvin and Mary (née Siple) Neiger. Ray grew up on his family’s farm in Brockway, PA and graduated from Brockway High School. In 1963, Ray joined the newly formed U.S. Peace Corps where he served in Panama assisting farmers and forging lifelong friendships. Following his time in the Peace Corps, Ray served honorably in the United States Army in Vietnam. After his time in Vietnam, Ray returned to Pennsylvania where he attended Penn State University and earned a degree in Agricultural Economics. In the summer of 1969, Ray married his wife and best friend, Michaelyn (née Lieb) Neiger. Shortly after the birth of their second child, Ray and Michaelyn returned to the family farm in Brockway, PA, where they lived together until his passing. Ray was an active and loved member of the Brockway community. He enjoyed his work as a rural letter carrier for the US Postal Service until he retired in 2001. Ray was a devoted member of Lanes Mills United Methodist Church, where he volunteered to do good in the world. Ray was a member of Parson-Marnatti American Legion Post #95, where he served in several capacities including Color Guard and Commander. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720. He and his wife enjoyed performing together with the Village Voices. Ray loved spending
time on his farm, where he could be found riding his tractors and four wheelers, having long chats on the porch with his family, playing with his grandkids and always looking forward to the next project. He leaves behind his wife of 50 years, Michaelyn Paulette (Lieb) Neiger, his sister Ruth (Neiger) Lines; his daughter Tara (Neiger) Glosser and her husband Steve Glosser; his sons Mark Neiger and his wife Jessica (Andreozzi) Neiger, David Neiger and his wife Laura Hutchings and James Neiger and his wife Ashley (Simpson) Neiger; grandchildren Roman Neiger, Cove Neiger and August Neiger; and many close friends at Lanes Mills Church and in the Brockway community. Calling hours were on Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Carlson-Shugarts Funeral Home in Brockway, PA and from 10:00 AM until service time on Friday, August 2nd at Lanes Mills United Methodist Church. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, August 2nd at 11:00 AM at Lanes Mills United Methodist Church with Pastor Bob Trask officiating. Full Military Honors will be accorded Friday morning at the church by Parson-Marnati Post #95 of the American Legion. The burial was in the Beechwoods Cemetery. The family requested that memorial donations be made to Lanes Mills United Methodist Church, 362 Rattlesnake Rd., Brockway, PA 15824 to support missions work.

AARON HERBERT NETBURN – Died Tuesday, October 8, 2019 in the Bronx, New York at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 4, 1926. He was a stalwart supporter of veteran affairs and a Life Member and long-time Sergeant-at-Arms of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New York City Chapter #126

JOHN W. NIEHAUS - Died Sunday evening, June 16, 2019 in Bonita Springs, Florida at the age of 78. He was formerly of Middleburg, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 15, 1927 in Hamburg, Germany the only son of the late John and Mary E. (née Francis) Niehaus. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 1990 moving from Cincinnati Ohio. John was a United States Marine in the US Department of Defense, he then went on to attend University of Cincinnati on his GI Bill. He was also a member of the Masons and the Shriners. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059. John is survived by his two children, James Niehaus and Debra Kaiser. John was also blessed with four grandchildren, Kristen Stockrahm and Johnathan Niehaus and Jeff and David Robison. John is also survived by his companion and best friend Carla Keogh. John was preceded in death by his parents John and Mary (née Francis) Niehaus and his wife Marilyn. In Lieu of flowers please consider donating to Shriner’s Hospital. https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc. Arrangements are being handled by Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home.

ALFRED G. “Al” “Alfie” O’BRIEN, JR. - Died Monday, September 9, 2019 in Lansingburgh, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born
in Troy, New York to the late Alfred G. O’Brien, Sr. and Anna Mae (née O’Connell) O’Brien. Formerly of Port Schuyler in Watervliet, Al was a graduate of Watervliet High School. Al was a United States Army Vietnam War veteran having served from 1974 to 1979, where he earned the rank of Sergeant. He served with the 526th Military Police Company and was bestowed the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 45 Caliber Pistol Expert Badge and the H-16 Rifle Marksman Badge. Al retired in 2000 from the Watervliet Arsenal after 20 years where he was a Materials Handler and again in 2014 from Rensselaer County where he had been a Cook for 8 years at the Jail. Al was a Life-Member of the Veterans of Lansingburgh, Vietnam Veterans of America – Cohoes Chapter #8, Reverend Francis A. Kelly DAV Chapter #38 - Troy, the All-Troy Athletic Club, American Legion Post #0476 – Cohoes, the Loyal Order of Moose in Cohoes where he was a Past Governor and the Cohoes-Waterford Elks Lodge BPOE #1317. Al was also an avid dart player, bowler and golfer. Devoted husband of 34 years to Ann M. (née Charette) O’Brien, beloved father of Elizabeth "Liz" (Shawn) Bukowski of Selkirk, stepfather of Thomas Bellow of Green Island and Matthew (Reneh) Bellow of Watervliet, brother of Mary O’Brien (Cathy and the late, Bob Hennessey) of Watervliet and the late Patricia Page, Michael, Thomas, David and John O’Brien, cherished grandfather of Easton Bukowski and Marley, Thomas and Nathan Bellow, adored great grandfather of Lyla Loeper, also survived by several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held on Thursday at 10:00 AM in the John J. Sanvidge Funeral Home, Inc., (Corner of 115th Street and Fourth Avenue) in Lansingburgh. 

RICHARD L. O’BRYAN - Died Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Saint Louis University Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 72. He was a resident of Sainte Genevieve, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 10, 1946 in Sainte Genevieve to the late Ottis T. O’Bryan and Lorena M. (née Stuppy) O’Bryan. He was married to Elizabeth A. (née Labruyere) O’Bryan on February 26, 1973, and she preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons, Michael Schwent and his wife Toni of Lumberton, Texas, William Schwent of Virginia Beach, Virginia; one daughter, Richelle Trigg and her husband Claude of Moorcroft, Wyoming; one brother, LeRoy O’Bryan of Farmington; two sisters, Ruth Robbins and her husband Claude of Moorcroft, Wyoming; one brother, LeRoy O’Bryan of Farmington; two sisters, Ruth Robbins and her husband Michael of Ballwin, Helen Brown and her husband Alvin of St. Mary; five grandchildren, David “Trey”, Brendden, Brittany, Robert, Jessica; and three great-grandchildren, Jayda, Benjamin, Rowan. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one sister, Elizabeth O’Bryan; one brother, Charles O’Bryan; and one granddaughter, Heather. He was a member of American Legion Post #150, VFW Post #2210, Sainte Genevieve Eagles, Sainte Genevieve Jaycees, Knights of Columbus Council #1037, and AMVETS in Farmington. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri. He retired from the United
States Navy as a radioman senior chief petty officer. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 10th and will continue from 8:00 to 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 11th at the Basler Funeral Home in Sainte Genevieve. The funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 11th at the Basler Funeral Home with Reverend David Miloscia officiating. The burial was in the Valle Spring Cemetery in Sainte Genevieve with full military honors. Basler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the VFW Post #2210 or the American Legion Post #150.

THOMAS DAVID “Tom” O’SHEA - Died Saturday, August 10, 2019 in Riverside, New Jersey at the age of 72, after a long illness. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 3, 1947 in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Elizabeth (née Pelczar) and David O'Shea. He attended Transfiguration Catholic Grade School, and after his family moved to Northeast Philadelphia, attended Father Judge High School, graduating in 1965. When his country called him, Tom proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a combat infantryman in the 25th infantry Division, known as Tropic Lightning. He worked in intelligence, which meant he usually knew about the operations the U.S. troops were facing a day or two ahead of time. His unit saw action in the Battle of Saigon during the Tet Offensive in 1968. For his service to his country Tom received many medals and commendations, including the Bronze Star. After his time in the military, Tom worked primarily as a pressman in the print department of Mellon Bank (originally Girard Bank and later Citizen's Bank) for more than 20 years. Never one to keep still for long, after moving to Riverside, N. J. and subsequently retiring, he became an active Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068 in South Jersey. He was especially proud of the work he did with the group: supporting other veterans and helping them secure their benefits, attending events to spread the word about the good works of the VVA, and his promotional work for the group’s annual scholarship golf tournament. There is so much that can be said about the man that Tom O'Shea was. He was a gifted photographer and shared that gift with his family and friends. He was a friend to just about everyone he met, always showing a real interest in getting to know people. He was so generous, always offering to help folks out it when they needed it. Tom was the kind of dependable guy who was always there for people, whether it was a ride to the doctor's or the airport, or help shoveling snow. He never let anyone down. After his cancer diagnosis, Tom's positive attitude and determination was an inspiration to all who knew him. Above all, Tom was a family man, devoted to his wife, Lynn, and sons Tom and Mike. He and Lynn liked to spend time together and enjoyed trips to Cape May with their sons when they were children, lunches at the Crab Trap in Somers Point, and dinners in Delaware with his son, Tom, and wife, Virginia. Tom and Lynn took a once-in-a-lifetime cruise to Alaska to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. He especially loved the trips he and Lynn took to California to spend time with their son, Mike, daughter-in-law, Myrna, and their granddaughters. He was also an avid Philadelphia sports fan, and enjoyed attending games with family and friends, especially the Flyers and the Phillies. Among his happiest memories were two Flyers outdoor games he got to
attend with each of his sons; Mike in 2011 and Tom in 2019. Tom will be deeply missed, especially by his loving wife of 48 years, Lynn; his son Thomas, wife Virginia, and step-granddaughter, Laura; his son Michael, wife Myrna and granddaughters Mila and Margot; his sister Barbara Galloway; nieces, nephews, cousins, and more dear friends than he could count. Tom’s family would like to thank the many people who supported him during his illness, whether it was a phone call, card, visit, prayers or rides to medical appointments. Your love and support meant so much to him and to his family. Special thanks to Tom’s hospice team at Vitas Healthcare; the medical team in the oncology unit of the Philadelphia VA Medical Center; and the kind staff at the VA Medical Center hospice in Philadelphia. Relatives and friends were invited to a visitation on Friday, August 30, 2019 at Saint Casimir Catholic Church, 502 New Jersey Avenue, Riverside, NJ at 10:00 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM. The interment was in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made in Tom's name to the Vietnam Veterans of America, South Jersey Chapter #1068, 10 Kennedy Boulevard, Somerdale, NJ 08083.

ALICE (née Palmer) PATTON - Died Thursday, October 18, 2018 in Bob Hope Village in Fort Walton Beach (Shalimar), Florida at the age of 83, after a rapid decline in health. She was formerly a resident of Hope/Hempstead County, Arkansas. The cause of death is unknown. Alice was born December 11, 1934 in Sodus, New York to the late Clayton and Elno Palmer, of Old Washington, Arkansas, formerly of Sodus, New York. Alice was a rising star in the United States Air Force when she met the love of her life in another Airman, Albert H. (Pat) Patton of Hope. She married Pat in 1954 and resigned her commission when she became pregnant with her first child. They enjoyed 36 years of life together with their five children until his passing in 1990. Alice was a veteran, homemaker, and also served proudly as the Hempstead County Veterans Service Officer for many years. She was a strong advocate for veterans and their families and proud to have served her country in any way she could. She was a Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278. After retirement, Alice moved to Florida for a short period before moving back to Sodus, New York to care for a special childhood friend Dick Burlee until his death. She then returned to her friends at the veteran’s retirement village in Fort Walton Beach, Florida to live out her life. Alice is survived by two brothers, Arnold Palmer and wife Regina of Rochester, New York, Gary Palmer of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, her children Larry and wife Diana, Paul and wife Linda, Naida and husband Ken, Scott and wife Jeannie, and daughter Tracy. She also left behind countless grandchildren and great-grandchildren, friends, and acquaintances. A ‘celebration of Life’ was observed on November 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Baptist Church in Old Washington. All friends were invited to come and celebrate Alice’s life with the family. The arrangements were made by the Brazzel/Oakcrest - The Funeral Home of Hope, Eddie Brazzel, Director. Online Registry: www.brazzelfuneralhomes.com.

JAMES CARL PAULEY, SR. – Died recently in 2019 in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 23, 1938. He was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628.
RONALD EVERETT PERRY, SR. - Died Sunday, September 1, 2019 at the King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana at the age of 68. He was a resident of Madison. The cause of death was squamous cell carcinoma of the lung with local metastasis. He was born on December 22, 1950 in Fairfield, Illinois to the late, George Everett, Sr. and Leona Doris (née Harris) Perry. He was raised early in life in Wayne County, Illinois and later his family moved to Rising Sun, Indiana. He received his GED and enjoyed taking college classes as well. Ronald was inducted into the United States Army on February 7, 1968 in Saint Louis, Missouri during the Vietnam War and rose to the rank of Specialist Four serving in Company C, 69th Engineers Battalion. He was honorably discharged on February 3, 1971 in Oakland, California receiving the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Ronald was exposed to agent orange while serving in the Army and fought the effects of it until his death. He remained in the Reserves until being discharged on February 6, 1974. On May 3, 1974 he was united in marriage to Maria J. Bruegge at the Saint Mary Catholic Church in Aurora, Indiana. This union of 45 years was blessed with sons, Ronald, Jr. and Jeremy. He was an over the road truck driver for his working career and had spent many of those years driving for R & M Trucking at Farmer's Retreat. Ronald held membership in the American Legion, VFW, and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71. He was a devout Christian and read his Bible. Ronald enjoyed fishing, hunting, especially rabbits, gardening, bee keeping, riding his motorcycle, and being with his family. Ronald will be missed by his loving wife of 45 years, Maria J. Bruegge Perry of Madison, Indiana; his loving sons, Ronald Everett Perry, Jr. and his wife, Jennifer of West Harrison, Indiana, Jeremy Perry and his wife, Shannon of Aurora, Indiana; his grandchildren, Chloe Clark, Olivia Clark, Cierra Perry, Gabriel Perry, Corbin Perry, Hailey Thalheimer; his sisters, Connie Addison and her husband, Tony of Markland, Indiana, Devona Fleenor and her husband, Tony of Versailles, Indiana; his brothers, Leon Perry and his wife, Donna of Versailles, Indiana, Roger Perry and his wife, Susan of Rising Sun, Indiana, Kyle Perry and his wife, Micha of Markland, Indiana, Cecil Perry and his wife, Rose of Eminence, Missouri; his brother in law, Martin Bruegge and his wife, Cindy of Aurora, Indiana; his sister in law, Marilyn Yoe and her husband, Marc of Aurora, Indiana; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, George Everett Perry, Sr., his mother, Leona Doris Harris Perry, and his brother, George Everett Perry, Jr. Friends visited the family on Thursday from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Morgan and Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. A final salute was conducted on Thursday at 1:00 PM at the Morgan and Nay Funeral Centre, by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post #9 of the American Legion with full military honors to follow at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW or the Philadelphia Church of God. Cards are available at the funeral homes.
JIMMIE GENE PICKLER — Died Sunday, July 28, 2019 in Dresden, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, atherosclerotic heart disease, diabetes mellitus type II, end-stage kidney disease, double pneumonia and urinary tract infection. He was born on August 24, 1945 in Fulton, Kentucky to the late Chester and Ruby (née Turner) Pickler. He was also predeceased by a brother, Roger Pickler. He was a proud member of the United States Army for 32 years, serving in Korea, Germany and Vietnam. He completed his service with the Tennessee National Guard working full time. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Judy (née Turner) Pickler; his daughter Alicia Kay (Pickler) Mayo and husband, Terry, of Humboldt; his son, Anthony Pickler (Austin) of Murray, KY, and; his sisters, Brenda Stafford, of Greenfield and Karen Calhoun, (Jerry) of Union City. Services were held at Williams Funeral Home in Gleason, TN on Wednesday July 31. A service was held on Thursday at the McDonalid Funeral Home in Hohenwald, TN at 2:00 PM with the burial in the Graves Cemetery in Linden, TN. Visitation with the family was held from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM on the day of service.

FRANCIS DARRELL POPE (USA, 1SG-Ret.) — Died Wednesday, August 21, 2019 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 29, 1936 in Hartford, Illinois to the late Reverend Francis R. Pope and Grace C. (née Brown) Pope. Pope, as his friends referred to him, was a highly decorated Veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. 1SG (Ret) Pope entered into military service April 22, 1953 in Hartford, Ill. He originally served as a Supply Clerk before transferring to the Field Artillery. His awards include the Silver Star for Gallantry, Bronze Star for ground operations against hostile forces, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm device, Vietnam Civil Actions Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Army Good Conduct Medal (4 awards), Presidential Unit Citation, and Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm device and the Parachutist Badge. 1SG (Ret) Pope was also a Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5263 where he spent most days reminiscing with Army buddies and mentoring younger Veterans. The VFW became his family after the passing of his wife, Linda in 2017. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased his wife, Linda Pope; and 2 sisters, Dolores Rowell (James) and Glendean Rousan (Gene). Pope is survived by his nephew Brian D. Rousan of Arnold, MO; his niece, Renee L (Rowell Malone of Wheatfield, IN; four great-nephews and great-nieces, and; four great-great-nephews and great-great-nieces. 1SG (Ret) Pope, from your Comrades and family at the VFW, your mission is complete. You stand relieved of your duties. Graveside service were at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at the Post Cemetery in Fort Sill, Oklahoma under the direction of Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Service.
JAMES R. POZEK - Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 3, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.

JERRY JOSEPH PRICE, SR. (USA, SGM-Ret.) – Died Monday, August 19, 2019 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center (operated by Hospice of Central Ohio), at the age of 71. He was a resident of Newark, Ohio. The cause of death was pneumonia and acute chronic respiratory failure. Jerry was born on January 23, 1948 in Newark to the late Raymond Burton who raised him and his mother, Mildred Burton who survives. Jerry retired as Sergeant Major from the United States Army where he had served in Special Forces. He also retired from Walker Manufacturing where he had been a welder. Jerry was a member of the First Baptist Church of Heath and attended the Maple Avenue Christian Union Church. He was a member of the Druids, DAV and VFW. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55. He enjoyed making jewelry, working with leather and sharing his work with others. He loved his Pug, Sadie Rose, and his cats. He also enjoyed watching squirrels and birds, drawing, hunting and was a CB operator with the handle “Little Joe”. He is survived by his loving wife, Jeanette Arlene (née Lehman) Price, whom he married June 1, 1986; mother, Mildred Burton of Newark; son, Jerry J. (Sara) Price, Jr. of Johnstown; daughter, Wendy Jo Jean (Bryan) Stroup of Laurelville; grandchildren, McKenzi Price, Aaron Stroup and Abby Gale Stroup (fiancé, Connor Hughes); special cousin, Patrick Ayers; and Godchildren, Misty Shaner and Chris Shaner and their families. He was preceded in death by his father who raised him, Raymond Burton; brother, Wayne Burton; a special cousin, Samuel Grigsby; and his grandparents. A funeral service celebrating his life was held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 24th at the Criss Wagner Hoskinson Funeral Home with Deacon Patrick Wilson officiating. The burial took place in Oak Hill Cemetery where Military Honors were observed by the Licking County Veterans Alliance. Friends came calling from 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday, August 23rd, at the funeral home, 179 Granville Street in Newark. Memorial contributions may be made to the Licking County Human Society or Catholic Social Services. The Criss Wagner Hoskinson Funeral Home was honored to care for Jerry and his family.

JIMMIE DALE “Jim” PRINCE - Died Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in his home on Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 71, after a brave battle with cancer. Jim was born in Albany, Kentucky on August 14, 1948 to the late James A. Prince and Cressie (née Stearns) Prince, who survives. He graduated from Adamsville High School in Adamsville, TN and from the University
of Memphis in Memphis, TN. He was a United States Army veteran and served with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. Jim was also a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240 in Hendersonville, TN. He enjoyed golfing with his son and his golfing buddies, was a fan of the Memphis Tigers basketball and football teams, reading and crossword puzzles. A favorite travel destination of Jim’s was St. Andrews, Scotland. Jim was a Christian, patriotic, and honest man who was a loving husband, father and “papaw” to his grandsons. Jim is preceded in death by his father, James A. Prince and survived by his mother, Cressie (née Stearns) Prince. He is also survived by his wife, Loretta (née Madison) Prince; his son, William Tyson Prince and daughter-in-law, Joni (née Golightly) Prince; his grandsons, Benjamin (Benji) Prince and Maddox Prince; his sister, Barbara Prince Christopher (Ron), of Adamsville, TN; his brother, Dan Prince (Judy) of Eagle, Idaho; along with several nieces and nephews. A celebration of life service for Jim was held at the Hendersonville Funeral Home, 353 East Main Street in Hendersonville on Saturday, September 28th at 12:00 Noon, officiated by Pastor Doug Varnado. Visitation for family and friends began at 10:00 AM. The burial was with Military Honors was in the Hendersonville Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim’s name can be made to Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. www.stjude.org.

**GERALD H. PRINZ** – Died recently in 2019 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 25, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887.

**HENRY WAYNE PUCKETT** - Died Friday, October 20, 2017 at DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the age of 75. He was a resident of Tuscaloosa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1942 to the late Author Puckett and his stepmother, Mary Puckett. He was also predeceased by his son, Thomas Allen Puckett; his brother, Francis Puckett; his stepsister, JoAnn Thompson, and; his stepbrothers, Allan Weaver and James Weaver. Survivors include his wife, Janet Elizabeth Puckett, of Northport, AL; his sons, William Wayne Puckett (Debbie) and Michael Gene Puckett, both of Tuscaloosa, AL, and; his brother, Donald Eugene Puckett, of Cameron, Texas. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and excelled at both. He was in the United States Navy Seabees in Vietnam. He held many jobs including working at the Gulf States Paper Mill in Tuscaloosa, Pullman Standard in Bessemer, and most recently owned the Alberta Barber Shop. He would often go to elderly people's houses to cut their hair and go to the VA to cut hair. He was a member and former president of the Tuscaloosa American Legion. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301. He was a wonderful father and raised his boys right. He was a wonderful brother-in-law and father-in-law. He loved his family and "Yard Kids." He was loved and respected by many and will be greatly missed. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the Tuscaloosa Memorial Park with Gary Lee officiating and Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel Funeral Home directing. Visitation hours were held on Monday, October 23, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Robert
Fredrick, Mitch Stephens, Steven Freeman, Jay Reece, Curtis Freeman and Billy Drake. The honorary pallbearers were the staff of the Tuscaloosa VA Eagles Cove, West Alabama Bass Fisherman's Association and Steve Nichols.

**RANDOLPH S. PURDY** (USN, LCDR-Ret.) - Died Friday, February 8, 2019 in Cape Sainte Claire, Annapolis, Maryland at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Haywood, West Virginia on September 15, 1938 to the late Anna (née Kokenzie) Purdy and Stanley Purdy. Soon after his birth he moved to Boston, MA where he was raised. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the United States Navy. He served as a Sonarman and attained the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class when he was selected for the Seaman to Admiral Program. Upon completion of the program he was commissioned as an Ensign and assigned as a Damage Control Officer. Throughout his career in the Navy performed many duties including Instructor at the Naval Academy for Nautical Navigation as well as duty in Vietnam as a Military Advisor with South Vietnamese Riverboats. He met his devoted and caring wife, Claire Purdy, who he married in 1969. He retired from the Navy in 1976 with 20 years of active service. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with “V”, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Medal, Expeditionary Medal, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign with three stars, and the Vietnam Service and Clasp. Upon his retirement from the Navy he worked for Westinghouse Defense Contracting. In addition to working he went back to school and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from UMBC. LCDR Purdy continued to serve selflessly by volunteering with Boy Scouts of America where he served as a Scout Master with Troop #783, a two-time National Jamboree Committee Member, Commissioner for Baltimore Area Council Four Rivers District. He is the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award which is the highest award for distinguished service to youth in the Baltimore Area Council. LCDR Purdy was also an active member of the Fleet Reserve Association. He was Secretary, Vice President, President of Branch 24 located here in Annapolis. He also performed and attended many other functions within the Branch as well as regionally. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland. He is survived by his wife Claire Purdy; his sons, Randolph Charlton, Loren Purdy, John Purdy, and Forrest Purdy; his grandchildren Anthony Charlton, Joseph Purdy, Cormac Purdy, Tiernan Purdy, Kylie Purdy, Evelyn Purdy, and Claire Purdy and his great-grandchildren Kaetlyn Charlton and Chandler Charlton. Family and friends visited on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Barranco and Sons, P.A. Severna Park Funeral Home, 495 Ritchie Highway, in Severna Park. A funeral Mass was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Saint Andrew by the Bay Catholic Church, 701 College Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21409. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on July 3, 2019. Family and Friends attending should plan to meet at the Arlington National Cemetery Administration Building at 10:15 AM. Online condolences may be made at www.barrancofuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made on behalf of Randolph Purdy to either the Fleet Reserve Association or the Maryland Boy Scouts of America.
NATHANIEL O. “Nat” RICHARDSON – Died recently in 2019 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 10, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451.

PEDRO “Pete” RIVERA - Died Thursday, September 19, 2019 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 24, 1945 and raised in El Paso to the late Jesus and Socorro Rivera. He was a proud Bowie Alumni and Foothill College, Los Altos, CA Alumni. He proudly and honorably served and protected our country for over 47 years. Mr. Rivera was a Vietnam Veteran, beginning his service to the U.S. as a member of the United States Navy, retiring as a Fleet Marine Force Corpsman Chief after 22 years (Oorah!). He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574. Then he continued his service through The Department of Justice and transitioned into Customs and Border Protection when the Department of Homeland Security was established and retired Supervisor after 25 years of service. Mr. Rivera enjoyed his retirement for 9 years; he loved golfing, traveling, watching sports, telling jokes, and volunteering with numerous organizations. He is eldest of nine siblings and is preceded in death by his parents Jesus and Socorro Rivera, and two brothers. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Lorena of 29 years, two children (Carla Jannette & George), two grandchildren (Ivan & Ariana), four children from previous marriages (Liz, Richard, Sergio, and Joel) and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces. He will be dearly missed and never be forgotten. The family would like to thank the hundreds of family and friends who offered love and support over the last several months. Visitation hours were held on Monday September 23rd from 4:00-9:00 PM with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00p PM at San Jose Funeral Home East, 10950 Pellicano Drive. The funeral mass was on Tuesday, September 24th at Saint Raphael Catholic Church, 2301 Zanzibar at 11:30 AM. The interment was at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ – Died recently in 2019 in Edison, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233.

KENNETH L. “Ken” ROESSELET - Died Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Aviston Countryside Manor in Breese, Illinois at the age of 73. He was a resident of Breese. The cause of death was congestive heart failure and urosepsis. He was born on February 25, 1946 in Highland, Illinois to the late Leroy and Irene (née Holzinger) Roesselet. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Gloria (née Goewert) Roesselet, whom he married on May 11, 1968 at Saint Augustine Catholic Church in Breese and who died September
19, 2010; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ernest and Florence (née Schniers) Goewert. Surviving are daughters Michelle (Sean) Kennedy of Albers and Lisa (Chad) Bade of Breese; grandchildren, Katelyn and Alexandra Kennedy and Colin, Ashton, and Zane Bade; and sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Joan Powless and Carol and Ken Mulvin all of Breese. Ken was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War and later worked as a press operator at World Color Press in Salem. After retiring, he drove a school bus for the Breese School District and also drove for Community Link in Breese. Kenny just recently quit going to Harlingen, Texas, where he called home for 5 years during the winter months. He was a member of Saint Augustine Catholic Church in Breese, Highland VFW Post #5694 where he was a past commander, Breese American Legion Post #252, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton County (Breese) Chapter #269, and the Rusty Rodz Car Club in Highland. Kenny enjoyed camping and loved his 2007 Mustang and attending his grandkids school and sports events. The funeral service was on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Moss Funeral Home in Breese with Deacon Kevin Templin officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Saints Dominic-Augustine Cemetery, Breese. Visitation hours were on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 PM and again on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:00-10:00 AM at the Moss Funeral Home in Breese. Memorials may be made to the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #269 or the donor’s choice and will be received at the funeral home. The Highland VFW, Breese American Legion, and Clinton County Vietnam Veterans all held services beginning at 6:30 PM on Friday evening at the funeral home.

**LINDA ROSE** – Died Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in Dover, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on October 17, 1947. She is survived by her husband, Bill. She was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – York Chapter #1032.

**MICHAEL GREGORY “Mike” RUFFNER** – Died Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Laurels of Heath in Heath, Ohio at the age of 72. He was a resident of Heath, Ohio and formerly of Independence, Ohio. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on May 23, 1947 in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Independence High School. He was the beloved husband of Bonny E. (née Kec) Ruffner; loving stepfather of Kelly Screptock (Mark) and Jeffrey Miller (Sandra); stepgrandfather of Stephanie Screptock, Alec Miller and Sydney Miller, and; step-great-grandfather of Ashton and Jaxson Smallwood. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam and worked for many years as a Police Officer in the cities of Independence and Valley View. There were no visitation or funeral services. Cremation was by the Busch Crematory in Parma, Ohio. A private interment was held at the Sunset Memorial Park in North Olmsted, Ohio.

**DANIEL J. SANDSTROM** - Died Thursday, August 22, 2019 in Minnetonka, Minnesota at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 11, 1947 in
Cambridge, Minnesota. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopkins Chapter #62. A very special thank you to the Hospice team for their love and care. A celebration of Daniel's life was on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard., Minnetonka

LOUIS ANTHONY “Louie” SANTILLO, JR. – Died Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in North Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 75. The cause of death was Multiple Sclerosis. He was born in the Lymansville section of North Providence on May 23, 1944. He attended Lymansville School and North Providence High School. He went on to join the United States Army where he was stationed in Germany. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Woonsocket Chapter #818. The funeral services were private. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Louie's memory to RI MS Society directly at https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate or to the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center directly at https://www.hopehealthco.org/ways-to-give/donatenow.

CHARLES DANIEL “Cotton” SAUNDERS - Died Saturday, July 20, 2019 in Joelton, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death was acute chronic respiratory failure, diaphragmatic paralysis and chronic obstructive pulmonary failure. He was born on June 29, 1946 in Nashville, Tennessee to the late Nelda Traughber and Elmo Saunders and remained their only child. Charles married Pat Reid in January 1967. Charles was a machinist by trade before serving honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Charles moved his family to Colorado where he lived for 16 years while working at Rocky Flats, again serving his country, as a cold war patriot. Returning to Nashville in 1993, he was able to care for his parents before retiring. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240. Though Charles had serious health problems of his own, related to the service of his country, his passion the last 20 years was to fight for the rights and benefits coverage for fellow service men and women. Charles is survived by his loving Wife of 52 years - Pat Saunders; daughter - Susan Saunders; son, Daniel (Sara) Saunders. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the West Harpeth Funeral Home with Charlie Spillers officiating. The interment was in the Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens. Visitation with the family was on Friday from 3:00 until 7:00 PM and on Saturday from 11:00 AM until the service time at 12:00 Noon at the West Harpeth Funeral Home on Charlotte.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER “Bill” SCHEWEE, JR. - Died Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at his residence in Lewisville, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related
bladder cancer/sarcoma. "Bill" was born on December 16, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to the late William Alexander Schewee, Sr. and Mary (née Darling) Schewee. Bill married Cheryl Webb on September 28, 1974 in Dallas, Texas. He is survived by his wife: Cheryl Schewee of Lewisville, Texas. Bill is also survived by one son, Billy Schewee (wife Joey) of Richardson, Texas; two grandsons, Will and Sam; three sisters, Sandy Pieper, of Clinton Township, Michigan, Bonnie (husband Bill) Crabtree, of White Lake, Michigan and Robin (husband Rob) Welch, of Clarkston, Michigan. Bill is preceded in death by his mother and father, two sisters: Martha Weathers and Carol Gibson, one brother in infancy: Roger Schewee, and three brothers-in-law: Bernie Pieper, Lee Gibson, and Sandy Weathers. Bill is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members and relatives. Bill Schewee, affectionately known as “Wild Bill” to all who knew and loved him, grew up in Detroit, Michigan. He was the oldest child and only surviving son of Mary and Bill Schewee and had five sisters. He loved to tell stories about growing up in Detroit and his later adventures in the suburbs after the family relocated. Bill is best described as a free spirit. He was exceptionally intelligent with a quick wit and a memory for the smallest of details in his life. He was a walking history book, stating that without knowing our history we just keep repeating our mistakes. He had an insatiable curiosity about how things operate in the world, which may have prompted him to join the United States Air Force in 1960 at the age of 17. Other people have suggested he joined the Air Force because he had five younger sisters! It was there that he developed his love of airplanes and flying. He was a navigator in the Air Force and in 1962 was aboard the refueling plane headed to Cuba during the Cuban missile crisis. Thankfully, that crisis ended peacefully, and he made it back safely. He spent a total of 8 years in the Air Force and returned to Detroit in 1968. However, he joined the United States Marine Corps almost immediately upon his return home. When asked why he chose to reenlist in the military, he used to say, “I couldn’t stand seeing all those civilians running around out there with no one in charge.” He worked as an avionics and airframe technician and served three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was serving aboard the USS Coral Sea in the Indian Ocean during the Iranian hostage crisis in 1979. It is notable that, unbeknownst to his wife, he also used to fly back seat on the jets off that very same carrier. Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps in 1981 he was serving as Avionics Chief and NCOIC of Com/Nav and Electric shop. He twice received the Navy Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty and aircraft system reliability and received Letter of Commendation for performance of duty and superior leadership during NATO Exercises, 1976. He loved to travel and explore new places, so his military career served him well in satisfying that wanderlust. It was difficult to name a place he had not traveled to or at least traveled through. Upon retirement from the Marine Corps, he returned to Texas with his wife, Cheryl, and son, Billy, to make their home in Grand Prairie, Texas. That was a good choice for him because he had the heart and soul of a true Texan. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013, He began working at Thyssen Krupp Elevator Company (formerly Dover Elevator) in 1981 and worked as a construction adjuster there until his retirement in 2010. You would be hard pressed to find a high-rise elevator in Dallas that Bill has not worked on. We used to tell him that he needed name plates that said, “Adjusted by Bill Schewee.” He always said that elevators were just vertical airplanes. After his retirement from the elevator industry, he worked part time as a bus driver at John Paul II High School. He enjoyed all that energy that comes from being around young people. As much as he loved the military, all things mechanical - planes,
trains (he always wanted to drive a train), and automobiles (he loved vintage automobiles),
nothing could compete with the love he had for his family and friends. Though not a
demonstrative man, he had his own way of letting you know that he loved you. He loved being
a father and grandfather and took great pride in the accomplishments of Billy, Joey, Will and
Sam. While he was always up for attending any and all sports and school activities, he just loved
being with them and was ready at a moment’s notice if they needed him. Billy, Will, and Sam
knew that his attendance at any of their sporting events would result in an after-game critique.
He always did so, not to criticize, but to encourage them to do their very best. He wanted to
instill his own strong work ethic in each of them and help them understand the value of
commitment. Trips back home to Michigan were some of the best times in his life. He loved the
busyness of a visit home and how much the family had grown. Though he has been known for
making disparaging remarks about growing up with five sisters, he had a soft spot in his heart
for each and every one of them. He was, however, grateful when they started bringing
brothers-in-law into the family and was thrilled when all of the nieces and nephews started
arriving. He always thought of his friends not just as friends but as extended family. He was fun
to be around and could see humor in most things. One friend once told Cheryl, “If I was married
to Bill, I would be laughing all the time.” Fortunately, she knew him long enough to know that
was not true! He loved baseball, old country music, Miller Lite, hot dogs, and Lay’s potato chips.
But most of all he was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother and a friend for all
time. We will miss you, Wild Bill! A funeral service and celebration of life for Bill was held on
Friday, August 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Ted Dickey West Funeral Home, located at 7990
George Bush Turnpike, Dallas, Texas 75252. Following the service, a reception was held in the
reception area at Ted Dickey West. A burial service with full Marine Corps honors was held on
Friday, August 23, 2019 at 2:15 PM at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery, located at 2000
Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75211. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested the
Wounded Warrior Project or The Boot Campaign as charities. The Ted Dickey West Funeral
Home in Dallas, Texas was in charge of the arrangements.

**WILLIAM F. “Bill” SCHWEIGLER** - Died Sunday, August 25, 2019 at his home in
Steelton, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in
Hackensack, New Jersey on September 14, 1948 to the late George T. and Florence M. (née
Kammerer) Schweigler. A true Patriot, Bill retired after 20 years of service from the United
States Marine Corps having served as a Retrieval Specialist during the Vietnam War. He was a
graduate of Bergen County Technical School, Hackensack, NJ, and attended the University of
Phoenix. Bill was a member of New Thing—a United Methodist Community, Oberlin. He was
instrumental in organizing the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Marine Corps League Honor
Guard; and was a proud member of the Bob Smith Detachment #784 Marine Corps League,
Hummelstown, and was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter
#542. Bill loved to cook. He is survived by his wife, Andrea J. “A. J.” Schaeffer Schweigler; one
daughter, Tammy M. Bricker husband of Dave of Palmyra; two sons, David T. Schweigler husband of Angela of Cordova, TN, and Michael W. Schweigler husband of Brittany of York; six grandchildren, Eden Wilson wife of Joe of Texas, Christopher Schweigler of Tennessee, Clint Bricker of Palmyra, and Liam Schweigler, Lillian Schweigler and Logan Schweigler all of York; and one sister, Diane Schlop wife of Howard of South Carolina. A celebration of Bill’s life was held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Neidig Memorial United Methodist Church, 1251 Highland Street, Harrisburg, with The Rev. JoAnn M. Darrow, his pastor, officiating. Interment with military honors was in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. Trefz and Bowser Funeral Home, Inc., 114 West Main Street, Hummelstown handled the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bob Smith Detachment #784 Marine Corps League, PO Box 11, Hummelstown, PA 17036. Online condolences may be shared at www.trefzandbowser.com.

**WILLIAM E. SHULTZ** – Died Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in Granbury, Texas at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 26, 1939. He served and retired from the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. Funeral Home Services for William were being provided by Guardian Funeral Home of Fort Worth, TX.

**STANLEY A. SKALSKI** – Died Saturday, April 6, 2019 in Homewood, Illinois at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 5, 1928. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Island Park Chapter #242**. He was the beloved husband of Margaret R. (née Haeflinger) Brabec-Skalski. He was predeceased by siblings, Marge Cygan, Irene Skalski, Millie (late Jack) Neistat and Dorothy (late George) McArdle. He was the dear uncle of Mark, Rick and Greg Neistat and George McArdle; stepfather of Thomas E. (Mary Ellen) Brabec, John F. (Anne) Brabec, Catherine Perlick and Connie Brabec; cherished grandfather of Keith (Hope), Amy, Mark, Sara (Patrick) and Maureen Brabec, Benjamin Klaric, Olivia (Kim), Jeff (Erin) Perlick and Lauren (Monica) Dionne, Edward and Matthew Kepes and Conor and Bridget Foy. Visitation was held on Saturday, April 13th from 9:30 until the time of Mass at 11:30 AM at the Saint Kieran Church, 724 West 195th Street in Chicago Heights. Inurnment and Military Honors was held on Tuesday, April 16th at 11:00 AM at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

**LYNN LAVALE SLATEN** - Died Monday, March 7, 2016 in Guntersville, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Slaten was born on June 17, 1935 in Arab, Alabama to the late William Herbert and Myrtle Lois (née Denney) Slaten. He was married to Doris Slaten, who preceded him in death. He was raised in the Arab and Guntersville areas and always took a fond interest in local history. He was a retired United States Air Force veteran and lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. He is survived by his son, Dale Slaten, of Guntersville; his daughter, Darla Slaten, of Arab; his brother, Gene Slaten, of Scottsboro, and; several cousins, nieces and
nephews He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dawn Slaten. The funeral was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the Carr Funeral Chapel with Pastor and special friend, Steven Swords officiating. The burial was in the Brookwood Cemetery with the Carr Funeral Chapel directing.

DAVID ERNEST SMITH (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died Saturday, September 21, 2019 in the VA Boston Healthcare System – West Roxbury Division at the age of 71. He was a resident of Albion, Rhode Island. The cause of death was multiple organ failure subsequent to by-pass surgery and a stroke. He was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on September 29, 1947 to the late Clifford Norma (née Hall) Smith of Lincoln, Rhode Island. He was the oldest of four children with younger sisters, Mrs. Nancy (née Smith) Lancaster, Paula Smith, and younger brother Phillip Smith who predeceased him of pancreatic cancer. David spent most of his life in Lincoln, RI with a small time spent in Ohio and Buffalo, NY during his elementary school years. David graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Central Falls, RI where he was a star varsity basketball player all for years of high school. He led the “Beavers,” as the team’s center, to be the 1964-1965 Class B Champions and RI State Runners-up after a heartbreaking loss in five overtimes during the semi-final game. David entered military service with the United States Army Reserves in November of 1967. He attended basic training at Fort Polk, LA and medical service corps advanced individual training (AIT) at Fort Sam Houston, TX. He earned an Associate of Science Degree from Bryant College and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Degree from Rhode Island School of Practical Nursing. He is a 1981 graduate of the Region 1 NCO Academy and 1985 graduate of the First Sergeant Academy at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. David served with distinction in all levels of Enlisted and Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) leadership positions from Squad Leader to Brigade Command Sergeant Major (CSM / E-9). His qualifications and duty positions includes: Basic Medic Qualification, Medic to 91W Licensed Practical Nurse transition course, Chief Wardmaster of General Hospital and Field Hospital, First Sergeant Course, Command Sergeant Major of USAR forces at Walter Reed Army Hospital during Desert Storm, 455th General and Field Hospitals, 351st General Hospital, 2290th U.S. Army Hospital, 865th Combat Support Hospital, 804th Medical Brigade and 1st U.S. Army AMEDD Recruiting Battalion. David’s military awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 30 Years Gold Hourglass Device and two Bronze ‘M’ Devices, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon Level Four, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon 3rd Award, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Expert Marksmanship Badge M-16 Rifle and M-9 Pistol. David retired after 42 years of continuous faithful service to the United States Army. His retirement
from service was short lived as he took great pride in championing and campaigning for various Veterans’ organizations. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and the current Vice-President of James Michael Ray Memorial VVA Chapter #818, Rhode Island VVA State Council President, Past Department Commander of the Rhode Island Department of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Post #3, Rhode Island United Veterans Council, Rhode Island Veterans Legislative Advisory Board, Life Member of the Association of the United States Army (USA), Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #11519, and a Life Member of the American Legion Post #14. David is married to the former Catherine Lawrence of Pawtucket, RI. He is survived by his wife Catherine; his son, Matthew Smith; his daughter Lauren (née Smith) Tomaz; five grandchildren, and; two sisters. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, September 26th in Saint Ambrose Church, 191 School Street, Albion at 10:00 AM. VVA’s National Chaplain and President of VVA #818 was the Main Celebrant. The burial in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors was at Noon of the 26th of September. The Rhode Island Patriot Guard Riders provided escort and an honor guard. Visitation hours were on Wednesday, September 25th from 4:00-7:00 PM in the Keefe Funeral Home, 5 Higginson Avenue, Lincoln. Memorial gifts may be made to the VVA Chapter #818, PO Box 818, Woonsocket, RI 02895-0818.

DONALD C. “Don” SMITH - Died Sunday, August 25, 2019 at Sanctuary Hospice House at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 5, 1944 in Rome, Mississippi to the late Hersie and Leola Smith. A patriotic American, Don served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army where he was a combat infantryman. During his time there, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Sharpshooter Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mississippi. Don married the love of his life, Barbara Steed and their union lasted over 51 years. They made their home in the Mississippi Delta until he took a sales job with Southern Belle which brought them to Tupelo. He retired with Conagra Foods. After his retirement, he joined Lee Memorial Funeral Home as a funeral assistant and greeter, something he loved dearly. He was a member of Auburn Baptist Church. There, he was a member of the choir and a quartet, was an RA instructor, worked with several of the Men’s Ministries and served as a deacon. Don loved people and never met a stranger. He loved his family and treasured his two grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Smith of Saltillo; one son, Rev. Dr. Clay Smith and his wife, Missy of St. Louis, MO.; two sisters, Dixie Ball of Ridgeland and Carol Sosebee of Olive Branch; one brother, Joel Smith (Barbara) of Caldwell, TX; his two grandchildren, Emma and Isaiah Smith and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Harold Smith, Jimmy Smith and Larry Smith. A Memorial Service was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday at the Auburn Baptist Church with Brother Jimmy Henry officiating. A private burial was conducted in the Auburn Cemetery. Lee Memorial Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation hours were from 5:00–7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home and from 1:00–2:00
PM on Wednesday at the church. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Sanctuary Hospice House for their care and support during their time there. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Auburn Baptist Church or Sanctuary Hospice House.

**JERRY SMITH** – Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 27, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of *Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080*.

**MICHAEL EDWARD “Smitty” SMITH** - Died Friday, May 24, 2019 at his home in Charlotte, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 2, 1952 in Ferndale, Michigan to the late LeRoy and Dolores (née Hageman) Smith. Smitty graduated from Waterville High School in 1970. He went on to serve his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Smitty was extremely proud of his country and was always concerned about the welfare of the men and women serving around the world in active duty. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan*. Smitty owned and operated Honey-Doers Home Remodeling for many years. He was a talented woodworker and enjoyed creating bookcases, toys, and furniture. He is survived by his wife, Gayle L. Smith; his children, Kristine (Chris) Marzic, of Battle Creek, Nichole Snyder, of North Carolina; his grandson, Brent Marzic; his siblings, Phyllis (Walt) Gerard, of Essex, Ontario and Charles Smith, of Brownsville, MI. Smitty was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Marvin Smith. In keeping with his wish’s cremation has taken place and the interment was held at the Fort Custer National Cemetery. Those desiring, may make contributions in Smitty’s honor to the Disabled American Veterans-DAV, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

**WILLIAM A. SORENSEN** – Died recently in 2019 in Westphalia, Iowa at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 10, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa*.

**VIRGINIA F. STEPHENSON** – Died recently in 2019 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on December 24, 1938. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49*.

**GLOVER RAY STANFORD** - Died Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 69. He was a resident of
Wilmington. The cause of death is unknown. Ray was born in High Point, North Carolina on May 6, 1947 to the late Clarence Ray and Gwendolyn (née Templeton) Stanford. He was a former employee of Bell South Telephone Company. He served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a longtime member of the Ogden – New Hanover Rescue Squad. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885. Preceding him in death was his stepfather, Don Graves. Surviving are his son, Doug Stanford and special friend, Ann Carroll of Wilmington; close friends, Gene and Debbie Wheat, of Wilmington; his sisters, D. Suellen White and husband, Byron, of Deland, FL, Cynthia S. Parker and husband Skip, of Wilmington, Donna G. Walton and husband Trey, of Willow Springs, Melody G. Graves and April D. Graves of Burlington. A memorial service was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Wilmington Funeral Chapel. Bishop Lundy Logue officiated. A reception followed the service. The Wilmington Funeral and Cremation Services, 1535 South 41st Street, Wilmington, NC was in charge of the arrangements.

DAVID L. “Dave” STANLEY - Died Thursday, October 11, 2018 in his home in The Villages, Florida at the age of 69. He was also a resident of Waltham, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. Dave was born in Waltham on June 19, 1949 the oldest of three sons born to the late Lawrence and Ann (née Tebbetts) Stanley. He was a graduate of Waltham High and earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Northeastern University in Boston. He was a retired Waltham Police Detective Sergeant. He joined the United States Army out of high school and after basic training was sent to Vietnam where he served for thirteen months. In addition to other decorations he received, Dave was twice awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat and despite being held captive by the enemy for a period of days and escaping he remained in country with his fellow soldiers until his tour of duty ended. April 1977 he was appointed a patrolman on the Waltham Police Department where he enjoyed a distinguished twenty-five-year career. He was assigned to the patrol division, detectives and drug unit and retired as a detective sergeant in October 2002. Following a move to The Villages in Florida Dave became an avid golfer and a skilled bowler. He enjoyed time spent with his 'Florida gang' and the role that he played being 'Grandpa Dave'. He had been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Waltham and in Florida. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036. His wife, Karen M. (née Hoyt) Stanley died July 16, 2017. Dave leaves his stepchildren, Dawn O’Neill and her husband, Edward, of Littleton, Kimberly Strafford and her husband Daniel of Waltham and Kevin Conzo and his wife, Krista, of Corvallis, Oregon; his step-grandchildren, Emma and Keith O’Neill, Nora, Maeve and Aelish Strafford and Grace Conzo; his brother Douglas Stanley and his wife, Janet Cumming, of Chelmsford; his nephews, Michael Stanley, Nicholas Creighton and John Stanley and their families. He was also a brother of the late Dean Stanley and Deborah Stanley and 'Grandpa Dave' to the late Zachary Conzo. Family and friends honored and remembered Dave's life by gathering for calling hours in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Route 20), Waltham on Sunday, October 21st from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and again on Monday morning when his funeral
service was held at 11:00 AM. The burial was in the Mount Feake Cemetery, Waltham. Memorial donations may be made to the PFC John M. Sullivan USMC VFW Post #10334, 623 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

**MIKE D. STEVENS** - Died Friday, September 13, 2019 at his home in Milan, Illinois at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born on March 2, 1948 in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan to the late Charles A. and Carol A. (née Tuck) Stevens. He honorably served his country in the United States Army. Mike completed Ranger and Jungle Operations Courses and a tour of duty in Vietnam. Eventually, he earned his commission in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. He completed his military service at the rank of First Lieutenant. Mike married Susan England on September 4, 1979 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She passed away on October 18, 2007. Mike worked in sales for most of his civilian life. He sold insurance for many years and also sold cars. Mike retired in 2007. He was very proud of his military service and spent his life trying help to help veterans who had fallen on hard times. He was a staunch advocate for incarcerated veterans transition programs and VA Stand Down events. Mike was also a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad-Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299. Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Eve Stevens, Milan; sons, Nate Summers, Duvall, WA and David Stevens, Rock Island; grandchildren, Danielle Kae Stevens, Katelyn Summers, Orion Fletcher; siblings, Sandra Bradshaw, Jack Stevens, Gene Stevens and numerous extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents. A memorial visitation was held for Mike on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, 201 4th Avenue East, Milan. Private inurnment with military honors was in the Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. Memorials may be made to the Quad City Veterans Outreach Center.

**RICHARD LEE “Rick” STIVER, SR.** - Died Tuesday, October 24, 2018 at the Croatan Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at the age of 68. He was a resident of Swansboro, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 18, 1949 in Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania to the late Richard Charles Stiver and Geraldine Henrietta (née Lingenfelter) (Stiver) Teeter. Rick proudly and faithfully served his country in the United States Army serving as a UH-1 helicopter mechanic. After he fulfilled his obligation in the Army, he began his career as a paper maker at Appleton Papers in Roaring Springs, PA. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg (Pennsylvania) Chapter #967. He is survived by his wife, Terri Sue (née Lozinski) Stiver of the home; son, Richard Lee Stiver, Jr. and wife Mercedes of Swansboro; Rhonda Lee Hartman, daughter of Richard Lee Stiver, Sr and Marjorie Patricia Deem of Hubert; daughter, Sarah Beth Lack and husband Bruce of Carlinville, IL; grandchildren, Kelsey Marie Hartman, Loren Petlock, Joshua Francis Stiver (USAF), Krista Nicole Lack, Curtis Tyler Lack, and Christopher Francis Lack. A private memorial service was held at a later date.
LEON (NMN) SUCHORSKI – Died Monday, July 22, 2019 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death was arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He was born in Hamtramck, Michigan on November 8, 1944 to the late Leo Suchorski and Julia Mary (née Niespial) Suchorski. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Canton Chapter 528.

MELVIN McClAIN SULLIVAN (USA, SGM-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, August 14, 2019 in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Burns, Tennessee. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on June 5, 1946 in Nashville, Tennessee to the late McClain and Rena (née Lampley) Sullivan. He was a retired Fire Chief of the Burns Fire Department. Not only did Mr. Sullivan serve his community of Burns, he proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant Major. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950. He is survived by his daughter, Melinda Sullivan Fortner and her husband, Brian of Dickson, TN; his granddaughter, McKinley Blake Fortner; his brothers, Kenny Sullivan and wife, Melissia of Burns, TN, Marshall Sullivan and wife, Tammy of Dickson, TN, and Matt Sullivan of Florida. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at the Burns Church of Christ Fellowship Hall between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 PM. Those desiring, memorials are suggested to the Burns Fire Department or to the charity of your choice.

WILLIAM R. SUNDBERG – Died Saturday, March 2, 2019 in Seminole, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was pneumonia. He was born on March 11, 1946 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522.

PATRICK JOHN SURRENA - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in Littleton, Colorado at the age of 69. He was formerly of Euclid, Ohio. The cause of death was complete heart block, aortic valve endocarditis, staphylococcus epidermidis and end-stage renal disease. He was born on October 17, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Clarence Tobin Surrena and Julia Rosemary Surrena. He was loved and cherished by many people including his siblings, Suzanne, Sheila, Mary, Matthew, Printing and G. A. Wright; his wife Eileen Mary (née Kraft) Surrena; his daughters, Erin Kathleen and Kathryn Suzanne (Katie), and; his grandchildren, Alexander (Zander), Elexa, Kaiya, Aidan and Tobin. He served in the United States Navy from 1969 to 1973 during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106. Family and friends were welcome to send flowers or leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family. In memory of Patrick his family
requested that donations be made to his fellow Vietnam Veterans to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106 or to the Purple Heart Homes of Colorado who provide much needed adaptations to the homes of our wounded warriors.

JAMES EARL “Jim” TALBOT - Died peacefully on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 75, with his wife and daughter by his side. The cause of death was Alzheimer’s disease. Jim was born on October 13, 1943 to the late John Talbot and Frances (née Gillespie) Talbot. On May 28, 2000, he married Carol (née Morris) Talbot in Denver, Colorado. Jim is survived by his two sons, Michael Talbot of Vale, Arizona and Scott Talbot of Briggsdale, Colorado. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Annette Miller of Ypsilanti, Michigan and stepson, Robby Cairns of Denver, Colorado; his nine grandchildren, Samantha (Talbot) Wisse of Frederick, Colorado, Katelyn Talbot of Firestone, Colorado, Aerryn Krause of Longmont, Colorado, Tyler Miller of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Kyra Miller of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Jeff Miller of Ypsilanti, MI, Jayme Cairns of Denver, Colorado, Angi Cairns of Denver, Colorado, Rory Cairns of Denver, Colorado, Zack Hill and Rebecca Miller who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his older brother, Jack Talbot and his younger brother, Tom Talbot.

He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310. Jim worked at many jobs, which included, welder, CDL driver for a lumberyard, manufactured microchips, bus driver, and artist. Carol and Jim moved to Ypsilanti in 2010 to be with Annette and her children. Jim loved to travel with his wife, including a Mission trip with the church to South Africa, a Disney cruise to Alaska and seeing Mayan ruins in Belize. His love of art translated into wood burning pictures, mostly of wildlife, onto boards. A memorial service took place on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, 143 East Michigan Avenue, Saline, Michigan 48176. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation or to the church for the mission at Care Village, South Africa. Envelopes will be available at the church. Jim is to be cremated with burial at a later date. To sign Jim’s guestbook, to leave a memory or for more information or directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

JOSEPH WAYNE TAYLOR – Died Saturday, July 27, 2019 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 6, 1950. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Poplar Bluff Chapter #1056.

JOHN CHARLES “Buddy” TERRELL - Died Sunday, April 14, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 73. He was a resident of Alabaster, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 18, 1946 to the late Billy and Vivian Terrell. He was also predeceased by his brother, Jack Terrell and his sister, B.J. Carter. He is survived by his son, Chase (Chasity) Terrell; daughters, Tristan Terrell and Madison Terrell; brother, J.K. (Joanne) Terrell; sister, Barbara Sieber; and grandson, Brody Terrell. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life
Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416. The family received friends on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM at Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home in Pelham, AL. The graveside service was held at the Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo on Wednesday at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations in John Terrell’s name to the Wounded Warrior Project.

JAMES ALLEN THOMAS – Died Friday, December 28, 2018 in San Diego, California at the age of 94. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 6, 1924. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472. The Anderson Ragsdale Mortuary of San Diego was in charge of the arrangements.

BARRY GENE THORNTON - Died Wednesday, March 20, 2018 in Coker, Alabama at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 4, 1946 to the late Fred S. Thornton, Sr. and Hazel P. Thornton. He was also predeceased by his brother, Larry G. Thornton. Survivors include his daughters, Amy Thornton Lancaster (Toby), of Northport, AL and Ginger Thornton Shirley (Todd), of Northport, AL; his brothers, Fred S. Thornton, Jr. (Linda) and Danny G. Thornton (Nancy), and; his grandchildren, Jackson Lancaster, Austin Lancaster, Adam Lancaster, Emma Rae Lancaster and Will Shirley. He was a loving "'Daddy''' that dedicated his life to his children and grandchildren. He was an amazing grandfather, known to most as Babo, constantly bringing fun and joy to our lives. He was always the first to help someone. He truly had a servant's heart. There wasn’t anything he could or would not do. His ingenuity and determination impressed everyone. He honorably chose to join the United States Marine Corps and served as a Corporal In the 3rd Tank Battalion, 3rd Marine Division during the Vietnam War. He supported the Iron Monsters, The deadliest foe of the Viet Cong aggressors. He proved himself worthy, brave and honorable at all times. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301. He was a talented machinist for 35 years at Uniroyal Goodrich. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa. He leaves us with many cherished memories and a legacy that will continue for generations to come. He will be missed deeply. There is no other like our Babo. The pallbearers were all United States Marines. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Magnolia Chapel Funeral Home North with Brother Sam Phillips officiating. A private family burial followed with Magnolia Chapel Funeral Home North directing. The honorary pallbearers were Billy and Ginny Glenn and all members of rescue units. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

ROBERT L. “Bob” TIMMERMANN - Died Sunday, August 11, 2019 in Saint Rose (Breese), Illinois at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 20, 1945 in Breese to the late Aloys and Mary (née Duing) Timmermann. He married Jane
Huelsmann on September 14, 1968 and she survives in Saint Rose. In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by his children, David Timmermann, of Highland, Derek Timmermann and wife, Angela, of Naperville and Marla Husmann-Beggs and husband, Rob, of Germantown; his grandchildren, Jonathan Husman, Joanie Beggs, Oliva Timmermann, Amelia Timmermann, and Tarex Rojas-Timmermann; his siblings, Larry Timmermann and friend, Jeanette Kohrs, of Breese, Richard Timmermann and wife, Anna Jean, of Breese, Ollie Timmermann and wife, Jeanette, of Saint Rose, Stanley Timmermann and wife, Helen, of Breese, Wilbert Timmermann, of Breese, Ruth Albers and husband Leon, of Germantown, Rita Usselmann and husband, Frank, of Breese and Bernice Vonbokel, of Mascoutah, and; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father; a daughter, Lana Timmermann and a sister, Elvira Grapperhaus. Bob was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Germany during the Vietnam War Era. He was a member of Saint Rose Parish, Breese American Legion, and the Saint Rose Development Club. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and traveling. He worked for AT&T as telephone tech for 42 years before retiring. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at Saint Rose Catholic Church with Reverend Father Ed Schaeffer officiating. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday from 9:30 AM until 11:45 AM at Saint Rose Catholic Church. Memorials made in memory of Bob were suggested to Saint Jude’s, Shriners Children’s Hospital, or to the charity of donor’s choice and will be received at church or at Nordike Funeral Home in Breese. Online Condolences may be made to the Timmermann family by visiting www.nordikefuneralhome.com.

EDWARD ALBERT “Ed” VANDER BERG - Died Saturday May 25, 2019 in Wantage, New Jersey at the age of 70. He died while under the care of Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born in Paterson, New Jersey on July 20, 1948 to the late Albert and Cecelia (née Oakley) Vander Berg. He grew up in Totowa, New Jersey moving to Wantage Township in 1976. Ed was a good and loyal friend to many people through the years and made friends wherever he traveled. He was very active in the community and had a wonderful gift of gab! Ed was knowledgeable and experienced in many diverse things and mentored many friends and relatives through the years. He always liked to have the last word and more often than not, he got it! Ed was married to his best friend Nancy for 43 years and they proudly raised three wonderful children together, Dan, Christina and Kevin. He also was one of the proudest “Papa’s” there could be of his 10-year-old granddaughter, Sierra. Ed retired in 2011 after many years of service as a Code Official in Sussex County. He served the towns of Wantage, Sussex, Franklin, Green, Frankford, Hardyston and Walpack. He worked as a Construction Official, Plumbing Inspector, Zoning Officer and Fire Subcode Official. In 2005 he had the honor of receiving Code Official of the Year with a Governor’ Resolution. He was former President of the Building Officials of NJ and Past President of the Sussex Warren Code Officials Association. Ed is a Life Member of the Sussex Kiwanis and has served as Past President. He is a
member of Wantage Fire Dept., Colesville Company for 40 years and served as Treasurer for several terms. Ed was a member of Lincoln Firehouse in Totowa before moving to Sussex County and also worked for the City of Passaic for 5 years as a Firefighter. Ed is a member of the NJ Fireman Relief Association. He is also one of the Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators for Wantage Twp. His memberships included, Sussex Elks Lodge #2288, Pvt. Charles Auburger American Legion Post #213, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wallkill Valley (Sussex) Chapter #1002, Veterans of Foreign Wars and President of Deckertown Union Cemetery, Branchville Businessmen’s Club, and Sussex County Crime Stoppers. He was a Life Member of American Motorcycle Association, member of the National Association for Amateur Radio, Blue Mountain Antique Gas and Steam Engine Association and the National Rifle Association. He is a Past President of Wallkill Valley Rotary Club and Past Board Member & Past President of High Point Regional High School and Past Board Member to YMCA Camp Mason. Ed was awarded in March of this year by the Chinkchewunska Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution with the Historic Preservation Medal for his 12 years of volunteering and dedication and his outstanding achievement in Historic Preservation. He served with Honor and Valor as a member of the United States Army in the 101st Airborne in Vietnam from 1968-69. He was a mortar man with Company E, 1st Battalion Division (Airmobile) at Camp Eagle. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge in Vietnam (Bronze Star). Ed is survived by his wife Nancy (née Chirico) Vander Berg; his children, Dan Vander Berg (Ashley Junior) of Wantage Twp., Christina Vander Berg (Brice Keyes) of Grand Junction, CO and Kevin Vander Berg of Wantage Twp.; granddaughter, Sierra Owens of Grand Junction, CO; brothers & sister, Rich Vander Berg (Sue) of Totowa, Colette Sanders (Dick) of Little Falls, Pat Vander Berg (Liliana) of Lighthouse Point, FL and Tim Vander Berg (Pauline) of Totowa; twelve nieces and nephews; twelve grand-nieces and grand-nephews all from FL, AZ, NY, and NJ, as well as; many cousins in FL, TX, NY and NJ. A Celebration of Ed’s Life was held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 4:00 PM at the Beemerville Firehouse, 227 County Road, 519 Wantage, NJ. Friends were welcome to arrive at the firehouse one hour prior to the service, from 3:00-4:00 PM. Cremation and interment of ashes at Deckertown Union Cemetery was private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Deckertown Union Cemetery, 37 Quarry Road, Wantage, NJ 07461 or Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, 99 Sparta Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860 or to Colesville Fire Department, 1202 State Route 23 Sussex, NJ 07461. Private cremation services were entrusted to Ferguson Funeral Home, 27 Third Street, Sussex, NJ 07461. For directions and online condolences, please see www.fergusonfuneralhomesnj.com.

GREGORY ANDREW “Ataur” VAUGHN - Died Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Hospice of Dayton, Ohio at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dayton on January 3, 1953 to the late Lewis and Margaret Vaughn. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97. He was a member of Al-Islam. He was predeceased by his wife, Crystal Vaughn; parents, Lewis & Margaret Vaughn, and; his brother, Ronald Vaughn. He leaves to cherish his memory, his
daughters, Krishna Sims and Grecia Vaughn (Momar); his sister, Tierney "Tammy" Miller; his grandchildren, Naemah T. Nzeruem, Tawana Sims and Marc Sims; a special cousin, Sharon Nooks, and; a host of other grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The funeral service was held at 12:30 PM on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at the House of Wheat Funeral Home, Inc., 2107 North Gettysburg Avenue. The interment was in the Dayton National Cemetery. Visitations was at 10:00 AM on Thursday at the funeral home until the time of the service. The family received friends one-hour prior.

HARRY LUTHER VAN CLEAF – Died Thursday, March 8, 2018 in Parkville, Maryland at the age of 70. The cause of death was primary parotid gland cancer. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 78, 1947. He was the beloved husband of the late Barbara Elaine (née Kerr) VanCleaf; devoted father of Susan Neifeld and her husband Eric, Kimberly Minch and her husband Robert; loving grandfather of Rebecca, Miriam and Timothy; dear brother-In-law of Nancy Groth. He served in the United States Army with three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451. He proudly served 25 years with the Baltimore City Police and 23 years with the Veterans Affairs Police Security at the VA Baltimore Healthcare System. A funeral service was held at the family-owned Leonard J. Ruck, Inc. Funeral Home, 5305 Harford Road (at Echodale) on Saturday at 7:00 PM. Friends visited on Saturday from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM. The interment was in the Garrison Forrest Veteran Cemetery. www.RuckFuneralHomes.com.

EDWARD R. VOGT – Died recently in 2019 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 8, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49.

MICHAEL A. “Mike” VOLTA - Died Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland at the age of 72. He was a resident of Ocean View, Delaware and formerly of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 27, 1947 to the late Michael A. Volta and Michelen (née Dippolito) Volta. Mike proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He worked as an outside machinist for the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for 31 years. Mike was affectionately known as “High Tech Mike” as he enjoyed and bought all types of electronical gadgets to keep himself occupied. He was a huge Philadelphia Eagles fan and also enjoyed boating and photography. Mike was a member of the American Legion Post, VFW and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Richey (Florida) Chapter #1003. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Jonette (née Pyle) Volta; a brother, Anthony Volta and his wife, Angela of Philadelphia, PA; a niece, Deanna Tutka and her husband, Edward of Bellmawr, NJ; cousins, John and JoAnn Zygmun of Hamilton Square, NJ and their two children, John and Jeff Zygmun both of Hamilton Square, NJ and a goddaughter, Caitlin Iacobacci of Collegeville, PA. A prayer service was held at 2:00 PM on
Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Ocean View Chapel of Melson Funeral Services, 38040 Muddy Neck Road, Ocean View, DE where friends and family may visit after 1:00 PM. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorial contributions in Mike’s name to the VFW by visiting www.vfw.org.

JAMES D. WALSH - Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 26, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.

LAWRENCE GEORGE WARD - Died Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the Commonwealth Care Center in Fairfax, Virginia at the age of 80. He was a resident of Alexandria, Virginia. The cause of death was cardiac failure, respiratory failure, severe peripheral vascular disease and hypertension. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 31, 1935 to the late Emily Alice (née Paulda) Ward and Lester William Ward. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl; a brother, Joseph; and a sister, Donna. Survivors include his loving wife, Anne (née Tracy) Ward; children Larry, Timothy, Scott, Kevin and Lisa; nine grandchildren, and; ten great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia. The family received friends from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, July 14th at the Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. A funeral was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 15th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–Day Saints, 2719 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, Virginia followed by interment in Quantico National Cemetery at 1:30 PM.

MYRL E. WARNER - Died recently in 2019 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 27, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.

THOMAS DUANE WARNER - Died Tuesday, June 18, 2019 in Grand Blanc, Michigan at the age of 71. He was formerly of Clio, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. Thomas was born on December 20, 1947 in Flint, Michigan to the late Duane and Elizabeth (née Snow) Warner. He was a graduate of Ainsworth High School and later served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was employed as a Tool and Die Maker with G.M. Fisher Body and Grand Blanc Stamping Plant for 30 years. Thomas was a member of the DAV
and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Davison Chapter #175. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed riding his Gold Wing motorcycle and was a member of the G.W.R.R.A. Surviving are: the mother of his children, Janice Warner; children, John (Amy) Warner, Jennifer (Rick) Csintyan, Anthony Warner, and Kimberly Warner; grandchildren, Drew (Haley), Erika, Ally, Lukas, Lilly, Natalie; a great-granddaughter "on the way", Amalia Jane; siblings, Susan Kronberg, Holly (David) Kaczmarczyk, Christopher (Wendy) Warner; and several nieces and nephews. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, Paul Kronberg. The funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday June 22, 2019 at the Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton with Father David Harvey officiating. Visitation hours were held on Friday from 2:00-8:00 PM where a Rosary Service was held at 7:00 PM on Friday. The interment with military honors was at 9:30 AM on Monday, July 1, 2019 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

JAMES RICHARD “Jim” WEATHER – Died Friday, April 5, 2019 in Woodward Oklahoma at the age of 76. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on December 21, 1942 in Port Arthur, Texas to the late Harold Ray and Dolly Viola (née Elkins) Weaver. Jim lived in Guymon, Oklahoma as a child, and attended Guymon schools graduating from Guymon High School. He was united in marriage to Lois Martin in Buffalo, Oklahoma on March 9, 1963. They made their home in Guymon. Shortly after Jim began his career in the United States Army. He served his country proudly for over 20 years as a Military Policeman and in the Tactical Telecommunications Center. Jim and Lois were blessed with one son, Jeff. After his retirement, Jim received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He also began his second career with the Oklahoma State Department of Corrections as a corrections officer at William S. Key in Fort Supply. Jim continued his education working during the day, then driving to Edmond most evenings and earning his Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Oklahoma. Jim loved his family and God. He was a member of Woodward First Assembly of God Church. He also was active in the Christian Motorcycle Association. He loved taking trips on his bike and enjoyed the fellowship of CMA. Jim was also a member of the American Legion. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma. Jim is survived by his wife, Lois of the home; his son, Jeff Weaver and wife Miranda, of Woodward; his grandchildren, Cole Weaver and Eowyn Weaver; his sister, Kathryn McGuire; his brother, Robert Weaver, all of Guymon; several nieces and nephews, and; other family and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law; stepfather; and four siblings. The funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 11, 2019 in the First Assembly of God Church with Reverend Brad Smith officiating. The interment was the Elmwood Cemetery with the Billings Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodward CASA with the funeral home accepting the contributions.
HENRY THOMAS WIMBERLY - Died recently in 2019 the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 20, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.

FREDERICK J. “Fred” WOJICK, JR. - Died Sunday, September 1, 2019 in Belchertown, Massachusetts at the age of 72. He was also a resident of Okeechobee, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Salem, Massachusetts on November 7, 1946 to the late Frederick J. Wojick, Sr. and Mary (née Kidney) Wojick of Salem, MA who moved to Westfield in the early 1950’s. He graduated in 1965 from Westfield Trade School and joined the United States Army later that year as a communications technician/lineman serving in Vietnam from 1965-1968. After the military he was married in 1968 and worked for local electrical contractors until he received employment at the Westfield Gas and Electric Light Dept. He worked there for 30 years starting as an electric lineman and serving as a foreman before retiring in 2002 at the age of 55. After Fred built a house in the Town of Russell in his early 40’s, with the help of his family and friends, he became active in his local community and served the Town of Russell as a Selectman for 15 years through his mid-50’s. He loved his career and enjoyed working with his fellow colleagues but was looking forward to getting the opportunity to travel as soon as possible. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Holyoke Chapter #219. After retiring he started to travel all over the country, spending most of his time in Florida as well as visiting most southern coastal states with his wife Arja in their motorhome. They traveled constantly all over the United States as well as Ireland every year. He leaves his wife Arja (née Lehtolainen) Wojick of Ireland; her daughter Andria and husband Hermann and grandchildren Suvi and Darragh of Georgia. Fred is survived by his daughter Tammy (Wojick) Paiva, of Belchertown with his grandchildren Stephanie and Casey Paiva along with his son Dana E. Wojick of Blandford, MA. He leaves his brother Daniel Wojick of Russell, his nieces Kelly and Wendi of Westfield and Ashley (Wojick) Murphy of Pearland, Texas. He was predeceased by his wife Linda (Cherbonneau) Wojick of Westfield in 1992, he leaves his stepchildren Shawn Llosa, Christian Llosa, and Andrea (Llosa) Gibson and grandchildren Reese and Nessa Gibson and Emma Llosa. A private funeral service was held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam on September 6, 2019. The Williamsburg Funeral home was entrusted with his Cremation and Service.

JAMES FRANCIS “Jim” WOOD, SR. – Died Monday, July 22, 2019 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related congestive heart failure, Diabetes Mellituro-Type II, neuropathy, skin cancer. He was born in Hubbard, Ohio on February 11, 1943. He served in the United States Army for three years during the Vietnam War. He served in the Vietnam as a Morse Code interceptor. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Port Richey Chapter #1003.
LARRY D. WRIGHT - Died peacefully Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the VNA in Valparaiso, Indiana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 19, 1943 in Long Beach, California to the late Robert J. Wright and stepmother, Marguerite at Magnolia Hospital. Larry graduated from George Rogers Clark High School in Hammond, IN. Shortly after high school he joined the United States Army where he would be sent to Vietnam as a door gunner for the Razorback Armed Helicopters. Honorably discharged carrying the Purple Heart Medal, Larry would come back to Indiana where he would make a career as a long-haul truck driver. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905. He is preceded in death by his father Robert J. Wright, stepmother Marguerite Wright, brother Robert Wright, aunt Mary Ruth Olsen, and his two sons’ Larry and Todd. He is survived by his loving fiancé, Peggy Eagen, of Chesterton, IN; daughter Jenna (Jeremy) Neuschafer, of Valparaiso, IN, son Robert W. Wright, of Chesterton, IN, daughter Kimberly R. Olsen, Peggy’s children, Michelle (Warren) Smith, of LaPorte, IN and son, Craig Woosley, of Chesterton, IN, grandchildren, Alyssa Armato and Colin Neuschafer, of Valparaiso, IN, half-brother, Daryl Wright, of Oregon, and; stepbrother and stepsister, David Nixon and Elzena Huff of Oregon.

Larry was so many things to so many people. He was a soldier and committed to his country. There is nothing he liked to do more than to talk about his Razorback brothers and eventually about his time in Vietnam. He was a caring father and grandfather. He was a friend to many. His infectious laugh to his colorful stories would draw you in wanting to hear more and leave you gasping for air from laughter. He was not only tough as nails but had a softer side that could be seen in his connection with family, friends, and his love of animals. Louie the Lab, Baby, Gunner, Little Bit, Patches, and Boots are sure to miss their dad. The funeral service took place on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Calumet Park Funeral Chapel, 7535 Taft Street, Merrillville, IN with Pastor Bob Parnell officiating. The inurnment was place at the Calumet Park Cemetery. Friends were invited to visit with the family on Friday, May 3, 2019 at Calumet Park Funeral Chapel from 3:00 to 7:00 PM with a DAV service beginning at 6:00 PM.

ROBERT BOLESŁAW “Bob” ZAJONC, Ph.D. – Died Wednesday, December 3, 2008 in Penngrove, California at the age of 85. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. An only child, he was born in Lodz, Poland, on November 23, 1923. In 1939, after the Nazis invaded Poland and headed toward Lodz, he and his parents fled to Warsaw. There, the building in which they were staying was bombed, and Robert’s parents were killed. Robert woke up in a hospital, seriously injured. He attended an underground university in Warsaw before being dispatched to a labor camp in Germany. He escaped and, recaptured, was sent to a political prison in France. Escaping again, he joined the French Resistance and studied at the University
of Paris. Reaching England in 1944, he worked as a translator for American forces in the European campaign. When the war ended, he worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Paris. He later studied psychology at the University of Tübingen before immigrating to the United States in 1948. Professor Zajonc earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Michigan in 1955. He remained on the faculty for the next four decades, directing the Research Center for Group Dynamics and the Institute for Social Research there. Some of Professor Zajonc’s most influential work concerned “social facilitation” — the effect of the presence of others on a person’s performance of a specific task. Previous research on the subject appeared contradictory, suggesting that spectators helped performers in some cases but not in others. But in which cases? What Professor Zajonc found was that when performers have mastered a skill at a high level, they are helped by the presence of an audience. (Think of professional musicians or athletes.) But he also found that when a performer has mastered a skill only imperfectly, the existence of onlookers is a hindrance. (Think of Sunday duffers in any arena.) Elsewhere in his work, Professor Zajonc explored the nexus between psychology and physiology. In one widely reported study, he found that smiling or frowning can alter blood flow to the brain as facial muscles relax or contract. This in turn affects the parts of the brain that regulate feelings, helping induce happy or sad emotional states. In recent years, Professor Zajonc also studied the psychology of racism, terrorism and genocide. Professor Zajonc’s first marriage, to Donna Benson, ended in divorce. He is survived by his second wife, Hazel Rose Markus, a professor of social psychology at Stanford; their daughter, Krysia; three children from his first marriage, Peter, Michael and Joseph; and four grandchildren. His books include “Social Psychology: An Experimental Approach” (Wadsworth, 1966) and “The Selected Works of R. B. Zajonc” (Wiley, 2004). In a 2005 interview with The Observer, a publication of the Association for Psychological Science, Professor Zajonc explained his reasons for choosing the career he did. They harked back to the work he did for the United Nations in Paris. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Rafael Chapter #547. “I had contact with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,” he said. “The UNESCO motto is: ‘Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed,’ and having just been through a war, the motto was a sufficient incentive for me to get engaged in scientific initiatives that might make a contribution toward preventing future wars.” He added, “I am still waiting for that contribution to be made by psychology.”

**GEORGE W. ZAPATA** – Died recently in 2019 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Puerto Rico on December 23, 1943. He served in the United States Army from August 2, 1966 to August 1, 1968. He was a Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49.
THEODORE JAMES “Ted” ZAWADA - Died Wednesday, August 21, 2019, while staying at Buffalo General Medical Center at the age of 73, surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Lewiston, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 9, 1945 in Niagara Falls, New York to the late Theodore John and Flora (née Franaszek) Zawada. On September 1, 1979, Ted, as he was known to family and friends, married the former Deborah Stickney. Mr. Zawada was a lifelong area resident, attended local schools and graduated from Bishop Duffy High School. Ted later earned his Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Niagara University. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, until his honorable discharge on June 17, 1969. Mr. Zawada was employed as a therapist for the Department of Veterans Affairs, working at the Buffalo VA Medical Center. Ted was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church and a member of the Marine Corps League as well as the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268. He was an avid Notre Dame football fan and enjoyed fishing, hunting and reading. Above all, he was deeply devoted to his family. In addition to his wife, Mr. Zawada is survived by children, Theodore Vincent (Christine) Zawada, Peter Joseph (Katherine) Zawada, Samuel H. (Marjorie) Zawada, David Michael (Angela) Zawada and Rachel S. (Cory) Clark and was predeceased by a son, Matthew Zawada. Ted is also survived by his adored grandchildren, Victoria, Madeline, Amber, Joseph, Emily, Thomas, Bridget, Isabella, Adalynn, Dominic, Charlie and Vinny; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation hours were on Sunday, August 25th from 12:00 Noon-4:00 PM in the Chapel of the Otto Redanz Funeral Home, 2215 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY, where Ted’s funeral service, concluding with Military Honors, was held at 4:00 PM with Reverend Father Jim Bastian officiating. The interment was held in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial offerings may be made to a Veterans charity of one's choice. The arrangements were under the direction of Michael R. Goodlander. Please visit goodlandercares.com for online condolences and to send a gift to Ted’s family.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD! AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM! MAY THEY REST IN PEACE! AMEN! Spencer 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.