

**TIMOTHY B. ALLEN** – Died recently in 2016 in Stockton, California at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 7, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.

**FRANK V. ANAZAGASTY** – Died Sunday, June 5, 2016 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related diabetes mellitus type II. He was born in Arecibo on April 15, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arecibo Chapter #398**.

**GABRIEL P. BARTELL, JR.** – Died recently in 2016 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 29, 1955. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**.



**ROBERT D. "Bob" BEERY, JR.** - Died Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the Pickering House at the age of 70. He was a resident of Lancaster, Ohio. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on May 1, 1946 to the late Robert and Lucille (née Scholl) Beery of Lancaster. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1964 where he was very active in FFA and 4-H Clubs. He was honored to be selected to go to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago for winning the State Tractor Maintenance Contest. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1968 with a degree in Animal Science and Agricultural Economics. Bob was a lifelong farmer who learned much from his father, Robert Beery, and he in turn passed on his love of farming to his son, David, who continues to manage the family farm. Bob enjoyed his herds of beef cattle, planting and harvesting crops, and restoring old tractors. He and his family were proud to host The State Cattlemen's Beef Round-up. Bob also served on several agriculture committees. Bob received a ROTC Commission to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict as a First Lieutenant. It was during his service to our country that he was in contact with Agent Orange, which led to a nineteen month battle with cancer beginning in 2014. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1045**. He is survived by his loving wife, Julie, to whom he was married for forty-three years. He is also survived by his two children, Jill (Adam) Winters and David Beery, both of Lancaster, and grandchildren, Adelyn and Landen Winters and Kenzie Beery. Other survivors include his sister, Janice Barnes, and brothers, Kenneth (Marci) and Edward Beery, two uncles, James and Neil Scholl and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. A Funeral Service was held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 2:00 PM, officiated by Dr. Brian Jones and Pastor Cheryl Foulk. Calling hours were held at the Halteman-Fett and Dyer Funeral Home on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM as well as one hour before the service at the church. The burial was at the Mount Tabor Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the First United Methodist Church, the Crossroads Ministry Center, or to the Pickering House, Lancaster, OH in Bob's memory. The family would like to thank the kind and compassionate staff for the excellent care Bob received there.

**EDWIN JOHN BEALER** – Died Sunday, March 27, 2016 in Langhorne, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 5, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Javene Bealer, of the home. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War attaining the rank of GMG3 (Gunner's Mate – Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**. He is interred in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Tomlinson Funeral Home in Bensalem, Pennsylvania was in charge of the arrangements.



**FRANCIS E. "Frank" BELL, SR.** - Died unexpectedly Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at Cayuga Medical Center, Ithaca, New York at the age of 71. He was a resident of King Ferry, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York on October 10, 1944 to the late Charles and Harriett (née Belonge) Bell. He served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps and became disabled from a service-connected injury. He had resided in King Ferry since 1979 moving from Auburn, NY. He was a *Founder, Past-President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #704**. He served as co-chairman when the Vietnam Wall came to Auburn, New York in 1999. He was a member, scoutmaster & troop commissioner in the Boy Scouts of America. Frank's life was a total commitment to the Veterans of the Vietnam War. An avid hunter and fisherman, he was always able to find time to enjoy these two sports. He is survived by his wife, Joan (née Peirce) Bell of King Ferry, NY whom he married on April 18, 1970; his 5 children, Francis (Debra) Bell Jr., Lansing, NY, Edson "Chip" Bell, Moravia, NY, Christine (Wayne) Wilkins, Martville, NY, Shawn (Andrea) Bell, Lincolnton, NC and John Bell, Aurora, NY; 6 grandchildren, Christopher Michael James and Angelea Christina Marie Krebs, Garrett Francis and Ashley Jean Bell and Brady Patrick and Devin Charles Bell; his 4 sisters, Patricia (Jim) Nichols, Auburn, NY, Dorothy Raymond, New York, Linda Smith, Florida, Beverly (Fred) Gillespie, Tennessee; his 4 brothers, Charles "Skip" Bell, New York, Joseph (Dorla) Bell, Auburn, NY; Kenny Bell, New York, Doug (Crickett) Bell, Ft. McCoy, FL; several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Frank was predeceased by his sister, Betty Graf and his brother, Eugene James Bell. Family and friends came calling at the Church of the United Ministry, Route 90, Aurora, NY on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM. The committal service, with full military honors, was held on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Route 96A, Town of Romulus, NY. If desired, contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #704, P.O. Box 1484, Auburn, NY 13021. Arrangements were under the direction of Shkelton Funeral Home, Aurora, NY.



**FAYE M. (née Sechrist) BELLES** - Died Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Regional Hospital of Scranton, Pennsylvania after an extended illness. She was 62 years of age and a resident of Endicott, New York. She was born in Hickory Ridge in Vestal, New York on April 25, 1954 to the

late Sylvia (née Kohut) Belles and Fay Sechrist. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by two brothers, Jeff and Paul Sechrist. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Arthur Belles; one daughter, Lori Osborn, of Hallstead, PA; one son, Jordan Belles, of Endicott; four grandchildren, Daniel, Brittany, Brandon, and Julie Osborn, and; one great-granddaughter, Victoria Bookhout. Faye is also survived by two sisters and a brother-in-law, Grace and Mark Deno, of Montrose, PA, and Laura Race, of Binghamton, and three nephews, Artie Conklin, Brian Deno, and Andrew Conklin. Faye grew up in Hickory Ridge in Vestal. She worked for 30 years at the K-Mart Store in Endicott. She was also involved with the **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America - Endicott Chapter #896** and the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. Funeral services were held on Saturday at 1:00 PM at the Allen Memorial Home, 511-513 East Main Street, Endicott. Reverend David C. Seaver officiated. Entombment was in Vestal Hills Memorial Park. The family received friends at the Allen Memorial Home on Friday evening from 5:00-7:00 PM. The family wishes to thank Allied Skilled Nursing Facility of Scranton for their care and concern.



**BRIAN ROBERT BIRK** - Died Thursday afternoon, June 9, 2016 at the Helen Newberry Joy Hospital with his loving family at his side. He was 69 years of age and a resident of Newberry, Michigan. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born March 12, 1947 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late Wilbert Birk and Alberta (née Hill) Birk Dempsey. He was a 1964 graduate of Belleville High School in Belleville, Michigan. On August 27, 1964, he enlisted into the United States Marine Corps serving during the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge on October 26, 1968. A resident of Newberry since 1982, Brian served as a *Life Member* and secretary of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sault Sainte Marie Chapter #180** for over 20 years. Brian was an avid Newberry Indians sports fan, a dedicated 12-step program member who had 28 years of sobriety and a friend to all he met. Survivors include his children Matthew (Beth) Birk, Christopher (Corrina) Birk and Katie Smith, all of Newberry; grandchildren, Jack, Olivia and Kya; sister-in-law, Rhonda (Bernie) Ash, of Newberry; brothers-in-law, Jeff (Christine) Brewster, of Newberry and Dennis (Caroline) Brewster, of Ann Arbor, and; many cousins, nieces and nephews. Graveside military honors were conducted by the United States Marine Corps Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #74 and were held on Friday June 17, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Curtis, Michigan with luncheon to follow at the American Legion Post #74 in Newberry. Memorials may be directed to the Newberry Sports Boosters in care of Tahquamenon Area Schools, 700 Newberry Avenue, Newberry, MI 49868 in his memory. Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com). Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry was in charge of the arrangements.

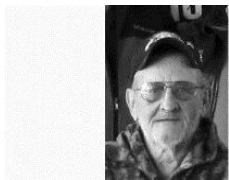
**GERALD S. "Smudge" BOGDAN** – Died Monday, June 20, 2016 in Hamburg, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 16, 1945 in Lackawanna, New York. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**.

**ROBERT M. BOSTWICK** - Died Monday, May 23, 2016 at his residence in Wilburton, Oklahoma at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related liver failure and Hepatitis C. He

was born in Olton, Texas on July 30, 1951 to the late Winifred (née Garrett) and Robert O. Bostwick. He was employed as a truck driver. Robert was a member of First Baptist Church, Wilburton, Oklahoma. He served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was also a life member of the VFW and a life member of DAV. He was also an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma**. Robert was the husband of Deanna (née Smith) Bostwick. On July 30, 2003, they were married at Prattville, Alabama. Robert is survived by his wife, Deanna Bostwick, of the home; his daughters and sons-in-law, Tia and Paul Perry, of Shady Point, Oklahoma, Emily and Tim Brauer, of Mead, Oklahoma; his son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Layce Hooker, of Abilene, Texas; his sister and brother-in-law, Becca and Barry Estes, of Prattville, Alabama; his brother, Bruce Bostwick, of Austin, Texas, and ten grandchildren. A Memorial Service was celebrated at the First Baptist Church, Wilburton, Oklahoma at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 26, 2016 with the Reverend Paul Brady officiating. The services were under the direction of Waldrop Funeral Home, Wilburton, Oklahoma.



**CARL LOUIS BOUDREAUX** - Died Saturday, July 9, 2016 in Bayou Blue, Louisiana at the age of 68. He was formerly from Schriever, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Thibodeaux, Louisiana on June 23, 1946 to the late Sidney Boudreaux, Sr. and Margaret Boudreaux. He is survived by his wife, Wanda (née Rogers) Boudreaux; grandchild, Camryn Boudreaux; brothers, Craig Boudreaux; and sister, Enola Matherne. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Chad Paul Boudreaux; and brothers, Sidney Boudreaux, Jr. and Roy Boudreaux. Carl's pride and joy in life was his granddaughter, Camryn. He loved to ride his motorcycle. He served in the United States Marine Corps from Marcy 23, 1966 to March 10, 1969 and did a tour of duty in Vietnam for one year and six months. He was a member of the American Legion Post #83. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houma Chapter #630**. Visitation was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Samart Funeral Home of Houma from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial took place in Saint Louis Cemetery. In lieu of flowers and plants please make donations to The Roger Songe Veterans Memorial Park. Samart Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**MAXIE PAUL BROUSSARD** – Died Saturday, February 13, 2016 in Lake Arthur, Louisiana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lake Arthur on March 4, 1946 to the late Sostan and Louise (née Benoit) Broussard. He was a United States Army veteran serving in Germany and Vietnam. He was a lifelong resident of Lake Arthur and served four years in the Lake Arthur Police Department. He also served in the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Department one year. He was a life member of the American Legion Post #403

and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**. He was married to Judy. Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Judy (née Cormier) Broussard of Lake Arthur; one daughter, Bridget Wood of Lake Arthur; three sons, Neil Broussard of Kaplan, Tony Morrison of Loreauville and Todd (Rhonda) Morrison of Carlyss; one brother, Burt Broussard of Kinder; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Sostan and Louise Benoit Broussard; and one sister, Hershal Abshire. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church with Reverend Father Babasino Fernandez officiating. Burial with military graveside honors were in the Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Miguez Funeral Home of Lake Arthur. Funeral home visitation was from 10:30 AM until 9:00 PM on Monday; and 8:00 AM on Tuesday until time of the service. A rosary was recited at 6:00 PM on Monday in the funeral home chapel. Pallbearers were Tony Morrison, Devon Morrison, Dylan Morrison, TJ Guillory, Kenny Doucet and Ronnie Martin. Honorary pallbearers were Austin Morrison, Kolby Morrison, Isean McDaniel and Hunner Hendrickson.

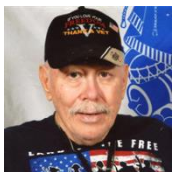


**WILLIE MAY BROWNING** - Died unexpectedly Monday, June 27, 2016 in Harker Heights, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. She was born May 15, 1946 to the late William Clifton and Velma (née Rucker) Browning in Waco, Texas. She proudly served in the United States Women Army Corps until her medical retirement. She then worked for the Department of the Army in a civilian capacity until her second retirement in 2005. She continued her work with veterans, as a volunteer veteran service officer and serving over 100,000 veterans, until her final retirement in May 2016. Willie was well known and loved in the community. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. She unselfishly gave of herself, her time and expertise to assist veterans and family members with their VA benefits. She continued to be involved with many of the veteran service organizations within the community and will be greatly missed. Mrs. Browning was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, William Evans; and three brothers. Survivors include her cherished children, Cathy Hubbard and her husband, John, of Nebraska, Wilma Thorne and her husband, Darold, and Elizabeth Nixon and her husband, Alex; grandchildren, Courtney Harms, Emily Karmazin, Rachel McGrath, Rene Thorne, William Thorne, Ivan Thorne, Jayden Nixon, Jayley Nixon and Jordan Nixon; three great-grandchildren; cousins, Gilda Pace of Waco and Bobbie Nelson of Washington; and numerous other family and friends. For those who prefer to make monetary donations in memory of Willie, the family respectfully requests that donations be made to benefit those who suffer from multiple sclerosis. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM at the First Baptist Church of Killeen, 3310 South W.S. Young Drive, Killeen. Interment was at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. Visitation was from 9:00 to 11:00 AM today at the First Baptist Church of Killeen. Heritage Funeral Home in Harker Heights was in charge of arrangements.





**DUANE R. BRUNNER** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at Halifax Health Medical Center, Daytona Beach at the age of 79. He was a resident of New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 28, 1936 in Dalton, Nebraska to the late Harold P. and Mabel (née Siefer) Brunner. He attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, majoring in soil conservation. He was an avid Nebraska Corn Husker fan and was a prior player for their football team in the early 1950's. He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam-era and served in Germany, Italy, Korea and Vietnam as an artillery surveyor and administrator retiring as Sergeant Major with 24 years of service. After his Army retirement, he worked as a land surveyor for the Lawton, OK City Engineering Department for 17 years during which time he was involved in restoring, setting and surveying over 500 high order survey control points in Southwest Oklahoma. He also filed over 100 survey land corners many of which are in the Oklahoma State and National Surveying Archives. He moved to the Edgewater/New Smyrna Beach area in 2008 from Lawton, OK and was a member of VFW Post #4250, New Smyrna Beach and American Legion Post #285, Edgewater. He was also a life member of DAV Post #56 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #751**, both in Lawton and member of Fort Sill Oklahoma Sergeant Major Association and Oklahoma Society of Land Surveyors. Survivors include one son, Jerry (Penny) Brunner, of Bellwood, PA; one daughter, Jackie (Clyde) Terwilliger, of New Smyrna Beach; four grandchildren, Matt and Troy Brunner, Jessica Thomas and Zachary Terwilliger, and; one great-grandson, Miles Brunner. Funeral service was at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Dudley Funeral Home, New Smyrna Beach with military honors by the American Legion Post #285, Edgewater. Private burial was on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims. Visitation was from 5:00 PM until the service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Smiles for Miles Charitable Foundation at [www.smilesformiles.info](http://www.smilesformiles.info).



**LARRY JOE BUTCHER** - Died Thursday, June 23, 2016 in Traverse City, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 5, 1946 in Mojave, California, to the late Stewart and Ardath (née Reid) Butcher. Larry was never married but had several wonderful lady friends. Larry's dad "Butch" was in the Navy for 23 years and Larry traveled the United States going to many schools as he followed his dad's career. Larry graduated from Traverse City Senior High and attended Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, MI and received an associate's degree. He is survived by his three siblings, Janet (Meeker) Bauman, John (Carolyn) Butcher and Susan Taylor (Robert Green); five nieces and nephews, Phil (Jennifer) Meeker, James (Carolyn) Karr, Susie (Tommy) Apsey, Kathy (Brian) Birney, Jeff Butcher, great nieces and nephews, Josh (Chloe) Meeker, McKenzie (Brady) Meeker, Allie Meeker, Brooke Meeker. Amanda (Ryan) Sandstrom, Tanner Apsey, Kaitlin Birney, Keira

Birney, Brian Birney, Kilian Birney and great-great nephew Kade Meeker, and; his Aunts Pat Dees and Aunt Carol Melville and Uncle Jennings Butcher, and all the cousins from the Butcher-Reid clan. He is preceded in death by his parents, Brother James Butcher and many Aunts and Uncles from the Butcher and Reid family as well as the entire cousin's from the Butcher - Reid clan. Larry sold Real Estate in his early career, ran a sandwich catering business, "Larry's Lunch Box" and retired from the United States Post Office after 20 years. Larry was a Captain in the United States Army during the Vietnam War 1968 – 1971. Larry belonged to many military organizations and devoted his time to fighting the effects of Agent Orange. Larry received a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and a Purple Heart while serving in the Vietnam War. Larry was given numerous awards for his dedication to helping the Vietnam Veterans. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. Larry was the post commander for five years for The American Legion Post 35. Larry was instrumental in the forming of the coalition group. But one of the organizations that he gave his time, talents and treasures for was the American Legion Junior Baseball Program for over 15 years. He loved helping children to learn to play the game of baseball. He also played softball at the Civic Center and coached a woman's baseball team which he heard over and over "Put me in Coach"! A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 11:00 AM with visitation held one hour prior at the First Christian Church located on 3686 West South Airport Road, Traverse City. Military Honors were conducted by the VFW Cherryland Post #2780. Chaplain Larry Kidd officiated. Memorial contributions in Larry's name may be directed to the American Legion Post #35 Junior Baseball Scholarship Fund, 1231 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI., 49686. Please share your thoughts and memories with Larry's family by visiting his online guestbook at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com) and during the service. The family was cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

**ROBERT "Bob" CANTRALL** – Died recently in 2016 in Bend, Oregon at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 17, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bend Chapter #820**.



**MICHAEL A. CARROLL** – Died Friday, June 10, 2016 in Burtonsville, Maryland at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 10, 1947 to Mary Edna Carroll and the late A. B. Carroll. He was the owner of Fairland Exxon for 28 years. He served in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and was a beloved member of Hotel Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Marines. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**. He was the beloved husband of Mary "Max" Carroll; father of Todd (Jennifer) and Ben (Michelle); grandfather of Chase, Cole, Cooper, Ella and John; brother of Tim, Dan, Rob, Melanie, Matt, Mark and Michelle. Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD, (Valet Parking), on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Graveside service and interment were held on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Family also received friends at the North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00

AM with a Memorial Service that began at 11:00 AM. Contributions in his memory may be made to <https://semperfund.org>.



**CALVIN PEARCE CERDA** - Died Friday, June 10, 2016 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina at the age of 71. He was a resident of Matthews, North Carolina and formerly of Concord, North Carolina. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related acute respiratory failure, pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema. He was born December 5, 1944 in Buffalo, New York to the late Arthur Lionel Cerda and Marion Irene (née Pearce) Cerda. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Ellen Cerda. Calvin was a disabled veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War. He had a career in retail management before retiring. He was an avid target shooter and loved to collect eagles. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie “Margie” Cerda; three children, Gunnar Cerda (Beth), Joseph Cerda (Heidi) and Ruth Cerda; grandchildren, Benjamin, Rachael, Vivian and Caitlin; and two sisters, Martha Cerda and Jane Windelborn (Augden). Funeral services were held at 12:00 PM on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at Whitley’s Funeral Home Chapel in Kannapolis, North Carolina, officiated by Reverend Keith Flack. The burial with full military honors was at 2:00 PM at the National Cemetery in Salisbury, North Carolina. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at Whitley’s Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, South Piedmont Chapter, Post Office Box 1724, Concord, NC 28026. Online condolences may be left at [www.whitleysfuneralhome.com](http://www.whitleysfuneralhome.com).



**EDWARD CHOW, JR.** - Died peacefully at home in Washington, DC on Friday, July 22, 2016 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 75. He was born in New York City, New York on March 29, 1939 to the late Shu Ping Chow and Ruby Chow. He was raised in Seattle, Washington. Following graduation from Seattle University, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army; served in Germany and then volunteered for service in Vietnam where he served as a Captain and was awarded the Bronze Star. He credits many of his accomplishments to the training and guidance he received from his parents, Ruby and Shu Ping Chow, and to four Colonels and a number of very good Sergeants who taught him discipline, leadership, the value of loyalty and organizational skills. Following his military service, he was registered with the New York Stock Exchange and worked in the securities industry as a portfolio manager and investment advisor. He successfully ran private businesses, first a family owned venture and later was a self-employed business consultant. He served as a Cabinet official in Washington State where he managed the state's response to natural and other



disasters including the Mount St. Helens eruption. He was City Administrator for the City of Kent, WA from 1989 - 1992 and then was appointed as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the US Department of Veterans Affairs in 1993. He retired from DVA in 2001. From 2007 - 2009, he was Director of Programs for the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies. He most recently was Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 2009 - 2015. Ed was active in advocating for veterans for over 30 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring (Maryland) Chapter #641**. He served as Washington State President of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) in the 1980's and on the VVA National Board of Directors. In 2001 he was elected National Vice President of VVA and re-elected in 2003. From 2006 to 2009 he was President of the VVA Maryland State Council. In addition to VVA, he was a member of the American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Hispanic War Veterans, Japanese American Veterans Association, and Veterans of Foreign Wars and received the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains in 2000. A longtime member of the American Contract Bridge League, he became a Gold Life Master in 2015. He is survived by his life partner, Sara McVicker; son, Dr. Ward K. Chow (Cynthia) of Spokane and Seattle, WA; daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Chow (Dr. Aaron Smuckler) of Pittsburgh, PA; five grandsons and a granddaughter; and brothers, Shelton, Brien and Mark of Seattle. A Celebration of Life was held at a later date. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery. Donations in memory of Ed's life of service may be made to: Charlotte Hall Veterans Trust, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, Maryland 20622 ([www.charhall.org](http://www.charhall.org)) or Georgetown University's Ruesch Center to support pancreatic cancer research ([ruesch.georgetown.edu](http://ruesch.georgetown.edu)).



**JOHN WILLIAM CLOBES** - Died Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center at the age of 73. He was a resident of Clarksville, Tennessee. He the cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. John was born December 15, 1942 in Schewenkville, Pennsylvania to the late Louis Franklin Clobes and Florence Mildred (née Daugherty) Clobes. John was retired from the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396**. He was a member of Gateway Christian Church. John is survived by his wife, Barbara Clobes; son, Christopher Charles (Sheila) Clobes of Clarksville; two daughters, Tammy Gibbs of Melbourne, FL and Lisa (Robert) Rightmire of Clarksville; one brother; four sisters; seventeen grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. The funeral service was held on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Chapel of Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, with Reverend Scott Witt officiating. Full military honors were rendered. Visitation was on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12:00 Noon until the hour of the service at the funeral home. Arrangements were entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN 37040; (931) 645-6488. Online condolences may be made at [www.nealtarpleyparchman.com](http://www.nealtarpleyparchman.com).



**KENNETH EUGENE “Bones” COFFEE** - Died Saturday morning, June 18, 2016 at Marion General Hospital at the age of 65. He was a resident of Prospect, Ohio and formerly of Delaware, Ohio. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born June 27, 1950 in Westerville, Ohio to the late Kenneth Ivan Coffee and Edna May (née Evans) Coffee who survives him. He graduated from Buckeye Valley High School and proudly served his country during Vietnam as a member of the United States Army, 59<sup>th</sup> Land Clearing Company “Bushwackers”. Bones was a truck driver for ByLine in Marysville retiring after many years and he was a former member of the Delaware Harley Riders. He also was a proud member of the NRA, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Marion Chapter #1117** and a member of the VFW. He enjoyed shooting guns, riding motorcycles especially his V8 Trike and hot rods. He also enjoyed reading and watching old westerns especially Bonanza. He especially loved spending time with his grandkids. Left to cherish his memory are his son, Nelson Lee (Mari) Coffee, of Richwood; mother, Edna May McClain, of Mabank, Texas; grandchildren, Mason Lee Coffee and Kayla Marie Coffee; step-grandchildren, Ashleigh and Ethan Hall and Jack Kratky; sister, Susan Irene (Louis) Brummett, of Ben Wheeler, Texas; nephews, Nicholas Wayne Brummett, Louis Edwin Brummett and Christopher Allen McKitrick; adopted son, Larry Taylor, of West Mansfield; former wife, Marilyn Coffee of Ostrander; former mother-in-law, Carolyn VanBrimmer of Ostrander. In addition to his father, Bones was preceded in death by two daughters Mildred Lynn Coffee and Danielle K. Coffee, half-sister Deborah Ann McClain and a nephew Scott Arthur McKitrick. The family received friends on Thursday June 23, 2016 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Snyder Rodman Funeral Center, 101 Valleyside Drive (formerly 1510 West William Street), Delaware. The family also received friends on Friday June 24, 2016 from 12:00 Noon until the time of funeral services at 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery, Ostrander, Ohio with military honors conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1095. The Snyder Rodman Funeral Center was honored to serve this veteran and his family. To share a fond memory of Bones or to offer a condolence to his family, please visit [www.snyderfuneralhomes.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com).



**PHILIP T. COGGIN** - Died Monday, May 4, 2015 in Manchester, New Hampshire after a sudden illness. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lynn, Massachusetts on September 25, 1945 to the late William T. and Josephine (née DesLoges) Coggin. He resided in the Queen City most of his life. Philip graduated from Lynn English High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in English from Lyndon State College as well as a Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. During the Vietnam War, he served with the United States Air Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #41**. Until his retirement in 2001, Philip was a middle school teacher at Bow Middle School for 30 years. Afterwards, he was a program assistant in special education with the Bow School District. Gifted in the English language, he was co-writing a mystery novel with longtime friend, Marty Gingras. He enjoyed the outdoors, nature, and classic automobiles. He was also an avid walker

and a voracious reader. His family brought him endless pride and joy. Philip was well-known for his generosity, calm demeanor, and affable nature. He was an avid New England sports fan, especially of the Patriots and Boston Red Sox. In addition to his parents of Topsfield, Massachusetts, family members include his wife of 40 years, Joan (née Cavanaugh) Coggin; his daughter, Amanda Coggin and her husband, Lon Grohs, of Los Angeles; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many dear friends. Calling hours were on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Connor-Healy Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 537 Union Street, corner of Concord Street, Manchester. A funeral service was held on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM in the funeral home. Urn encryment with military honors took place in the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

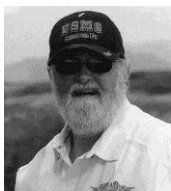


**GORDON DARRELL "Gordy" COLIS** (USA, CW4-Ret.) - Died Thursday, July 7, 2016 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 78. He was a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death was non-ischemic dilated cardiomyopathy. He was born January 6, 1938 in Valley City, North Dakota to the late Pete and Edith Myrtle (née Tvedt) Colis. He graduated from Valley City College High in 1956. He was a great athlete and to this day still holds the record at Valley High for the most points scored in a basketball game. He joined the United States Army and retired as a CW4, Master Aviator, after 29 years of service. He flew fixed-wing aircraft, rotary wing and was an instrument examiner. He was an observation helicopter pilot, a cargo helicopter pilot and a heavy lift helicopter pilot. One of his greatest achievements in the Army was being with the Executive Presidential Flight Detachment as a pilot who flew Army 1 for President Gerald Ford. Chief Colis honorably served during Vietnam, and earned the following awards for his service; Meritorious Unit Commendation, Master Army Aviator Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Medal with 32 Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Service Medal with 7 Service Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Presidential Service Badge. He married Zella Sue Thompson on June 19, 1997 in Las Vegas, NV. He earned his Bachelors of Business from Cameron University, and at the time of his death he was the CEO and co-owner of A-OK Office Systems for the last 32 years. Gordy was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, the VFW and was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason. Survivors include his wife Sue of the home, children, Sheryl Sims and husband Tommy of Lawton, Debora Horsch and husband John of Moore, OK, Steven Colis of Fort Worth, TX, Lana Moore and husband Mike of Cache, siblings, Eleanor Ritter and husband Don of Eugene, OR, Beverly Ertelt of Buckley, WA, Donald Colis and wife Viki of Mandan, ND, Caroline Kulek and husband Raymond of Palm Springs, 3 granddaughters, Justine Horsch, Kaylee Horsch, Kelby Sims Timoney, 4 grandsons, Steven Colis, Scott Colis, Grady Moore, Logan Moore, and great granddaughter Adaline Timoney. He was also survived by very close nephews and niece, Lary Benzinger of Oregon, Dan Colis of Seattle, WA, Vivian Lang of

Bismarck, ND and numerous other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Merriam Colis of Seattle, WA; his sister Eileen Benzinger and her husband Johnny of Bismarck, ND and a nephew, Gary Benzinger. Graveside service for CW4 (Retired) Gordon D. "Gordy" Colis was at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 14, 2016 in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin with Reverend John Cramer, Retired Methodist Minister, Lawton officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends on Wednesday evening, July 13, 2016 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1004 SW B Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501 or to a local food pantry of your choice.



**JAMES CLINTON "Kenny" COOK, SR.** - Died Friday, May 27, 2016 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death was an accident, death resulting. He was born in Victoria on March 29, 1949 to Audrey (née Mumphord) Cook, of Victoria and the late Albert James "Sonny" Cook, Jr. He was a Baptist and a retired steel truck driver for Regional Steel. He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. He is survived by his mother; wife, Gloria Lewis Cook of Victoria; daughters, Sheryl Cook Hicks of Victoria and LaTonya Cook Fikes of Houston; son, James Cook Jr. of Cypress; sisters, Altha Marie Grant of Victoria, Shirley Westbrook of Waller, Iris Cook of Houston, Vanessa Williams of Hempstead, Theresa Cook of Houston, Lucile Jackson of Lake Jackson, and Jo Cook of Houston; brothers, Steve Cook of Hempstead, Tommy Cook of Oklahoma, Albert Cook III of Bryan College Station; and 7 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his father; and brother, Glenn Cook. A walk-in visitation was held from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Barefield Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral service began at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 3, 2016 at Saint Peters Baptist Church with Reverend Kevin Van Hook as officiating minister and Reverend Paul Barrow as eulogist. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, with full military honors, under the auspices of Victoria Veterans Council, VFW, CWV, DAV, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion, Marine Corps League, Order of the Purple Heart, Crossroads EX-POWS, and Military Order of World Wars. The pallbearers were Rodney Westbrook, Marvin Lewis, Jr., Damon Cook, Rashard Cook, Justin Cook, Jason Clemons, Lamont Westbrook, and Jeremy "Roddy" Clemons. The honorary pallbearers were Deacon Roy Buckner, Deacon Nathaniel Cephus, Deacon William Johnson, Louis Newsom, Raymond Grant, Jr., Rory Grant, Mike Jackson, Areawide Brotherhood, and Regional Steel Product, Inc.



**MICHAEL ANSON COOPER** - Died Saturday, May 14, 2016 following a motorcycle accident in North Carolina at the age of 68. He was a resident of Milton, Tennessee. He was

born in Florence, Alabama on July 22, 1947 to the late Anson and Helen Marie (née Hurd) Cooper. He is survived by his wife Susan Salmons Cooper; his son, Jonathan Masterson "Matt" Cooper and his wife Greta of Russellville, AL; his sister, Angela Allen and her husband Bill of Braselton, GA; three grandchildren, Madeline, Bryson, and Jackson Cooper, and; several nieces and nephews. He was a member of New Vision Baptist Church, a graduate of the University of North Alabama and attended the University of Alabama Master's program. Michael served his country as a United States Marine during the Vietnam War. He came back and spent his career helping veterans regain their quality of life through the Halfway House at the Alvin C. York Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. After over 30 years of government service and a heart attack, he knew it was time to begin a new chapter in his life. He was able to spend time with family and friends, whether it was a trip on his Harley or enjoying the hilltop at Milton with his wife Susan. He was eager to say, "Every day is a holiday, and every meal is a banquet". He had learned through life experiences to keep things "simple", live in the present, know that His Heavenly Father was the Lord of his life, and never miss an opportunity to encourage and bring out the best in the people he loved. He loved the roar of a Harley, Alabama football, and he stood quietly and proudly when he was recognized as a Marine. "Once a Marine, always a Marine." Visitation hours were from 12:00-2:00 PM on Wednesday with the funeral service following at 2:00 PM at the Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Reverend Brady Cooper officiated. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry Eaton, Bill Bradbury, David Jones, Scott Salmons, Kelly Kirby, and Hap Harrington. In lieu of flowers the family asked that donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 1004, 607 Saddlestone Drive, Lebanon, TN 37090.

**THOMAS W. "Tommy" CORBIN** – Died Wednesday, May 4, 2016 in Middle Village, New York City, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was a cerebral hemorrhage. He was born June 8, 1945 in Astoria, Queens, New York. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone Chapter #32**. His friend Paul Narson wrote a beautiful testimony to Tom's life. *"Tom joined VVA just after 9/11 happened. I met Tom in November 2016 at the Chapter #32 Thanksgiving dinner and started a 15-year friendship. In 2003 Tom joined the chapter's board of directors and in 2005 took over the job of treasurer to straighten out the books and establish a new system to keep the books correct and up to date. Tom held that position 11 years under 2 chapter presidents, and was under his third president when he passed. Tom also did ninety plus percent of the work having to do with the chapter's grants which was a big important job to keep the chapter financially stable. Tom was a regular at VVA's Leadership Seminars and Conventions. Chapter #32 had the honor of burying over 100 indigent veterans and Tom attended over 95% of the burials, and he also attended over 95% of the street fairs the chapter was involved in. At the street fairs any time a veteran came up to our table the first sentence out of Tom's mouth was "How's your health" and then started to explain what benefits the veteran might be entitled to. If a chapter member went into a hospital Tom was the first one to visit and see if they needed anything. I am living proof of that. In April 2006 I almost died and spent three months recovering in the hospital. Many VVA members came to visit over that time period but Tom came to the hospital every day sometimes twice a day and pushed me to get out of bed and*



*walk every day to try and get my strength back. Tom was always there for veterans, and my six years as chapter vice president and my six years as chapter president along with my two vice presidents always had my back and their advice and support were a major help to me. Queens, NY Chapter #32 lost a very important member of our chapter. He was a Marine, a Veteran, a Brother and most of all a True Friend not only to me but to all veterans. He will be missed; I miss him every single day."*



**ROBERT R. "Doc" CORNETT** - Died Thursday, June 30, 2016 in Waynesboro, Tennessee at the age of 70. He previously lived in metro Detroit, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 25, 1946 to the late Riley and Carrie Cornett in Detroit. Doc, as he was known, proudly served in the United States Army from June 12, 1967 until he was honorably discharged on June 4, 1969. He earned his nickname bravely serving as a Vietnam combat medic. He also earned a parachute badge for his actions during the Vietnam War. After he was discharged, Doc served in the National Guard for 24 years, and remained very active with veteran organizations, including being a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154** in Mount Clemens, Michigan. He then lived in the metro Detroit area for many years before moving to Tennessee. Doc was very talented not only with his medical experience, but was also an accomplished musician. His heart was in music, and he played the bass guitar in his younger years. Robert was the beloved husband of Patricia; father of Lonnie, Bobby, Ricky, and the late Brian; brother of Sheila Caylor (William), Douglas (Lois), Myrtle Bashlor, and the late Billy Edward (Glenda). Doc is also survived by many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many beloved friends. The family received friends on Thursday at 10:00 AM until the funeral service at 1:00 PM at A.J. Desmond and Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver), Troy. Interment was in the White Chapel Cemetery.



**LESLIE DALE "Les" CORRIE** - Died Wednesday, May 4, 2016 in New Whiteland, Indiana at the age of 68. He was formerly of Indianapolis, Indiana. The cause of death was Prostate and Lung Cancer. He was born on January 02, 1948 in Indianapolis to the late Basil and Viola Corrie. He served in the United States Army 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295** where he served as former treasurer and Vice-President. Les is survived by his wife, Kathy Corrie; daughters, Vanessa (Kyle) Brady and Anna Corrie; 5 grandchildren; and siblings, Sandy Henderson, Douglas Corrie and Sharon Johnson. He was preceded in death by brothers, Robert Corrie and Larry Corrie. Visitation was held from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday, May 6, 2016 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. A funeral service was conducted at 11:30 AM on Saturday at the Funeral home. Les was laid to rest with full military honors in Floral Park

Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #295.



**JACKIE RAY COTTRELL** - Died Tuesday, April 14, 2009 In Pleasant Hill, Tennessee at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 11, 1942 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Funeral services were conducted April 16<sup>th</sup> from the chapel of Crossville Memorial Funeral Home, with Garland Limburg officiating. Burial was in Hyder Cemetery, with the Veterans Honor Guard. He is interred in the Hyder Cemetery, Crossville, Cumberland County, Tennessee.

**ELDON D. CURTSS, SR.** – Died Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in West Virginia on January 11, 1949. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396**.

**JOSEPH S. CZENSZAK** - Died Thursday, May 5, 2016 in Solon, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on November 8, 1944. He was the beloved husband of Elaine (née Burkhardt); wonderful father to Stephen and Michael, and; loving grandfather ("Pop") to Jack, Brenna, Ryan, and Matthew. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with a tour of duty with the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Tonawanda (New York) Chapter #77**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Rita Church, Solon at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Interment was at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.



**JERRY WAYNE DANEHART** - Died Saturday, May 7, 2016 in the Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling, West Virginia at the age of 69. He was a resident of Wheeling. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction. He was born on May 17, 1946 in Wheeling to the late Herbert and Cora Jane (née Kirkpatrick) Danehart. Jerry was a retired deputy sergeant for the Ohio County Sheriff's Office, a Lutheran by faith, and a former United States Marine Corps veteran serving as a radio operator in the Vietnam War from September 3, 1966 to October 6, 1967. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #200 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, New Cumberland, MD. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Herbert H. Danehart, and a nephew, Murray A. Danehart. Surviving are his loving wife of 31 years, Elaine Ann Ross Danehart; three children,

Dawn C. Slabodkin and her husband Alan, Terri L. Wray and her husband Tim, and Amanda L. Danehart; two sisters, Shirley Loni and her husband Roy, and Delores "Dee" Howell; seven grandchildren, Skylar, Dylan, Tyler, Taryn, Chad, Allie, and Christa, and; two great-grandchildren. There was no visitation. A Celebration of Jerry's life was held on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Betty Zane Community Center at 3:00 PM. The Moundsville Honor Guard conducted military honors. Arrangements were by the Kepner Funeral Home, 900 National Road, Wheeling, West Virginia. Memorial contributions can be sent to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

**BRUCE ALLEN DELL, SR.** – Died Sunday, July 10, 2016 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana at the age of 66. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Milan, Indiana on August 23, 1949 to the late Clarence Dell and Loretta (née Anderson) Nichols Moore. Bruce was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. He was married to Sharon "Suzie" Dell of the home. Family and friends were received on Wednesday July 13 2016 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home on Thursday, July 14 2016 at 11:00 AM with Rob Roy officiating. Interment was in the Greendale Cemetery in Greendale, Indiana. Contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans or the Pat Summitt Foundation for Alzheimer's Research.

**JOSEPH STEVEN "Joe" DOMBROWSKI** - Died Tuesday, April 26, 2016, in the Veterans Home of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. He was formerly of Midland, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 4, 1950 in Rochester, Pennsylvania to the late Stanley and Regina (née Mulaski) Dombrowski. A veteran of the United States Navy serving during the Vietnam War, Joe had been a brakeman for the railroad. He was a member of the Saint Blaise Parish Family, Midland. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Thursday at 10:30 AM in Saint Blaise Parish, with his pastor, Reverend Father Michael Yaksick, as celebrant. Interment was in the Beaver Cemetery, where military honors were rendered by the American Legion Post #481 Honor Guard. Arrangements were by the D.L. Williams Funeral Home.

**THOMAS EDWARD "Ted" DUNNINGTON, II** - Died Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the Princeton Medical Center at Plainsboro, Plainsboro, New Jersey at the age of 69. He was a resident of Hamilton, New Jersey. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey to the late Thomas Edward Dunnington, Sr. and Patricia Dunnington. Ted grew up traveling the globe, as his father was in the military. They spent time in Virginia, Arizona, Germany and California. Ted later joined the United States Army and honorably served during the Vietnam War, where he was stationed in Vietnam, Thailand and Germany. He was a graduate of Mercer County College with an Associate's Degree in Engineering. He went on to work for Lockheed-Martin as a Quality Assurance Officer for 15 years. He was later employed with A1 limousine until his retirement in 2011. Ted was very active in many Veteran Organizations. He was the past post commander with the Hightstown American Legion #148, a member of the 40/8, where he served in many

offices for the locale and grand, Boy Scout Leader of troop #5700 in Hightstown and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899** in Bordentown. He was also a former member of the Manchester Fire Department and a former member of the Matawan First Aid Squad. Ted loved going to the Trenton Thunder games and attended regularly. He also enjoyed Irish music and dancing and was very active in his grandchildren's activities. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Patricia M. (née Conlon) Dunnington of Hamilton; his children, Thomas Edward Dunnington III and his wife, Angelina, of Hamilton, Patricia Melvin and husband, Doug, of Hightstown and Michael Colon and wife, Pam Colon, of Jacksonville, FL; his grandchildren, Christina M. and Matthew T., Jordan E., Dylan T. Sarah C., Lexi and Edward; his sisters, Lelia Blackwell and Patricia Ann Walker as well as several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 11:00 AM at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran's Memorial Cemetery Chapel in Wrightstown, New Jersey.



**GILBERT HENRY "Duke" DUQUESNE** - Died in Saint Louis, Missouri on Saturday, April 9, 2016 with his wife by his side. He was 67 years of age. The cause of death was ischemic cardiomyopathy. He was born in Saint Louis on November 17, 1948. He was the loving husband of Elizabeth (née Fallon) Duquesne; loving father of Deanna Duquesne and Mark Kendall; loving brother of Ginger Kay (Karl) Schwarz, Gregory David Duquesne and the late Glenda Fay Clayton; brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, and; a friend to many. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Hoffmeister Colonial Mortuary, 6464 Chippewa at Watson, 63109. Funeral Services were on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Donations can be made to The BackStoppers, Inc. in memory of Duke. Please send condolences to [www.hoffmeistercolonial.com](http://www.hoffmeistercolonial.com).

**THOMAS F. EARLY** – Died recently in 2016 in Keansburg, New Jersey at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 21, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**.



**JAMES T. "Jim" FARLEY, JR.** - Died peacefully at home in Westmont, Illinois on Sunday, December 13, 2015, surrounded by his wife of 40 years, Joann (née Scandiff) and the man and friend whom he referred to as "my guardian angel," Bob Bliss. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer. Jim was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 13, 1949 to the late James T. Farley, Sr. and the late May Farley. He was the loving brother to Michael P Farley, Patricia Farley, Laura (Russell) Erickson and the late Mary (Richard) Steffens; proud uncle of five nieces and four nephews and totally dedicated to their two black labs, Abby and Carly. After his 1968 graduation from West Leyden High School, Jim enlisted in the United States Army, where he completed three tours of duty in Vietnam. He served on a PBR, a 31 foot

shallow draft boat, patrolling the river systems as seen in the movie, Apocalypse Now. Jim served as a military policeman, attaining the rank of E-4. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**. Upon his return from Vietnam, Jim married Joann Scandiff, who would remain his loyal and life-long partner and soul-mate. Jim continued his education at Wright Junior College, Triton College, and Lewis University, where he majored in Police Science and Criminal Justice. Young, handsome, and dedicated as he was gifted, "Hawk," joined the Westmont Police Department in 1977 as a police officer who worked for 26 years, collecting numerous service awards and credited with saving two lives. He retired in 2003 with the rank of Detective Sergeant. Jim, an avid sportsman, spent the majority of his free time doing what he loved most in the world-hunting and fishing. He was well-travelled - fortunate to have experienced five continents and many countries. At the top of his list? The Diamond Ranch, Saskatchewan and Africa. "Ace" was a devoted member of the Maywood Sportsman Club in Elmhurst, where he taught gun safety and dog training. Many of his adventures in life were alongside his wife, Joann, and faithful, champion black labs, Mandy, Lexie, Kelly, Abby and Carly. Jim was an extraordinary man and hero to many. He showed deep compassion for any person, project, or trip he encountered or planned -known for his precise attention to every detail. His generosity and commitment to family and friends remains unparalleled. Jim will always be remembered as a mentor who will be sorely missed by all. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 3:00-9:00 PM at the Modell Funeral Home 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien. The Memorial Mass was on Friday at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Church 111 South Cass Avenue, Westmont. Donations were suggested to Seasons Hospice and would be appreciated.

**MARVIN RAY FERRELL** - Died Sunday, June 26, 2016 at his residence in Bean Station, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 2, 1945 to the late Charles Elvin Ferrell and Ruby (née Connor) Ferrell. He retired after 20 years of military service in the United States Army with service in Vietnam from January 12, 1970 to January 12, 1973. He was a member of American Legion Post #52 of Morristown and a life member of Disabled American Veteran's Chapter #17. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He attended Victory Baptist Church and Lakeshore Road Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Judith M. Ferrell; daughter, Renee Jackson of Chase City, Virginia; sister, Patsy Towery of Chase City, Virginia; several grandchildren; and many friends. The family received friends from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Westside Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM at the funeral home with the Reverend Mark Burford officiating. Interment was at the Jefferson Memorial Gardens with military honors. Arrangements were made by the Westside Chapel Funeral Home, Morristown.



**DANIEL GARY FINK, SR.** – Died Thursday, December 10, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 7, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. He was the beloved husband of Patricia A. Fink (née Fry); devoted



father of Daniel G. Fink, Jr. and his wife Kimberley, James Fink, Sean Allen Fink, Sr. and his wife Michelle, Thomas Michael Fink; loving grandfather of Daniel III, Timothy, Christopher, Sean, Jr., Thomas, and the late Stephanie. Daniel is also survived by other loving relatives and friends. A Memorial gathering was at the Captivate Church, 1710 Delvale Avenue, Dundalk, Maryland on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 5:00 until 7:00 PM. In Lieu of flowers, please make donations in Daniel's name to Wounded Warriors Project.

**JOHN H. FISCHER** - Died Friday, April 29, 2016 in Neenah, Wisconsin at the age of 66. He was a resident of Cloverleaf Lakes, Clintonville, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Clintonville on July 13, 1949 to the late Harlow and Winifred (née Fearson) Fischer. John was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and received many military medals for his service. John was united in marriage to Cathe Zierys. He lived in the Embarrass area in Wisconsin for most of his life. John was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass, and was a life member of the VFW, American Legion, DAV, AmVets, and a regular member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Shawano Chapter #206** and was a driver for the DAV. John is survived by his wife, Cathe; four children, Chris (Yuki) Long; Jason (Sheri) Pump, Shannon Pump, and Israel (Melissa) Hartley; eight grandchildren, and; one brother, James Fischer, as well as two nieces, Tracy Narf and Rachel Fischer. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson. A celebration of life was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the VFW in Shawano. Military Rites were conducted by the VFW. Swedberg Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.



**ROBERT DENNIS "Bob" FOOTE, SR.** - Died Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 74. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 14, 1942 in Lonaconing, Maryland to the late William Chester Foote and Gertrude Elsie (née Park) Foote. He was also preceded in death by a brother, William C. Foote, Jr. Bob was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam-era and retired from the Army Reserves. He also retired from the State of Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, Chief Driver's License Examiner for Allegany and Garrett Counties. Bob was a member of the Church of Saint Patrick and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2883, Cresaptown, MD. Bob is survived by his wife of 49 years, Margaret "Peggy" E. Foote; and his sons: Robert D. Foote, Jr., and his wife, Terri, Cresaptown, MD; and James B. Foote, Sr., and wife, Fran, Cresaptown, MD. He is also survived by his sister, Carol L. Jones and her husband, Harold, Hagerstown, MD; his grandchildren, James B. Foote, Jr., Zachery P. Foote, and Ashley Foote, and; his great-grandchildren, Anna Leigh Nicole and Sophia Rose. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland on Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. A Christian Wake Service was conducted at 7:30 PM, with Deacon Frank Werner presiding. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish, Saint Patrick Church on Monday, June 27, 2016, at 10:00 AM with Reverend Father Greg Chervenak, OFM

Cap as Celebrant. Interment was held at Saint Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Cumberland. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard.



**WARREN EUGENE "Gene" FORSYTHE** - Died Wednesday at his home in Berwick, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related liver and kidney failure. He was born August 16, 1946, in Hollenback Township, Pennsylvania to the late Warren W. and Thelma Flora (née Whitebread) Forsythe. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dale R. Forsythe, who was killed in the Vietnam War. Gene and his wife, Kathy Jane (Knorr) Forsythe, would have celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on May 10<sup>th</sup>. He was a graduate of Nescopeck High School and then faithfully served his country in the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War and he suffered from the effects of Agent Orange exposure. He served in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Vietnam as a radio repairman on the artillery barges. Mr. Forsythe had been employed by PPL as an electrical structural foreman for 38 years, retiring in 2002. He was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Berwick, where he had served as a trustee. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Pocono Chapter #678**, and a member of the Air Stream Club. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and camping. Surviving, in addition to his wife, Kathy, are his son, Brian K. Forsythe and his wife, Nancy, Freeland, and their children, Dylan A. and Madison S.; another son, Bradley E. Forsythe, Hazleton; a brother, Willis Forsythe and his wife, Susan, Berwick; and nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Monday at 11:00 AM at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1000 Orange Street, Berwick, with the Reverend Dennis McCracken, his pastor, officiating, with military honors as well. Entombment was in the Rose Lawn Cemetery, Berwick. A viewing was held on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Kelchner-McMichael-Baker Funeral Home, 119-121 East Third Street, Berwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Pocono Chapter 678, P.O. Box 103, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.



**RANDELL JOSEPH FRENCH** – Died Tuesday, November 24, 2015 in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 71. He was formerly of Flint, Michigan and Ortonville, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 2, 1943 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Joseph and Ilene (née Maddern) French. He is survived by five brothers and sisters, Gary (Cinda) French, Sandra (Donald) Bowen, Jami (Steve) Allen, Sue (Don) Hill and Sally Swayne; also survived by his cherished Aunt, Louise J. Hutchins along with numerous nieces and nephews. He retired from GM V-8 Engine Plant in Flint. He was a life member of the Ortonville Masonic Lodge #339 F & AM. He worked with the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation and the Detroit Institute of Arts. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flint Chapter #175**. A memorial

visitation was held on Tuesday May 17, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Funeral Service was a Masonic Memorial Service at 7:00 PM on Tuesday May 17, 2016 at the Coats Village Funeral Home-Ortonville. The Burial with Military Honors was on Wednesday May 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Genesee County Humane Society or Lucky Day Animal Rescue in Grand Blanc.



**RONALD E. "Ron" GALL** - Died Sunday, April 17, 2016 in Las Cruces, New Mexico at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Port Clinton, Ohio on January 31, 1937 to the late Andrew and Sue Gall. A 1956 graduate of Port Clinton High School, he served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps for nine years as an aircraft electrician. He spent 1966 in Vietnam in a Helicopter Squadron and also flew as a port-side gunner, and was awarded four Air Medals, a Navy Commendation Medal with the Combat "V", and two Good Conduct Medals and discharged as a SGT. Three months after discharge he joined the United States Air Force where he served for 11 years, mostly as an instructor at Chanute, AFB, Rantoul, Illinois. He also taught foreign students in Thailand for one year, and was the recipient of three Air Force Commendation Medals, among other awards. Ron retired from the Air Force as a Master SGT in 1978. He moved to Las Cruces and worked in Civil Service at White Sands Missile Range for 18 ½ years as a base electrician, retiring in May 1998. Ron is survived by his wife of 31 years, Anna Gall, a son, Kenneth Gall (Elizabeth), of Champaign, IL; daughters, Pamela Davis (Arnold), of Cochranville, PA, and Karen Black (Roy), of Warrensburg, MO; grandsons, JJ Gall (Cassi), Michael and Eric Black, Christopher Gall (Stacey), and Matthew Gall; great-grandchildren, Ragan and Hailey. Other survivors include a sister, Sharon Younker (Homer "Butch") of Ohio; his step-sons, Fred Gomez (Grace) of San Antonio, TX and Alvaro Gomez of Phoenix, AZ; stepdaughter, Patricia Gomez (David Sheldon) of Seattle, WA; step grandchildren, Alexander and Joseph of Glendale, AZ, and step-granddaughter, Emma of Seattle, WA. Ron was a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, as well as life member of the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment #478, where he served on the Honor Guard. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesilla Park Chapter #431**, Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion. Visitation for Mr. Gall was held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 East Boutz Road. The Funeral Service began at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 22, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive with Pastor Paul Carlson officiating. Concluding Service and Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 West Picacho Avenue where he was laid to rest in the family plot. Military Honors were accorded by the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment. Service arrangements were entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**ROBERT P. "Bobby" GARDINER** - Died Sunday, May 22, 2011 at home in Watertown, Massachusetts after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 65. He was born February 9,

1946 in Belmont, Massachusetts to the late John and Adelaide Gardiner. He was predeceased by his wife of 40 years Rita (née Clifford). Bob was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He is survived by his loving daughter and best friend, Charlotte Rose and her husband Michael along with their children Evan and Melissa; also a son, Wayne and wife, Keri and their sons Tyler and Colin; brothers Ken Gardiner, Jack Gardiner; sister Delores Keefe; ten nephews, and; one niece. Bob was laid to rest in a private burial with Military Honors on Memorial Day week-end, the yearly highlight of his work career in Belmont Cemetery. Bob was an outstanding hockey and baseball player at Belmont High in the "60's", graduating in 1963. He was inducted into the Belmont Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. He enlisted in the United States Army and deployed to Vietnam. Upon his return he married Rita, his sweetheart since 7<sup>th</sup> grade and when discharged settled in Belmont. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tewksbury Chapter #837**. He became an employee of the highway department on July 6, 1976, transferred to the cemetery department in 1977 becoming Assistant Superintendent then Superintendent. A position he not only took great pride in performing, but gave personal comfort to the bereaved. He was often commended for his compassion and understanding by families who had to seek his services. On July 1, 1998 he took on the duties as Belmont's Veterans' Agent along with his cemetery position. He served his comrades and their families well beyond the requirements in his quiet private manner. Bob retired from the Town of Belmont on July 31, 2010. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Bob's memory to VNA Care Hospice, 5 Federal Street, Danvers, MA.

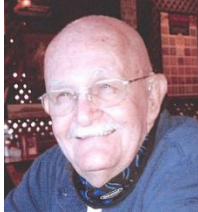


**GREGORY "Greg" GILLASPY** – Died Saturday, April 9, 2016 in Yorba Linda, California at the age of 70. He was killed by a drunk driver while crossing a street. He was born in Santa Ana, California on April 17, 1945. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War with two tours from 1966 to 1967 and from 1967 to 1968 on the USS Ticonderoga (CVA 14). He was a *Life Member* and *Past-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Ana Chapter 1024**. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, Joseph Lee Gillaspy and Charles Gillaspy; three daughters, Carry Weaver, Terie Nelson and Sherie Burch; eleven grandchildren, and; three great-grandchildren. He donated his body to the Omega Society.

**DOROTHY GOLDBLUM** – Died Sunday, May 22, 2016 in Elmont, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. She was born July 12, 1946. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Family and friends were invited for a viewing on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Lindenhurst Funeral Home, 424 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, New York. The funeral service was on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, 6 Commonwealth Boulevard, Bellerose, New York. Interment was in the Holy Rood Cemetery, 111 Old Country Road, Westbury, New York.

**DONALD COLIN GOODWIN** - Died Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Athens Limestone Hospital in Athens, Alabama at the age of 62. He was a resident of Athens. The cause of death is

unknown. He was born May 1, 1953 in Wilbur, Texas. He served in the United States Marine Corps and served one year and twenty-one days in Vietnam in 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. A Memorial Service was celebrated at a later date. Spry Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.



**FREDERICK PAUL “Fred” GRIFFIN** (USN, CPO-Ret.) – Died Thursday, June 30, 2016 in Ozark, Alabama at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Petersburg, Florida on January 28, 1934. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373**. He was a founding member and president of LAVA (Lower Alabama Veterans Alliance). While in this position he was in the forefront of establishing legislation with the assistance of our legislators that provided for the POW/MIA to be flown on Alabama state property and now fly's proudly at the Capitol in Montgomery and many other places. Moreover, while in a leadership position in LAVA, Fred was instrumental in legislation for disabled veterans to have a low cost or free fishing and hunting license as well as activity for other benefits and fund raisers for Alabama Veterans and families. Fred was a member and served as an officer of the VFW Post #4448, DAV #94, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #373, and other veteran service organizations and for his tireless efforts and on behalf of veterans and families, he has received well deserved and numerous commendations, plaques, and awards from legislators, friends, and his fellow veterans. Mr. Griffin was a stellar veteran's advocate and has helped vets and families too numerous to name. Chief Petty Officer Fred Griffin served this good country in many ways including multiple combat tours in Vietnam. He was predeceased by his first wife of 56 years, Joy Arline Griffin and also his second wife of 11 months, Connie Griffin. He is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Mike Griffin and Barry and Patty Griffin; his daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Frank Cannuli; seven grandchildren, and; 17 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 8, 2016 at the Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Bobby Enfinger, officiating. Interment with full military honors was at the Sunset Memorial Park.



**VICTOR “Vic” GRIGUOLI** - Died Monday, July 11, 2016, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at the age of 70. He was a resident of Piscataway, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 16, 1946, in Trivento, Italy to the late Nicola and Filomena (née Mancini) Griguoli. He came to the United States in 1958, settling in Bound Brook, New Jersey. He graduated from Bound Brook High School, Class of 1966. He had resided in Piscataway since 1980. Victor was a Supervisor at the US Postal Service Depot in East Brunswick, retiring in 2001. Prior to that, he was a Supervisor for the US General Services



Administration, Belle Mead. Adept at finance, he was a Financial Officer with Primerica. Victor was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a volunteer Service Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs Lyons facility. There he acted as a patient advocate, assisting in obtaining proper care and support for many Disabled American Veterans (DAV). He also volunteered for the Piscataway Township Election Polls. He was politically active with the Republican Party (GOP). Victor was a Life Member of Stevenson D'Alessio Post #12, American Legion, Somerville; Somerville Chapter #16, DAV, where he was Senior Vice-Commander; and Tri-Boro Memorial Post #5479, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dunellen. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233*. He was a baseball and basketball umpire for local teams. He was an avid bowler, holding several trophies. He was also an avid fisherman and woodworker, and enjoyed horseracing. Victor is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Marsha (née Milazzo) Griguoli; his son, Scott (Christina) Griguoli of Piscataway; his daughter, Dana (Glenn) Pavan of Lake Mary, FL; his siblings, Emidio Griguoli of Middlesex, John Griguoli of Bound Brook, Mary Baker of Lawrenceville, GA, and his beloved grandchildren, Nicholas, Alyssa, Justin, and Julianna. Family and friends were received from 2:00 - 4:00 PM and from 7:00 - 9:00 PM on Thursday, at Hagan - Chamberlain Funeral Home, 225 Mountain Avenue, Bound Brook. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the funeral home, with the Reverend Scott Walsh of the Abundant Life Christian Center, Dayton, officiating.



**ROSS H. HALL** – Died Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in Napa, California, after a long illness. He was 78 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Oakmont, Pennsylvania on August 24, 1936 to the late Harry and Nannette Hall. He has a sister Marguerite Schaefer who he lovingly nicknamed Maud. He went to school in Pennsylvania and high school at Valley Forge Military Academy. He belonged to its band and proud to march with them in the inaugural parade for President-elect Dwight Eisenhower. Survived by his sister “Maud” of Delaware, his wife of 32 years Christine (Schelling) and sons Jason (Chrissy) Cole of Napa and Toby Cole of Folsom, and, the beloved “Grampy” to Mackenzie, Jacklyn, Piper and Charli Jane of Napa and Connor and Kendall of Folsom. Ross told many stories about his first job when he was a teenager, commercial fishing. A tough job, but one he loved. He served proudly in the United States Navy earning many awards and medals among which was the Silver Star Medal for his bravery in action during the Vietnam War. After 20 years of worldly travel and experiences he retired from the Navy and began working at Mare Island Naval Shipyard. He was involved in many projects most notably being the Ship Superintendent of the USS Parche. Many times he said, “if they aren’t writing about you on the bathroom walls then you are not doing a good job.” He retired once again and not to become idle he began working for Swanson Vineyards and Winery as the Estate and Vineyard Manager. This being an entirely different vocation than his past he took every offered viticulture class at Napa Valley College giving his normal 100% and completed each course with an “A.” As with all his jobs he enjoyed working at Swanson’s for 14 years ‘till illness forced his retirement. Ross had a wide range of interests; he was an avid reader and enjoyed flying private planes and sailing in his earlier years.

He sailed solo to Hawaii several times. "The rougher the sea, the better!" Ross was a patriot and belonged to many veteran organizations, including the American Legion Post #113 and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions in Ross' memory to Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, ([www.fallenheroesfund.org](http://www.fallenheroesfund.org)) or any veteran's organization that may be dear to your heart. A memorial ceremony was held at Tulocay Funeral Home, 411 Coombsville Road on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM.

**WILLIAM C. "Bill" HANKS** - Died Saturday, July 23, 2016 at his home in Bean Station, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Morristown, Tennessee on January 5, 1943 to the late Red and Katherine Hanks. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his baby sister, Sandy Hanks; father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Una Robertson; and sister-in-law, Charlotte Robertson. He was a Vietnam Veteran having served four and a half years in the United States Marine Corps; a 1962 graduate of Morristown High School; a graduate of LMU with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Psychology; a member of Bridges United Methodist Church; and a proud member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman. Bill loved his friends and loved to have fun and talk. He was retired from NCR. Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Patricia "Pat" Hanks; brother-in-law, Ret. Chief MSGT James R. "Ronnie" Robertson; niece, Tracy Robertson (Eddie) Coffey of Knoxville; cherished great-niece, Jordan "Puddin" Coffey of Knoxville; great-niece, Ashley Coffey of Knoxville; nephew, Mark (Audra Davis) Robertson of Nashville; sister, Teresa (Joe) Conway; nieces, Lorrie Denton and family and Lisa Boatright and family; nephew, Jason Conway and family; and several aunts, cousins and a host of friends. Visitation hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Alder-Mayes Funeral Home and the funeral service to follow at 7:00 PM with the Reverend Allen Brooks officiating. Military graveside services were conducted at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> in Hamblen Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made to VVA Chapter #1073, P.O. Box 3326 Morristown, TN 37815 in honor of Bill. Arrangements were by the Alder-Mayes Funeral Home.



**TERRY LaMAR HARMEL** - Died Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 67. He was a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death was Cardiac arrest, Hypoxia, Pneumocystis carini pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and alveolar hemorrhage. He was born on December 8, 1948 in Watertown to the late LaMar V. "Red" and Virginia M. (née Watkins) Harmel. He grew up in Watertown where he attended school and graduated from Watertown High School in 1967. He then graduated from Northern State College in Aberdeen with a Bachelor's degree. He entered the United States Army on December 2, 1971 and served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on December 1, 1973. On July 21, 1979 Terry married Patricia "Patty" Owens in the Chapel of the Hills in Rapid City. The couple lived in Rapid City where Terry worked for Job Service. They then moved to Watertown and Terry was employed as a

dispatcher at WAPA. He was a member of Saint Martin Lutheran Church and a *Charter and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Terry loved living at the lake, and enjoyed riding his motorcycle, hunting, fishing, and boating. He also enjoyed spending time at their cabin in the hills, fires in the fireplace and touring the hills in his jeep. He loved their dogs, Mandy, Patches and Ginger. He looked forward to his Class of '67 get-togethers every summer. Terry is survived by his wife, Patty; his siblings, Mickey Harmel, Marty (Deb) Harmel and Robin (Tom) Miller all of Watertown; and his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and several aunts and uncles. Memorial services were at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Saint Martin Lutheran Church in Watertown with Pastor Paul Janke officiating. Music was provided by Reverend Paul Lindhorst as soloist accompanied by Carol Janke. Military Honors were conducted by Chapter #1054 - Vietnam Veterans of America. Honorary Urn Bearers were Terry's buddies: Harry Christenson, Terry Oakley, Dave Quinn, Mike Houk, Doyle Estes and Kathy Johnson. Visitation hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Arrangements were by the Wight & Comes Funeral Chapel.

**JOHNITA JANES HESTA-HOFFMAN** – Died Sunday, July 10, 2016 in Orange Park, Florida at the age of 81. The cause of death was Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. She was born in Waycross, Georgia on September 17, 1934. She served in the United States Army from March 19, 1969 to June 18, 1970 in the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**.



**STEPHEN JAMES "Jim" HOSKING, SR.** - Died Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at Sparrow Health Systems, Lansing, Michigan at the age of 72. He was a resident of Saint Johns, Michigan. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 12, 1944 to the late Stephen Henry and Edna (née Whear) Hosking. He graduated from Henry Ford High School in Detroit with the class of 1962. Jim married Sandra Ann DeCormier on March 9, 1968. Jim retired as a Police Officer from the City of Detroit in 1995. He enjoyed guns, fast cars, trains and camping. He also enjoyed keeping in touch with family and friends on Facebook. Jim loved hanging out with his friends at Mega Coney Island in Grand Blanc, MI. Jim served his country as a Marine Sniper in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam War. He attended Saint John Free Methodist Church and was a member of the VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. He is survived by his wife Sandra Hosking, daughter Carole and Samuel Vazquez, son Stephen Hosking Jr., grandchildren; James Vazquez, Samantha Vazquez, Cassandra Vazquez, Atley Hosking, Ethan Hosking, Caleb Salisbury and Brei Hosking. Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, 104 East Cass Street, Saint Johns, MI on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Tom Wilson officiating. Burial took place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI, on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 2:00-8:00 PM

with family present from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Oncology Unit at Sparrow Hospital Lansing, MI. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family was served by the Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel St. Johns, Michigan.



**GEORGE GLEN HUMPHREY** - Died at his vacation home in Waldport, Oregon on Friday, July 1, 2016 at the age of 65. He was a resident of Goldendale, Washington. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 23, 1950 to Raymond and Doris Humphrey of Nashville, Oregon. He and his sister Diane and brother Vern grew up on their parents' farm, raising cows and sheep and cultivating hay. Glen attended school in Eddyville, Oregon, and during high school he played football, basketball, and baseball. In 1968, Glen attended his senior prom with his sweetheart, Mary Eagleson, who had helped him learn his lines for his role as Dr. Einstein in Eddyville High's production of Arsenic and Old Lace. Glen enjoyed racing motorcycles alongside his brother Vern, father Raymond, and mother Doris. Glen won a fair amount of racing trophies, but Doris probably acquired the most. After high school, Glen voluntarily joined the United States Navy in 1969 and sailed all over the world, visiting Hong Kong, Singapore, Hawaii, Australia, and the Philippines, collecting coins, stamps, and audio equipment. While in the Navy, Glen achieved the rank of Petty Officer Second Class, E5, and sailed on the USS King and USS Preble. Glen quickly demonstrated his aptitude for working with electricity and specialized as a Missile Fire Control Technician. His specialty took him through radar school, where he trained as a technician on a tracking, guidance, and telemetry radar for the Terrier surface-to-air missile. Among his medals, he was awarded a Seventh Fleet Commendation for exemplary service. While in the Navy, Glen accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, due to the witness of a shipmate. He was honorably discharged in 1974 so that he could help his father, who had suffered a non-fatal heart attack at the age of 48, and mother run their ranch in Centerville, Washington. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Valley Chapter #879**. Shortly after rejoining civilian life in Centerville, Glen got engaged to and then married his high school sweetheart, Mary. They were married on August 23, 1975, in Blodgett, Oregon. They set up house in Goldendale, Washington, where Glen had started to work for the Klickitat County PUD. He worked in Goldendale for 26 years and then went to work for the Hood River Electric Co-op in Odell, Oregon, for 3 years, and then for the North Wasco County PUD in The Dalles, Oregon, until his retirement in 2014. Glen and Mary raised four daughters in Goldendale. In 1978, Staci was born, joined two years later by Marisa. In 1984, Glen and Mary travelled to Bogota, Colombia, to adopt their third daughter, Patricia. Three years later, they adopted Jessica, who had been born in Guatemala. While raising his family, Glen was active in his local community and local church. As an ardent patriot, Glen loved Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July celebrations, and wore his Navy dress uniform on special patriotic occasions. At church, Glen was active in choir and involved with many youth activities, but was most famous for his particular genius at running audio/visual equipment. Glen and Mary and Jim and Jan Ogden formed a singing quartet and quickly became local celebrities, performing their own concerts at

churches around the county, and singing for weddings, community events, church services, and funerals. At home, Glen enjoyed multiple hobbies, including watching football and basketball, dozing off during golf tournaments, and building furniture and clocks out of wood. But most of all, Glen loved coming home from work every evening to see his “babies,” and the girls treasure fond memories of playing hide-and-seek with Daddy, flying high on the swings when he pushed them, sledding down the hill with him in winter, jumping in leaf piles with him in the autumn, and swimming in the pool with him in the summer. The family loved to travel and took road trips to visit grandparents or play at theme parks. In 2000, for their 25th wedding anniversary, Glen took Mary to England, where he bought her first tea set for her. In 1998, Glen and Mary became grandparents when Eli was born to their daughter Staci. Eli was joined in 2009 by a little brother, Jasper. Glen adored his grandsons and loved to play with them and teach them things. He was very proud of Eli’s academic and personal achievements and accomplishments, and loved Jasper’s playfulness, lively presence, and inquisitiveness. Glen was very active at the Community Grace Brethren Church in Goldendale, serving as Facilities Overseer, song leader, and sound technician. After his retiring from his PUD job in 2014, Glen also attended regular “safety meetings” in Goldendale with his chums Gary, Darrell, Dean, Dennis, Ray, and various and sundry other characters who spurred Glen on to excellence in fire safety, especially. Glen was a handyman, a woodworker, a house renovator, an audio/visual technician, and a Fixer of All Things Broken. He was a great conversationalist, possessed a kind and gentle spirit, and would selflessly help anyone with anything. He was devoted to his family and his Savior, a patient and generous man who was slow to anger and swift to forgive and to love. He was a loving husband, father, and brother and will be greatly missed. Glen is survived by his beloved wife Mary of Goldendale; his daughter Staci and grandsons Eli and Jasper of Portland, Oregon; his daughter Marisa of Kittitas, Washington; his daughter Patricia and son-in-law Stephen of New York, New York; his daughter Jessica of Goldendale; his sister Diane Hauge of Coburg, Oregon; his brother Vern and sister-in-law Sue Humphrey of Redmond, Oregon. Glen was buried in the cemetery in Eddyville, Oregon.



**JON LAWRENCE ILSLEY** - Died peacefully the morning of Wednesday, January 6, 2016, surrounded by his family at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, after four years of fighting melanoma cancer. He was 71 years of age and a resident of Swanton, Ohio. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on November 14, 1944 to John Ilsley and the late Virginia (née Sutton) Ilsley. He attended Woodward High School and participated in baseball, football, and wrestling. His summers were spent at the family cottage in Nettle Lake, OH. He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Ilsley, and his brother, Richard Ilsley. He is survived by his father, John F. Ilsley; wife, Robbie Ilsley; sister, Lana Maneval (Russ); stepson, Denny Walerius (Brandi); stepdaughters, Becky Ronaldson (Kevin), Deanna Eich (Tony), Lisa Harst (Jeff), and five grandsons, as well as aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Jon enjoyed hunting, golfing, and spending time with his family. He was very involved in Holland Free Methodist church, Gideons



Int'l and also served on the Swanton Zoning Appeals Board. He entered the United States Navy in 1962 and in July of 1966 he volunteered for training in the U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Program. The training consisted of Underwater Swimmers School, Key West, FL; Chemical Munitions Training at Ft. McClellan, AL; and all types of explosive ordnance disposal training at Indian Head, MD, graduating May 1967. Jon had many EOD duty stations, becoming a Master EOD Technician. Later Jon advanced to the rank of Boatswains Mate Chief (BMC). Jon was a Vietnam Veteran and received much recognition and accolades for his service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. Many of his awards had multiple stars on them. He served his country proudly, with distinction and great enthusiasm, until his retirement from the U.S. Navy on December 1, 1989. Jon lived in Montana after retiring from the Navy and moved back to Swanton, OH in 1993 where he worked for the State of Ohio before retiring in May 2014. Jon and Robbie were married in July 2006 and thoroughly enjoyed their home near Oak Openings Metropark, traveling and visiting with their children and grandchildren. He was greatly loved and will be missed by all those that knew him. Visitation hours were held at the Walter Funeral Home, 4653 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00 PM. The Funeral was held on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the Holland Free Methodist Church, 6605 Angola Road, Holland, OH. Contributions can be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Gideon's International or Holland Free Methodist Church.



**GERALD L. "Jerry" INGERSOLL** - Died Monday, November 24, 2014 in Las Cruces, New Mexico at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to the late Charles and Helen Ingersoll of Saint Louis, Michigan on June 2, 1938. Jerry proudly served his country both in the United States Marine Corps and United States Air Force, retiring from active duty in August 1981. After retiring from the military, Jerry worked for numerous Aerospace companies as a Facilities Manager traveling throughout the world from Africa to the Middle East. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mequite (Texas) Chapter #137**. Jerry enjoyed reading books, traveling, tinkering with things, but his greatest love was his family. Jerry is survived by his wife Nora (née Lape) Ingersoll; son Rick Ingersoll (and Eva), of Wasilla, AK; son Douglas Ingersoll, of St Johns MI; daughter Teresa Hodges (and Terry), of St Johns MI; stepdaughter, Ester Bisco (and Sam), of Las Vegas NV, stepson Patrick Paulino, of Inarajan GU stepdaughter, Diane Wood (and Pat), of Warner Robbins GA; stepson, Edward Paulino (and Charlene), of Inarajan GU; stepdaughter, Frances Crisostimo (and Joey), of Streamwood IL; stepson, Francis Paulino (and Colette), of Belle Chasse LA. He is also survived by his brothers Richard, Donald, Robert, Ronald, Gary, James and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. A memorial service was held at Getz Funeral Home, 1410 East Newman Avenue, Las Cruces, NM on Tuesday December 2, 2014 at 1:00 PM. Full military honors were scheduled for the summer of 2015 at the Ingersoll Family Reunion.



**DENNIS EARL "Denny" INGRAHAM** - Died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at his home on Flathead Lake, Montana at the age of 70. He was a resident of Polson, Montana. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on December 5, 1943 in Polson to the late Alton and Grace (née Simonis) Ingraham. He lived most of his younger years in Pablo and Ronan Montana, and graduated from Missoula County High School in 1961. Following High School, Denny worked a number of part time jobs including gandy dancer, log hooker, green chain, and pin setter while attending the University of Missoula. In 1963 Denny enlisted in the United States Navy where he traveled the globe and retired after a distinguished 20-year career including a tour in Vietnam. His sea duty included rotations on the USS Coontz, USS Stollard, USS Denver, USS Grand Rapids, USS Chicago, and the USS O'Callahan. Denny was married to his first wife, Marie McNorton, from Feb 1965 to Oct 1967. They had a son, Denny Bill, in April 1966. While being stationed in San Diego in 1967 Denny met and married Lorene Burton on Dec 9, 1967. They had a son, Lorden, in Jan 1969. The Navy moved the family to Naples Italy in 1973 then back to San Diego in 1975. In 1980 while being stationed at the Bremerton Navy Base in Washington he moved the family to Port Orchard, Washington. Following his Navy career he worked in construction and selling siding door to door for a couple of years before starting his second career in 1986 as a Health Physics Technician/Analyst/Engineer for Westinghouse Hanford Company which he retired from in 1999. After retiring, Denny moved back to Polson, Montana and took residence of his parents' home located on the shore of Flathead Lake. Denny enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Somers Chapter #1087**, the VFW, and the American legion. He was a friend to anyone he met and could remember your name even if he hadn't seen you in decades. His generosity, love, and fantastic stories of his past will be greatly missed. Denny was preceded in death by his father Alton, brothers Gale and Bill, sister Phyllis, and son Denny Bill. Survivors include his wife Lorene, mother Grace, son Lorden, and grandsons Austin and Nathan. A funeral service for Dennis Ingraham was held on July 16, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Ronan Alliance Church, 35663 Terrace Lake Road East, Ronan, Montana. A visitation was held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon-6:00 PM at the Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home in Ronan. In lieu of flowers you may donate to the Salvation Army in Dennis's name. Arrangements were under the care of Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home and Crematory.

**JOHNNIE G. JOHNSON** – Died recently in 2016 in Nacogdoches, Texas at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 20, 1933. He served in the United States Air Force and retired after making it a career. He served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of War – Nacogdoches Chapter #931**.



**DANIEL ELSWORTH "Danny" JONES, JR.** - Died Friday, July 8, 2016 at his home in Frostburg, Maryland at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 17, 1946, in Lonaconing, Maryland to the late Daniel Elsworth Jones, Sr. and Isabelle (née Truly) Jones. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dale F. Jones, and; a special cousin, Dennis Bartlett. Danny was a graduate of Beall High School Class of 1964, during which time he was an outstanding athlete. A United States Army Veteran, Danny served in the Vietnam War where he received two Purple Hearts. He retired from Mead-Westvaco with 38 years of service. He was a member of the Barton American Legion Post #189, the Frostburg Elks Lodge #470, and the Midland Sportmans Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was Methodist by faith and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Lynn (Fisher) Jones, Midland, MD; a daughter, Wendy Petenbrink and husband Donnie, Frostburg, MD; his grandchildren, Brock Jones Petenbrink and Page Lyn Petenbrink, of Frostburg, MD; his sisters, Donna Lee Clark and husband Vic, Barton, MD; and Gail Platter and husband Ron, Frostburg, MD; a brother, Eddie Jones and wife Samantha, Gilmore, MD; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. At Danny's request he was cremated and a private service was held at a later date. The family requested memorial contributions be made in his name to WMHS-Hospice Program, 1050 West Industrial Boulevard, Cumberland, MD 21502.

**JIMMY WAYNE JONES** - Died Wednesday, November 12, 2014 in Prattville, Alabama at the age of 64. His death was caused by multiple cancers including blood and lungs. He was born on May 21, 1950 in Prattville to the late Sonny and Edla Jones. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by one brother, Derrell Jones and one sister, Marsha Gentry. He is survived by his wife, Linda W. Jones; one daughter, Jennifer Lynn Jones Boyd (Jeff); two step-daughters, Kelli Stierenger (Joe) and Karen McAdams (Gregg); two sons, Danny W. Jones (Jenny) and Adam Jones (Kenley Johnson); ten grandchildren, Jacob Boyd, Jordan Boyd, Trevor Jones, Karson Jones, Baylee Jones, Ryleigh Miller, Jolee Chapman, Jolan Stierenger, Preston McAdams and Calli McAdams; one sister, Darlene Tatum; one brother, Buck Jones (Shirley); extended family, many friends and his beloved dog, J.W. He served in the United States Army from January 30, 1968 to January 29, 1974 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from May 9, 1969 to December 25, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. The pallbearers were Joe Frederick, Doug Stelth, Jacob Boyd, Preston McAdams, Greg McAdams, Louis Odom, Adam Jones and Danny Jones. The family received friends at the Prattville Memorial Chapel on Friday, November 14, 2014 from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM. Services were held on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 2:00 PM from Prattville Memorial Chapel with the Reverend Steve Smith officiating. Burial was in the Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial directing.

**THOMAS R. JONES** – Died Saturday, June 18, 2011 in Capistrano Beach, California. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his fiancée, Susan Zimmer of Capistrano Beach, California.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Diamond Bar Chapter #785**.



**THOMAS K. KEARNS** - Died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 in Rochester, New York at age 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born Jul 11, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Lori Evans-Kearns; loving father of David (Jackie), Marty, Tommy, Jenni, Sean (Jordan) Kearns and Shane Evans; 11 grandchildren; brother of Bobby (Lynn); uncle of Wyatt. Tom was a retired United States Air Force Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**, DAV, VFW and Frank E. Evans DD #754 Association. Friends came calling on Saturday from 12:00 Noon-1:30 PM with Service and Full Military Honors to follow at the Dierna Funeral Home, 2309 Culver Road (Near Norton). Donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project in his memory.



**RODNEY D. KLEIN, SR.** - Died Friday, November 6, 2015 in McAllen, Texas at the age of 69. He was a resident of Mondamin, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 17, 1945, in Eugene, Oregon to the late Henry and Margaret (née Olson) Klein. Rodney served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam-era. Rodney was a Heavy Equipment Operator for the City of Council Bluffs. He married Maralene Cozad on March 3, 2000. He was a member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jessica Phoenix-Klein. He is survived by his wife, Maralene, of Mondamin; children; stepchildren; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service was on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 1:00 PM at El Bethel Assembly of God Church, 17<sup>th</sup> and Avenue D, with Reverend Dale Terry, officiating. There were no visitation hours. The burial of the cremated remains was at a later date.

**EDOUARD J. KOWALOW** – Died Sunday, April 28, 2013 in Fairview Park, Ohio at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in France on March 17, 1934. He was a veteran of the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249**.



**RAEBURN ELDEN "Bernie" KRIESEL** - Died at his home in Princeton, Minnesota the morning of Monday, May 30, 2016 at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related ischemic heart disease. Bernie was born on September 12, 1943 in Princeton, Baldwin

Township, Minnesota to the late Raymond and Elda Kriesel. He was a United States Air Force veteran, serving from 1961-1981, specializing in ground-based radar systems. He served much of his time overseas, in Japan and Vietnam. After coming home he worked 15 years at the post office in Princeton before retiring in 1998. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684**. Bernie is remembered as someone who could fix anything, being especially fond of his Ford cars and John Deere tractors. He took delight in taking care of the piece of the Kriesel farm around his house. He was an active member of Saint John Lutheran Church, occasionally giving sermons during service. He'll be remembered for his generosity and welcoming spirit to all who knew him. Bernie is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sharon; daughters, Janelle and Hellen; grandchildren, Erin, Ashley, Sarah, Rachel, Jeremiah; great-grandchildren, Naomi and Titus; as well nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Elda, his uncle Ralph, and his brother Rodney. Services were at Saint John Lutheran Church in Zimmerman, Minnesota at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, with visitation starting at 10:00 AM. Services were officiated by Pastor Tom Koelln and the burial was held at the Baldwin Cemetery.



**NATALE L. "Butch" LAPRIORE** - Died unexpectedly on Monday, May 23, 2016 in Fall River, Massachusetts at the age of 73. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident. He was born in Fall River, to the late Santo and Estelle (née Dumais) Lapriore. He earned his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. Mr. Lapriore was a Massachusetts State Trooper for 26 years, holding the rank of Lieutenant and Station Commander of the Bourne Barracks until his retirement in 1994. Upon his retirement, Butch was employed by the Diocesan Health Facilities for several years. He was also an Armed Security Officer and Private Investigator. A United States Air Force Veteran during the Vietnam War, Butch was a *Life Member* and newly elected Vice-President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207** and was also a State Council Delegate for the organization. He was also a member of the "Retired Massachusetts State Troopers". Butch enjoyed going to the gym daily, riding his motorcycle and was an avid hiker. A proud caring father and grandfather, he cherished his time spent with family. He is survived by his two children: Steven Lapriore and his wife Claudine of Somerset and Christine Oliveira and her husband Paul of Westport, his dearly loved significant other Ellen Nassiff of Fall River, her son Mark Nassiff Jr. and his wife Ann of Fall River, their children, Julianna and Marielle Nassiff whom he loved as his own grandchildren, his former wife Jeannine Lapriore of Westport and his four loved grandchildren, Seth and Paige Lapriore, Sydney and Lindsey Oliveira. Butch's funeral was held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 9:00 AM from the Waring-Sullivan Home of Memorial Tribute at Cherry Place 178 Winter Street, Fall River followed by his Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM in Holy Name Church 709 Hanover Street, Fall River. Visiting hours were on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Burial was private. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #207, P.O. Box 1214, Westport, MA 02790. For directions or to send a tribute please visit: [www.waring-sullivan.com](http://www.waring-sullivan.com).





**MARTHA ANN LAVELLE** - Died Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at her home in Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 73. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. Martha Ann Fentem was born on January 6, 1943, in Colchester, Illinois to the late Woodrow, and Gertrude (née Utley) Fentem. She was united in marriage to John P. Lavelle on August 3, 1968, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Macomb, Illinois. Martha was a giver. Like Martha in the Gospels, she yearned to serve others and thought of others before herself. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**, and volunteered by providing salads for funeral luncheons at Saint John Vianney, where she was a member. During her illness, Martha received many cards and well wishes as well as prayers from her many friends and family members which she was grateful for. She is survived by her loving husband, John, Bettendorf. She was the proud mother of two sons, Stephen Lavelle, Minneapolis, Minn., and John and Emily Lavelle, Banner Elk, N.C. She has six grandchildren, Kassidy Rose, Lucas John, Gabriel Ryne and Naomi Violet Lavelle, all of Apple Valley, Minn., and Kamryn Ann and Ryne Patrick Lavelle of Banner Elk, N.C. She is also survived by her brother, Donald (Joyce) Fentem, East Moline, and a sister, Luann Zoerner, Columbia, S.C. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, James Fentem. May they rest in peace. Funeral services and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 8, 2016 at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, 4097 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Bettendorf. There were additional visitation hours on Friday at the church from 9:00 AM until the service. Burial took place at Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. The family greeted friends from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport. All were invited to join the family for a prayer service at 4:00 PM to begin the visitation. Memorials may be made to Pancreatic Cancer ([curepc.org](http://curepc.org)) or Saint John Vianney Catholic Church. Online condolences and remembrances can be shared with the family by visiting Martha's obituary at [www.hmdfuneralhome.com](http://www.hmdfuneralhome.com).



**JAMES CHARLES LeVARDI** - Died suddenly Wednesday, February 25, 2016 at the Berkshire Medical Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of Dalton, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pittsfield on April 26, 1949 a son of Clara (née Seddon) LeVardi and the late James Vincent LeVardi. He attended schools in Pittsfield and was a graduate of Berkshire Community College where he received his Bachelor's degree in business. He was a Vietnam War Veteran having served with the United States Marine Corps. Mr. LeVardi was last employed for the Massachusetts State Highway Department for 35 years retiring in 1997 as district supervisor. He was a member of the American Legion and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pittsfield Chapter #65**. He enjoyed camping, traveling, gardening and going to the casinos. Above all he enjoyed his grandchildren and family. Besides his mother of Pittsfield, he leaves his wife, the former MaryAnne DeSantis, whom he married Jan. 15, 1970 at the former Notre Dame Church; three daughters, Stacey Sears and her

husband, Dennis, of Liverpool, N.Y., Jennifer Kauvil of Dalton, and Nicole LeVardi of Dalton; a brother, John LeVardi and his companion, Lori Coury, of Pittsfield; a sister, Karen Ryan and her companion, Jack Castagna, of Pittsfield; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Alexander, Jacob, Biagio, Natalya, Zia, Solomon, Lucy, Myles, and Hannah; great-granddaughter, Daniella; nieces and nephews, J.D., Alicia, Angie, Josh, Amanda, Meg, Amy and Lisa; his best friend, his dog Zoey. He was predeceased by two sons James, and Daniel LeVardi; and by a sister, Cindy Casey. Funeral services were held Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:15 AM from the Dery Funeral Home, 54 Bradford Street, Pittsfield followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM at Saint Charles Church, celebrated by the Reverend Father Peter A. Gregory, pastor. Burial was in the family plot at Ashuelot Cemetery, Dalton, MA. Calling hours at Dery Funeral Home in Pittsfield, were on Sunday from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials in his memory may be made to Soldier On in care of the funeral home. Following the calling hours John LeVardi his brother will receive relatives and friends at his home at 109 Hancock Road in Pittsfield as well following the funeral service on Monday.



**TIMOTHY A. "Tim" LICK** (a.k.a. Snyderley) - Died peacefully in his home in Adams, Wisconsin on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin on May 14, 1951 to Arthur Clarence Lick and Betty Jane (née Schuett) Lick of Waukesha. He is survived by his sister, Wendy Lick-Gass of Corinth, TX; his fiancée, Jacquie Dziak of Villa Park, Illinois and many loving cousins, family members and friends. Tim was a very talented musician, singer, songwriter who loved playing music with his band members, the Arkdale Ramblers and other talented musicians at "the Bluegrass Jams" at Rank's Tavern in downtown Adams. Along with his passion for music he enjoyed riding his motorcycles with his ABATE brothers and sisters. Throughout his affiliation with the ABATE organization, he was a former Secretary and Area Representative and was held in high regard. Tim was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and an active member of the American Legion Post #250 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston Chapter 729**. A memorial celebration of his life was held for his family and friends on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Grand Marsh Community Center – 629 Mason Street, Grand Marsh, Wisconsin from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM,



**THOMAS C. "Tommy" LUCAS** - Died Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Specialty Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida from a sudden illness. He was 69 years of age and a resident of Blackshear, Georgia. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart disease. He was born in Ware County on September 19, 1946 to the late Sidney Lucas and his mother, Darcus (née Crews) Lucas of Waycross. He had lived most of his life in Ware and Pierce County. He retired from CSX Railroad as an electrician after 34 years of employment and served in the United States Army

during the Vietnam War where he was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070**. He was also a member of Jamestown Baptist Church and loved to fish, hunt, and most of all clean his yard and more than anything spending time with his wife, Carolyn. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carolyn Altman Lucas of Waycross; a daughter, Sandra Scarborough of Blackshear; two sons, William Alton Currie of Waycross and Craig Lucas (wife Alesha) of Patterson; six grandchildren, Jennifer Carter of Ambrose, Marie Barrett of Blackshear, Amie Currie of Houma, LA, Drew Currie (Nikki) of Guyton, Matthew Lucas of Hoboken and Journey Jewell of Waycross; 10 great grandchildren; a brother, Jerry Lucas (wife Kathy) of Waycross; and two sisters, Valeria Snyder (husband Howard) of Tennessee and Cindy Lee of Waycross. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at Jamestown Baptist Church. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery. The family received friends on Tuesday night at Music Funeral Home from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. Music Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at [www.musicfuneralhome.com](http://www.musicfuneralhome.com).



**JOHN R. MATRAS** – Died Saturday, April 2, 2016 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 05, 1949 to the late Leo and Helen Matras. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Catherine Matras, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. John was a QA Engineer with SCI since 2008, hailing from Nebraska. He was a 1975 EE graduate of the UNL, a lifetime alum member, and active in "The Alabama Nebraskans." He loved to golf and he and his father were proud to win the esteemed Omaha Field Club Championship, shortly after Cathy and John wed. John was a real lover of children, pets and good folks. He took the Huntsville Hospital Clown class shortly after he saw how much fun Cathy was having volunteering. He sang on the church choir and was a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree with the Knights of Columbus. John was preceded in death by his loving parents Helen and Leo Matras, and sister, Donna Nielsen from Omaha. He is survived by his sister, Marge Hoehn and his brother, Frank and has a large extended family in Nebraska that John cherished. Please keep John and Cathy in your prayers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Pathfinders in Huntsville; a safe haven for people with substance abuse problems. A memorial celebrating John's life will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 13550 Chaney Thompson Road, SE, Huntsville at the corner of Hobbs Road Saturday at 10:00 AM. The family received friends from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Please come and join us in a joyful celebration of a sweet and loving man who has completed his earthly journey.

**WALTER EDWARD MAXAM, JR.** - Died Saturday, August 23, 2014 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 14, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106**. He is survived by his wife, Sue, of 45 years; his sons, Richard (Lori) and Michael. He worked at Quail Run Elementary School and a stand-up comedian. Services were held on Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the Marana Mortuary and Cemetery, 12146 West Barnett Road, Marana, AZ 85653.

**CHARLES J. MCCARTHY, JR.** – Died recently in 2016 in Townsend, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**.



**EDWARD WILSON MCDONOUGH, JR.** - Died Saturday, June 25, 2016 at his residence in Wilmington, North Carolina, surrounded by his family. He was 71 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 23, 1945 in Wilmington to the late Edward Wilson McDonough, Sr. and Eleanor Lois (née West) McDonough. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother and half-brother. He is survived by his wife, Carrie H. McDonough; two children, Charity F. Mileham and William E. McDonough, both of Mt. Pulaski, IL., 2 step-daughters, Betty A. Fernandez and Debbie L. Hufham; 4 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 3 step-great grandchildren; 3 half-sisters and 2 half-brothers. Mr. McDonough was an over-the-road truck driver for over 46 years, with his last few years working locally for MCO Trucking. He served in the United States Army, with three tours in Vietnam, and one as a volunteer for his brother. He was honorably discharged as an SP4. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. His family will remember him as a good husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The family received friends from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at Andrews Mortuary, Market Street. His Pastor, Dr. Sam Zumwalt conducted the graveside service at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at Greenlawn Memorial Park, with a reception following at Saint Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Property Committee or Church Council at Saint Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, 612 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403. Condolences may be offered at [www.andrewsmortuary.com](http://www.andrewsmortuary.com).

**JAMES A. MEEKS** - Died Saturday, May 14, 2016 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on August 23, 1944. He was a United States Air Force Veteran and a member of the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. James was a pipe fitter with Norfolk Southern Railway and a member of SMWIA local #267 for twenty-eight years. His wife, Judy Ann Clingan Meeks, preceded him in death. He is survived by his daughters, Brooke (Jason) Miller and Kelly Webster; two step-sons, Keith (Gail) Clingan and Barry (Amy) Clingan; three sisters, Sedina LaFevor, Dollis Smith and Glenny Berry and six grandchildren. The service was at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with full Military Honors. Visitation hours were from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday at the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home.

**JAMES E. MILLER** – Died Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Saint Joseph Hospital in London, Kentucky at the age of 71. He was a resident of Manchester, Kentucky. He was born on Sunday, August 13, 1944 in Manchester to the late Rufus and Stella (née Sibert) Miller. He worked in Construction, was a member of the Horse Creek Baptist Church, a Vietnam Veteran where he served in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester Chapter #868**. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 49 years: Roble Diana (née Roberts) Miller, his daughter: Keeta Hacker and her husband Jeff and their children: Zac Hacker and his wife Lacey, Laisey Hacker, and Bradley Hacker and their grandchild: Oaklee

Hacker, his son: Travis Miller and his wife Kathy and their children: Mallory Miller, Madison Miller, Angela Miller, and Ashlie Miller, and these brothers and sisters: Mary Lou Jones, Ollie Abner, Gilbert Ray Miller, and Roy T. Miller, Sr. He is preceded in death by his parents: Rufus and Stella Miller, and these brothers and sisters: Rufus "Jam-up" Miller, Mildred Gray, William E. Miller, Edna Ruth, Dorothy Brown, and Rosia Jones. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Rominger Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Anthony Lovett officiated. Burial was in the Herd Cemetery in the Sibert Community. A Masonic Service was held prior to funeral services. Visitation was on Saturday after 11:00 AM at the Rominger Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements were entrusted to the Rominger Funeral Home.



**WINFIELD ADAM "Winnie" MILLER** - Died Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at his home in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 11, 1949 in Cumberland to the late Charles Edward Miller and Verna (née DeVore) Miller. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Edward Miller, Jr., and James A. Miller. A graduate of Fort Hill High School, Winnie was a United States Navy Veteran and retired from the Western Maryland Health System. After retirement, he worked at The Sports Shoppe and at the Y.M.C.A. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Winnie was a devoted Fort Hill Fan. He was a great father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Per his wishes, he was cremated. Winnie is survived by his children: James "Jason" Miller and wife, Ann; Duane Miller and wife, Jennifer; Kelly Miller; and Shawn Miller. He also leaves behind his brother: Dwight Miller; his sister: Patricia Green and husband, Randy; his sister-in-law: Eileen Miller; a Miller family friend: Chris McDonald; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandson; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD on Friday, June 3, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. A memorial service was conducted at the funeral home on Friday, June 3, 2016 at 7:30 PM, with Pastor Jim Jeffries officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial contributions be made to the funeral home.

**GARY A. MINKLER** – Died tragically on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at the age of 68. He was a resident of Roseburg, Oregon. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident while he was riding and was hit by a van. He was dead on arrival. He was born on November 12, 1946 in Vancouver, Washington. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseburg Chapter #805**. He is survived by his wife, Linda and two daughters, Amy and Linda.



**REVEREND PHILLIP LEE MINTON, SR.** - Died Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 79. The cause of death was a brain tumor. He was born May 1, 1937, in



Jackson, Georgia, to the late Elzie Lee Minton and Onnie Mae Minton. He and his family lived in several states while he served the Lord in full-time Christian service. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Jerry Minton. He is survived by his loving wife, Sue Minton; his son, Phillip Minton, II (Rachel), of Ringgold, Ga.; his daughter, Deborah Minton Glass (Steve), of Hixson; and his son, Stephen Minton, of Chattanooga; three grandsons, Robbie Glass, Ricky Glass and Nathan Minton; one sister, Pat (Charles) Mooney, of Griffin, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, James Lester Neal (Ann), of Milledgeville, Ga.; his sister-in-law, Linda Neal, of Dallas, Texas; his brother-in-law, Wayne Neal (Jody), of Brunswick, Ga.; and sister-in-law, Vivien Minton, of Jackson, Ga. He graduated from Jackson (GA) High School in 1955, the University of Georgia in 1964, and Temple Theological Seminary in Chattanooga in 1968. Soon thereafter, he was called to active duty as a United States Army Chaplain, where he served at Ft. Bragg, N.C., Vietnam and Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1990. He also retired as Chaplain at Corrections Corporation of America in Chattanooga after 14 years. He was an active member and a deacon of Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank, of which the pastoral staff and church members have been a true blessing during the time of his illness. He and his wife have been members there over 22 years. In his later years, he continued to actively serve the Lord in several capacities as **Chaplain and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203** of which he was a member since 1995. He also actively participated in Transformation Project, and was the local director of Reformers Unanimous at Calvary Baptist Church. He was faithful until the time of his illness to be very active in door-to-door visitation and soul-winning with his good friend, Jim Howard. Over the years, he pastored Calvary Baptist Church in Claxton, Ga., Faith Baptist Church in Sedalia, Mo., Berean Baptist Church in Utica, Mich., and served as Associate Pastor of Marietta Baptist Tabernacle, Marietta, Ga. The family expressed special gratitude and thanks to the nurses, aides, and other staff of Amedisys Hospice for providing special loving care during his last days. Family received friends and other family members at Calvary Baptist Church, 5201 Dayton Boulevard, Chattanooga, Tennessee (Red Bank, TN) on Thursday, July 7, 2016, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM and Friday, July 8, 2016, from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM, with the service following at 1:00 PM at the Calvary Baptist Church, with the Reverend Dwight Martin and the Reverend Chris Ware co-officiating. Interment was at the Chattanooga National Cemetery, with full military honors at 2:30 PM, presented by the Vietnam Veterans, Chapter #203 of Chattanooga. Arrangements were made by Hamilton Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 4506 Hixson Pike, Hixson.



**DAVID LEHMAN MITCHELL** - Died as a result of a motorcycle accident on Thursday, June 23, 2016 in Plain City, Ohio at the age of 65. He was born on September 2, 1950 in Columbus, Ohio to Mary Mitchell and the late Robert L. Mitchell who died in 1991. He retired 2 years ago from Conway Freight after 30 years of service. David honorably served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a past commander of the Plain City VFW Darby Post # 3268 for 6 years and was an active member of the Union County Honor Guard. David was a member of the Urania Lodge # 311 F&AM and Scottish Rite, Valley of

Columbus. He was a member of the Zanesville Rifle Club and a founding member of the Last Chapter Motorcycle Club, a member of the Mechanicsburg Eagles and a life member of the Plain City Historical Society. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**. He is survived by his son: Michael L. Mitchell; daughter: E. Alice Mitchell; wife: Madelon “Molly” Mitchell; mother: Mary Mitchell. A gathering of family and friends was held from 2:00-6:00 PM on Friday, July 1, 2016 at the Ferguson Funeral Home, 202 East Main Street (State Route 161 W) Plain City, Ohio.

**LORI MONTALVO** – Died in 2015 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 14, 1957. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989**.

**JOSEPH A. MULQUEEN** - Died Monday, November 30, 2015 in New Berlin, Wisconsin at the age of 71. The cause of death was melanoma. He was born in Cudahy, Wisconsin March 12, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Judith, of the home. He served in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1966 during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #921**. Visitation was held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Holy Apostles Catholic Church, New Berlin at 9:30 AM. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM.

**MAURICE A. “Moe” NEILL** – Died peacefully in his sleep in West Roxbury Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Roxbury, Massachusetts on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 following a long illness. He was a resident of Pikeville, Tennessee and 69 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jericho, Vermont on September 8, 1946 to the late Truman Neill, Sr. and Madine (née Hathaway) Neill. He leaves behind his Wife of 37 years, Cheri (née Spicer) Neill and 5 Children: Constant-Joy Partridge of Saint Johnsbury, VT, William Neill of Texas, Christina Neill (& Robert Mayfield) of Rutland VT, Nicholas (Debra) Neill of Grand Isle VT and Megan Neill of Troy NY; 5 Grandchildren, Evan, Ryan, Andrew, Madison and Helena; as well as 4 brothers, 2 sisters and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his Parents Truman Sr. and Madine (Hathaway) Neill, and 2 Brothers Truman Jr. and Rodney Neill. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753** and the DAV. Moe was also a long-term member of the Macdonough Masonic Lodge of Jericho VT, and The United Church of Milton. Moe received training as a brick and block layer in the Navy SeaBees, fought in war and returned home to continue his work as a mason and mason tender for more than 30 years. Many of the chimneys, walls and stone structures surrounding us, stand as a reminder of his work and the pride he took in it. To provide additionally for his family, he supplemented his income by delivering The Burlington Free Press in both Milton VT and Burlington VT for more than 10 years. He also sheared sheep, around the northern part of Vermont. He was a natural salesman. Moe was involved in raising funds for a variety of groups, helping his own children with fundraising for school, was involved with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and actively fundraised for his church and his various clubs. He was proud to help people in any way he could. He never met a stranger, loved his neighbors and loved his family more than anything. He served his community everyday with pride, diligence and honor. He will be greatly missed! Services were held on March 12, 2016 at the United Church of Milton, Main Street, Milton, VT at 11:00 AM, with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers or financial gifts, donations in

Maurice's honor may be made to The United Church of Milton Discretionary Fund, at PO Box 107, Milton VT 05468, or to Fisher House Boston, at PO Box 230, South Walpole, MA 02071.

**GARY WILLIAM NEWKIRK** – Died Monday, May 30, 2016 in Littleton, Colorado at the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Price, Utah on August 26, 1947. He served in the United States Air Force from January 19, 1966 to May 21, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106**.



**BRIAN THOMAS PARKER** (USAF, Lt Col-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 in College Station, Texas at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 5, 1934 in Fort Meade, Maryland to the late Harry Parker and Lillian (née Burkowske) Parker. He was a career United States Air Force officer and teacher. He began his 21-year military career as a member of the first class to graduate from the Air Force Academy in 1959. After distinguished service in Vietnam, he was posted to Egland AFB in Alexandria, Louisiana, where he met his wife of nearly 48 years. In 1970, he returned to the Academy as an instructor. After completing a Master's degree at the University of Denver in 1974, he was assigned to the ROTC program at Texas A&M. After a final posting to RAF Lakenheath (England), he retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1980 and settled in Bryan. After retirement, he raised horses and taught for 18 years at Blinn College in College Station. He was also an active member of the American Legion Post #159, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bryan Chapter #937**, and an officer of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron Association. He is survived by his wife, Francyse Parker; his children Dennis Parker with wife Angela, Suzie Van with husband Ricky, Tim Parker with wife Suzanne, Steve Parker, and Nicole Parker; his grandchildren Jaimie Parker, Kindel Jenkins, Cassie Parker, Kayla Parker, Tommy Parker; one great grandchild, Ainsley Jenkins; and many relatives and friends. A Military Memorial Service was held, honoring Brian's life on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 4:00 PM in the American Legion Hall, Earl Graham Post #159. His remains were interred at the Air Force Academy at a later date. Expressions of condolence can be made at [callawayjones.com](http://callawayjones.com).

**MICHAEL A. PESUIT** - Died Wednesday, May 13, 2015 in the Trinity West Emergency Room in Steubenville, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born June 4, 1945 in Steubenville to the late Walter and Mary (née Mihalik) Pesuit. He was a member of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church in Steubenville and retired from Ohio Edison-Sammis Plant where he worked in the Lab. Mr. Pesuit was a Veteran of the United States Army having served two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – East Liverpool Chapter #1064**. He leaves behind his wife, Carol A. (née Mihalik) Santone; his sons, Brian Pesuit of Steubenville, Eric Z. Santone of Toronto and Paris A. 'Tony' Santone of Wickliffe, Ohio; his brother, Walter Pesuit of Wintersville, Ohio and his three grandchildren. Visitation was held on Saturday from 9:00 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM at Holy

Resurrection Church in Steubenville. The Reverend Father Rade Merrick officiated at the service and his burial was in the Union Cemetery in Steubenville, Ohio. Military graveside honors were provided by the Toronto American Legion Post #86.



**ANTHONY "Tony" PETRELLO** - Died Friday, September 25, 2015 in Murrieta, California at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 8, 1928. He is survived by his wife, Judith, two brothers, and extended family and friends. He served in the United States Army during World War II, Korea and Vietnam and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. A Graveside Service took place on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 10:15 AM in the Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, California. The staging area is 2. Full military honors were provided by the US Army due to Mr. Petrello being a retired veteran.

**TYRONE LEE "T. L." "Tony" PICKENS** - Died Friday, June 24, 2016 in Lebanon, Oregon at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born July 5, 1945 in Tillamook, Oregon. He served in the United States Air Force from 22 October 1963 to 21 November 1967 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**. A military service was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at the American Legion Santiam Post #51, 450 Main Street, Lebanon, Oregon.



**JAMES FREDERICK "Fred" PRANGE** - Died Wednesday, June 22, 2016 in Troy, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia on April 13, 1941 to the late Nelson Frederick and Edna Blair (née Vandervort) Prange. He was a graduate of Parkersburg High School, Class of 1960; was a United States Air Force Vietnam veteran serving from 1961 to 1965; was a locksmith at Ace Hardware in Sidney and Troy with 30 years of service; was a *Life Member* with the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**, Huber Heights; and was very active with the Veteran's Museum in Troy. Preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 41 years, Barbara Diane (Stocker) Prange in 2010; and sister, Edna Lucretia Astle. Fred is survived by his four daughters, Elizabeth and Jeff Schroyer of Troy, Jennifer Prange and Ben Hall of Tipp City, Amanda and Robb Wilges of Jacksonville, NC, Mary and Paul Lankford of Covington; 13 grandchildren, Grady & Maddie, Cadalynn, Grace, Layton, LaShay, Payton, Nathan, Andon, Cale, CJ, Vanessa, Sophia, Gauge; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard & Carol Stocker; six nieces and nephews and their families; and numerous "adopted" children and grandchildren. The funeral service was at 7:00 PM on Friday at Bridges-Stocker-Fraleigh Funeral Home, Covington with Bill Marker officiating. The family received friends from 4:00 PM on Friday until the time of the service at the funeral home. If desired, contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County.



**STEVE B. PRATT** - Died suddenly on Thursday June 2, 2016 in Brockport, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death was cardiovascular disease and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born on July 5, 1948 to Geraldine Pratt and the late Harry Pratt. He is survived by his loving and adoring wife, Connie; son, Steve (Kyrsten); stepsons, John, Kevin and Marc Sackeli; granddaughter, Tahlia; mother, Geraldine; five brothers, Harry (Ann), Doug (Sue), Tim (OK Shin), Jeff (Barb) and Greg, and; several nieces and nephews. He was a graduate of Brockport High School and Tarrant County Community College in Fort Worth, Texas. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. As a riverboat patrol captain on the Saigon River, he courageously lead his brothers Doug, medic and boat gunner, and Tim, front gunner, during his tour of duty. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. On July 3, 2004 he married his high school sweetheart Connie Raleigh, whom he loved for 58 years. Family and friends came calling on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Avenue, Brockport. Flowers were respectfully declined but instead friends were requested to consider a donation to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #20, PO Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612.

**JOHN R. PRICE** – Died Wednesday, February 25, 2016 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 24, 1946. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

**CHARLES GEORGE “Chuck” RADZIMOSKI** - Died peacefully in Holland, Ohio on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at the age of 68 after a long illness. The cause of death was lung cancer. The son of the late George and Mary Catherine (née Caseman) Radzimoski, he was born May 31, 1948 in Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. Chuck graduated from St. Mary's Assumption High School and was then drafted by the United States Army. He served proudly in the Vietnam War from July 12, 1967 to February 11, 1969 as a helicopter Mechanic. Chuck enjoyed many things such as collecting John Deere tractors and working on machinery. He proudly owned Radzimoski Trucking Company and was a member of the American Legion Joseph W. Diehn Post #468. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. Papa Chuck was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone, especially his family. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sharon (Bailey); son, Tony Radzimoski; stepchildren, Susan (Dan) Sunday, William (Cindy) Bailey, and Walt (Maria) Bailey; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Barb (Robert) Groll, Jean Vermylea; and brother, Richard (Rose) Radzimoski. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dean Radzimoski. Friends and family came calling on Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Wisniewski Funeral Home, 2426 North Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH. The funeral service was held on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 AM at Wisniewski Funeral Home with Father David Nuss presiding. Interment, with Military Rites was at the Toledo Memorial Park. The family would like to express their thanks to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or the Toledo Humane Society.





**LARRY WAYNE RANKIN** – Died Saturday, September 29, 2001 in Harris Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Marion County, Iowa on November 1, 1938 to the late Ethel Grace (née Whitlatch) Rankin and Stanley William Rankin. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brother, Leland Stanley Rankin, and his sister, Marilyn Rankin Scott. He is survived by his brother, Robert Ernest Rankin. He entered pilot training and served in the United States Air Force in the Vietnam War. He attained the rank of Captain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Conroe Chapter #734**. He is interred in the Houston National Cemetery in Harris County, Texas.

**WILLIAM M. “Bill” RAYE** - Died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 in Cordova, Tennessee at the age of 66 surrounded by his loving wife, MaryGlen, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law and best friends, Jon and Julia Oberhausen and his cousins, Patsy Maxwell and Carol McCarley. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late William Eugene and Virginia (née Woodward) Raye on July 2, 1948. He graduated from Brainerd High School and the General Motors College. He retired as an OTR driver in 2010. He was a disabled Vietnam United States Navy Veteran and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Memphis Chapter #875**. He was the husband of MaryGlen S. Raye, and also leaves a daughter, Christie Raye; a son, Michael Raye and their mother, Kay Raye; granddaughters, Katherine and Morgan and a great-granddaughter, Karla, all of Louisville, KY; a step-daughter, Mary McCarley Metschkie, her husband, Greg, of Frankfort, IL and their 3 sons, Mason, Brewer and Tanner; a sister, Lady Cheryl Raye of Raleigh, NC and a brother, Stephen B. Raye and his wife Wendy of Ocean Springs, MS. Bill never knew a stranger. His smile, easy-going, friendly personality will be missed by all who knew him. Gifts of remembrance can be made to the Memphis Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #875 or a charity of choice.

**DAVID A. RHODE** - Died Friday, June 19, 2015 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 15, 1950 in Hales Corner, Wisconsin. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #921**. He was the beloved husband of Diane (née Schroeder); loving father of Bradley and Benjamin (Leslie) Potrykus, and Stephanie Simon; further survived by seven grandchildren, and; other relatives, and friends. Visitation hours were from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the funeral home. Procession followed to the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery for full military honors at 12:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials were encouraged to give to the Disabled American Veterans or the Wounded Warrior Project.



**THOMAS P. RIZZO** - Died Friday, January 22, 2016 in Orlando, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 25, 1945 to the late Peter and Rosemary (née Pelella) Rizzo. Thomas is survived by his loving spouse of 47 years, Laura Rizzo; son, Salvatore Rizzo and his wife Penny of Augusta, GA; four grandchildren: Gregory, Jordan, Logan and Jarod; one great-granddaughter, Elyse; sister, Joan Kruty of Port Jefferson, NY; son-in-law, Gregory Wilson; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Maria Pravato; and numerous nieces and nephews: Nick, Jay, Josie, Lisa, Nicky, Dylan, Chaz, Jay and Angela Pravato, and David, Alex, Daniel, Joshua and Jason Kruty.. Thomas is preceded in death by his daughter, Jenni Rizzo-Wilson. Thomas was a lover of music, who in his 20's and 30's sang gospel; although he loved genres from Motown to Rock n Roll to Country. He served in the United States Army from January 31, 1966 to December 13, 1968 with a tour in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee Chapter #755*. His other hobbies include loving his wife dearly and his love for the Vietnam Brotherhood for which he founded, Hotel Company bringing his loyal Vietnam Veteran brothers together. He was an outspoken supporter of the 2nd Amendment and his right to bear arms. He was a devoted Catholic, and was also a Eucharistic Minister and Minister of the Sick. Thomas also was a die-hard N.Y. Jets fan, "Win or Lose", he always loved his Jets. The family received friends on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM with a Memorial Service at 6:00 PM and Military Honors were at the Osceola Memory Gardens Funeral Home, Kissimmee. Arrangements under the care of Osceola Memory Gardens Funeral Home & Crematory, 1717 Old Boggy Creek Road, Kissimmee, FL 34744. Online condolences can be given at [www.osceolamemgds.com](http://www.osceolamemgds.com).

**CLERMONT E. ROBERTS** – Died recently in 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama*.

**MICHAEL KEITH ROBINSON** – Died Friday, June 29, 2002 in Eugene, Oregon at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Santa Monica, California on May 5, 1954. He is survived by his wife Londa. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon*.

**HAROLD D. ROEBUCK** - Died Wednesday, February 11, 2004 in Oakwood, Georgia at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Hoschton, Georgia on March 6, 1939. He served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army Division from 1961 to 1963. He was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Buford and was active in the Hall County Republican Party. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772*. He was an avid outdoorsman and a member of the National Rifle Association. He had been a cabinetmaker since 1970 and owner of H. Roebuck, Inc. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Christa Roebuck; three daughters, Kerstin Crawford of Oakwood, Kathy Ledford of Gainesville and Stefanie Gibbs of Flowery

Branch; his mother, Louise Roebuck of Buford; three siblings, Kenneth Roebuck of Oakwood and Freddie Roebuck and Betty Clark, both of Buford; and six grandchildren. The funeral was at 2:00 PM on Sunday at the Tapp Funeral Home in Buford, Georgia. The Burial was in the Zion Hill Baptist Church cemetery. The family received friends from 7:00 to 9:00 PM today and from 5:00 to 9:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be sent to American Cancer Society, 6500 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite #260, Duluth, GA 30097 or to Atlanta VA Medical Center, 1670 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033.

**RICHARD LEE ROMINE** - Died Thursday, July 7, 2016 in Dandridge, Tennessee at the age of 73. He lost his battle with cancer. He was born November 26, 1942 in Jefferson County, Tennessee to the late Claude and Margret Romine. No stranger to war, Richard battled valiantly with it for several years as well as battled bravely in Vietnam and battled relentlessly with a little white golf ball for most of his life. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, receiving the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He was a proud member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Disabled American Veterans and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his daughter, Beth Woods; and his sister, Claudene Miller. He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Ella Faye Romine; his sons, Richard Lee (Laura) Romine II and Russell Edward (Emily) Romine; his daughters, Kay (Dennis) Wise, Lora (Tim) Martin and Jeanna Presnell; his grandchildren, Sadie Martin, Molly Martin, Marissa McNabb, Lindsey Romine, Noah Romine, Alex Romine, Chris (Misty) Wise and Eric Wise; four great-grandchildren; his brother, Bud (Bobbie) Romines; his sister, Lois Shelton; and several nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Fielden Funeral Home in New Market, Tennessee. The funeral service was at 7:00 PM with Chaplain Roy Lovin, Jr. officiating. Interment was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday in Dandridge Memorial Garden with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Disabled American Veterans. Arrangements were made by the Fielden Funeral Home.



**JERRY LEO RUBY** - Died Thursday, July 7, 2016 at his home in Flintstone, Maryland at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 22, 1942 in Chaneyville, Pennsylvania to the late Elmer Wilbur Ruby and Hilda Marie (née Bennett) Ruby. He was also preceded in death by a brother, James W. Ruby, and; two sisters, Debbie Ruby and Sandra Ruby. A United States Army Veteran during the Vietnam-era, Jerry and his brother, Elmer, owned and operated Ruby Home Improvement for many years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Jerry is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carol L. Ruby; his brothers, Elmer Ruby and Robert Ruby and wife, Debbie; his sister, Sherry Ruby, all of Flintstone, MD; a special nephew, Jimmy Wayne Price, Little Orleans, MD; as well as other nieces and nephews. Services were private and interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap, Maryland.

**ROBERT ANTHONY RUGGIERO** – Died Monday, January 12, 2015 in Ridge, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 23, 1935. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**.



**JOSEPH E. RYAN** - Died Saturday, June 11, 2016 in Hospice Buffalo Wells House, Beechwood Campus, Getzville, New York at the age of 73. He was a resident of Buffalo, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo on March 30, 1943, the eldest of 10 children. He was a 1961 graduate of Saint Joseph's Collegiate Institute, where he was president of his graduating class and an all-Catholic and all-Western New York football player. At Cornell University, where he earned a degree in industrial and labor relations, he captured all-Ivy League honors as a center and linebacker. He was a former Buffalo city planning chief and veteran's advocate who made an inspirational comeback from an accident that left him paralyzed. He served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969 and spent 17 months in Vietnam as a diving team commander, mainly in the Mekong Delta area. He earned the Bronze Star and rose to the rank of lieutenant. Returning from service, Mr. Ryan was co-owner of Ryan's New Federal Pub at Elmwood Avenue and Cary Street and was working as an engineering consultant in 1971 when Mayor Frank Sedita named him executive director of his Citizens Advisory Committee. He held the post until 1975, helping to set up the community development block grant program and fostering the growth of nonprofit neighborhood groups. He ran as an independent Democrat for a seat on the Erie County Legislature in 1977, losing to Joan Bozer. He also was active in programs for Vietnam veterans. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**. In 1982, he helped found the local Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program and served as its first president. Then, in August 1985, while bicycling to train for a triathlon, he crashed into a barricade along the Buffalo waterfront and fractured his spine. He was paralyzed from the waist down. Nevertheless, from his hospital bed, he completed arrangements for the Best of the Turtles race, which he had conceived to raise scholarship money for the children of local Vietnam veterans. He spent nearly a year in rehabilitation. Out of the hospital, he plunged into veteran activities and housing and development projects through the Western New York Veterans Housing Coalition. He was active with the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans, which advocated for veterans on health care issues, and served on its national board of directors. He took part in the Paralyzed Veterans of America Wheelchair Games in 1987 and helped raise \$2,500 for the ECMC spinal cord injury unit. For several years, he was president of Bezel Inc., a management consulting firm specializing in the development and management of independent living facilities for the long-term disabled. He did work for many years for the Community Action Organization. In 1991, he became a real estate development consultant. Mayor Anthony Masiello appointed him as community development commissioner in 1998. During his 4½ years as the city's planning chief,

he worked to develop a comprehensive plan to revitalize neighborhoods and create a citywide strategy to encourage business. After retiring from the post, he joined a group of developers in revitalizing several decaying properties in the 800 and 900 blocks of Main Street. He also continued his volunteer work. In recent years, he spent winters in Florida. He was a former president of Friends of Night People, served as chairman of the Board of Managers for Erie County Medical Center in the 1990s and was a member of the board of directors of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. He also was a board member of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association, the Buffalo Area Council of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation and the Cornell University Presidential Council. Mr. Ryan received numerous awards. Named a Buffalo News Citizen of the Year in 1986, his citation noted that he "has probably done more for Vietnam veterans than anyone else in Buffalo." He received the D'Youville College Community Service Award in 1986 and was given the Clarkson Center's Courage to Come Back Award in 1995. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, the former Eileen Head; a son, Sean P.; five brothers, Patrick M., William F., Daniel R., John and Mark; three sisters, Mary Ellen, Kathleen Reilly and Colleen; and three grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday in Saint Joseph University Catholic Church, 3269 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

**JOEL SCHULTZ** – Died Friday, March 11, 2016 in Saint Francis, Wisconsin at the age of 65 years. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1950 to the late Harold and Alice Schultz. He served as an honorable member of the United States Armed Forces – United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. He was the husband of Marta Schultz; brother of Gary W. Schultz and Scott (Dustie) Schultz. He is further survived by other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister Kerry Mae Zalar Zoltak. Funeral Services were held on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.



**DONALD E. SCHWERTFEGER** - Died Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the TLC Unit of Robert Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 68. He was a resident of Preston, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Manhattan, Kansas to the late Otto A. and Bernice (née Smith) Schwertfeger. Don graduated from Preston High School and attended Wichita Barber College. He barbered prior to enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Don was stationed in Okinawa, and then served alongside the Korean ROK Army in Vietnam. He traveled extensively throughout the United States in his work as a fiber optics and pipeline inspector. He was a member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Preston and was the Commander of Preston American Legion Post #375. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**



**Veterans of America – Salina Chapter # 809.** Don is survived by sisters Linda Buck of Arlington, Texas and Helen Condict and husband, Gary of Preston; Nieces, Teresa Colbert, Corinna Levenseller, Meghann Newman; Nephews, Regan Schwertfeger, Jim Schwertfeger, Morgan Buck, Evan Condict, and Wade Condict; six great-nieces, and one great-grand-niece. He was also a special "uncle" to the Hoeme family children. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles. Memorials may be given to Children's Christian Concern Society, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wichita Chapter, or the Pratt Area Humane Society. Condolences may be left [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com). A special thank you is extended to the TLC staff for their loving care and kindness extended to Don over the past 6 years. Visitation hours were from 1:00-8:00 PM on Friday, May 18, 2012 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS 67124. The Funeral Service was on Saturday, May 19, 10:30 AM at the Saint Paul Lutheran Church, located on Hwy 61 between Pratt and Preston.

**STEWART W. SCULLY** - Died Saturday, March 26, 2016 in Greenville, South Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Greenbelt, Maryland on April 5, 1947 to the late Annoda (née Tibbs) Scully and Walter Downs Scully, Sr. Mr. Scully was a United States Army Veteran of Vietnam and a retired welder. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**. Surviving is his wife, Mary Ann Cooper Scully; a sister Katherine M. Scully; his twin brother Walter D. Scully, Jr. (Gena) and his brother Timothy W. Scully (Judy) In addition to his parents he was predeceased by a sister, Michelle Potter. A Memorial Service was held at 3:30 PM on Saturday afternoon, April 2, 2016 at The Howze Mortuary Chapel. The family received friends from 2:00 until 3:30 PM at the mortuary prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, South Carolina was in charge of the arrangements.



**GERALD WAYNE "Jerry" SHAW** - Died Wednesday evening, June 8, 2016 at Colonial Place with his loving family by his side and under the care of Mountain Hospice. He was 70 years of age. He had been a resident of Colonial Place since November of 2015 and formerly of Elkins, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born Friday, February 22, 1946 at Elkins to the late George Campbell "Cam" and Belva Grace (née Sherman) Shaw. On June 30, 1989 at Hagerstown, Maryland he was married to Yong Cha "Kim" Shaw who preceded him in death June 3, 1990 as a result of a car accident near Charlestown, West Virginia. Surviving are his only sister, Wilma Jeane Shaw Morral and husband Jim of Laurel Mountain Road; and a niece Shannon Grace Morral Titchnell and husband Eric of Laurel Mountain Road. He was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1964 and was a Veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War serving from 1965 to 1968. He had worked for the Department of Interior, National Park Service in Harper's Ferry WV as an Electronics Mechanic, retiring in 1994. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Coalton Chapter #842**. A

Private Family Gathering was held with the Reverend Danny Franke officiating and interment was at the Mountain State Memorial Gardens at Gilman, West Virginia. The family suggested that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Tucker County Veterans Association, P. O. Box 95, Parsons, WV 26287 for the Vietnam Veteran's Wall.

**RONALD LEE SIDBECK** - Died Monday, May 30, 2016 in Petaluma, California at the age of 66. He was a resident of Rohnert Park, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 22, 1949. He was the loving brother of Ethel Flannigan, Myrna Sidbeck, Betty Gilmore, Clarence Sidbeck, Robert Sidbeck, Sylvia Miske, Elsie McKean and the late Jean White and Rodney Sidbeck. He was also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Navy for four years. He was stationed aboard the USS Ajax. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223** and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. A Memorial Service was held at a later date.



**DAVID C. SIWARSKI** – Died Sunday, April 13, 2014 in Garden City, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brighton, Michigan on February 9, 1949. He was the loving brother of Debbie (John) Gibson, Dirk (Kathy) and Robert (Cindy), and; dear uncle of Kelly, Cassandra (Ben), Jessica, Steven, David, Melissa and Vanessa. David was a 24-year member of the Tucson Fire Department, served in Vietnam and retired from the United States Coast Guard Reserve. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**. A memorial gathering was held on Saturday at 11:00 AM followed by a 1:00 PM Memorial Service at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 North Inkster Road, Garden City, Michigan (Between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). The family suggested memorials to Aphasia Research Project at the University of Arizona Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, 1131 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tucson, Arizona 85721. Please make checks payable to The University of Arizona, or the Wounded Warriors Project.

**HARLAND GEORGE “Chip” SKUSE, JR.** - Died Saturday, July 9, 2016 at his home in Sewaren, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey on April 12, 1946 to the late Harland George Skuse, Sr. and Irene (née MacAfee) Skuse. He has resided in Sewaren for the past 30 years. He was a United States Army Veteran, serving in Vietnam. He was employed as a salesman with Putnam Stainless Steel in Union, New Jersey for 40 years before retiring in 2011. He was a life member of Simpson United Methodist Church in Perth Amboy and belonged to the choir at the church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Chip was very proud of his service to his country and would speak to school children and various area groups about the Vietnam War and was honored with an award from the Legion of the Four Chaplains for his service. He is survived by a daughter, Sharon D'Amato, and her husband, Dominic, of Jackson; a son, David Skuse, of Woodbridge; a sister, Lynn Deto, of Venice, FL; four grandchildren, Joseph, Anthony, Erin and Kasey; and his life companion, Eleanor Zane. A funeral service took place on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 11:45 AM at Costello-Greiner Funeral Home ([www.costello-greiner.com](http://www.costello-greiner.com)), 44 Green Street at Barron

Avenue, Woodbridge. Cremation was private. Visitation was on Thursday morning from 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM at the funeral home.



**DAVID M. SMITH** (USA, CWO-Ret.) - Died peacefully in his South Toledo, Ohio home On Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the age of 67. The cause of death was metastatic cancer. He was born December 11, 1948 in Toledo, Ohio. Dave was a Start High School graduate, followed by a tour in Vietnam. He completed his BA from Defiance College. Dave joined the 555<sup>th</sup> Ohio Air National Guard Band, and completed his graduate degree in Music at the University of Michigan, under Dr. William Revelli. Dave made a career of military music, joining first the 84<sup>th</sup> Army Band, Stuttgart, Germany, moving to the 26<sup>th</sup> Army Band, New York City, then getting his first conducting assignment. He was Bandmaster at Fort Sheridan and then went on to lead the Berlin Brigade Band at the height of the cold war. CWO Smith had the great honor of leading the band to welcome President Reagan to Berlin for his "Tear down this wall" speech at the Brandenburg Gate. He taught at the Armed Forces School of Music before retiring. Retirement led Dave home to Toledo, where he met and married his wife, Kathy (née Vanderhorst) Smith. Together they had many great travels and adventures. Dave was active in playing and conducting for a number of community and military association bands. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. Dave is survived by his wife, Kathy; his daughters, Amanda (Matt) Ball and Sarah North, and stepchildren, Chad Burger (Heather Hicks), Stephanie (David) Eichenberg, and Emily Meagher. He was proud of his grandchildren, Hannah, Elizabeth, Leah, and Andrew Ball, and Eden and Ella Eichenberg, and also loved Buddy the Wonderdog. Dave requested no services be conducted and any memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio , 30000 East River Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551.

**EVA JEAN SMITH** – Died Sunday, September 13, 2015 in Conroe, Texas at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Stanton, Texas on April 6, 1932 to the late Charles Eugene McMullin and Estelle (née Wells) Johnson. She married Robert Sanders Smith on June 30, 1968. They lived in Humboldt, Tennessee until his death in 1988 where she was a member of Central Avenue Christian Church. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post #4709 in Conroe, Texas. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Conroe Chapter #734**. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her daughter, Linda Maxwell and two sisters, Betty Hanna and Wanda Harmon. He is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, John and Wynetta McMullin; her sister, Judy Lawson, and; numerous nieces and nephews. Jean was an eccentric sister, aunt and friend who will be missed very much. Funeral services were was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 18, 2015 at Earthman Resthaven Funeral Home, 1310 North Freeway, Houston, Texas. Instead of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jean's name to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post #4709, Post Office Box 1807, Conroe, Texas 77305-1807.

**EVERETT DANNY "Dan" SNEED** – Died Monday, November 2, 2015 in Sonora, California at the age of 69. The cause of death was asphyxia from hanging himself. He was born in Kingsbury, California on August 1, 1946 to the late Everett Daniel Sneed and Della Albert (née Jack) Sneed.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Morris (née Enis) Sneed. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from May 4, 1967 to May 3, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**. He was interred in the Columbia City Cemetery in Columbia, California. Heuton Memorial Chapel handled all the arrangements.



**DR. EUGENE T. SONNLEITNER, D.D.S.** - Died Saturday, July 9, 2016 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 86. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on October 23, 1929 in Oshkosh to the late John N. and Mary (née Maier) Sonnleitner. E.T. "Doc" was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Patricia Ann Cody Sonnleitner. He was also preceded in death by his brothers and sisters: Sr. Mary Theorita, John (Theresa), Carl (Henrietta), Harold (Mary), Otto (Julia), Elizabeth (Walter O'Connell), Alois (Millie) and George (Cecelia). Doc's memory will always be cherished by his five children: Jeff (Kim) Sonnleitner, and Tracy (Larry) Norum of Oshkosh; Pamela (Del) Canon of Wauwatosa, Kathleen Maszk of Appleton, and Susan (Peter) Coffaro of Littleton, Co. He was beloved by his grandchildren: Lindsey (Jay) Kilburg, Bradley (Jenni) Sonnleitner, Erin Canon, Shawn Maszk (Jocelyn Harvell), Matthew and Maria Coffaro, Evan and Lane Norum, and his four great-grandchildren: Mason and Logan Kilburg, Hayden Sonnleitner and Noelani Maszk. He is further survived by his brother-in-law, Paul Cody of Phoenix, AZ, and many nieces and nephews. Doc attended Sacred Heart School and was a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He attended Oshkosh High School and UW-Oshkosh (then Oshkosh State Teachers College) before earning his doctorate degree in dentistry from Marquette University in 1954 where he was a member of Delta Sigma Delta, and served as Class President. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950, and upon completion of dental school he served as a Lieutenant in the U.S Navy Dental Corps, attached to the U.S.S. Delta. Following his tour of duty, he returned to Oshkosh and began his dental practice in 1956. Doc was civically minded throughout his entire life, working hard to better the lives of those around him. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, District Deputy, Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and Bingo Chairman, and served on the State K. of C. Board as State Warden, State Advocate and State Deputy. During his tenure with the Knights, Doc developed their Pro-Life Campaign, Disaster Relief Fund, and established the Tootsie Roll Program for the mentally disabled. He was on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Special Olympics and was past President of both the Wisconsin and Winnebago Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC). In 1979 he was awarded International Volunteer of the Year by the Kennedy Foundation for his extensive work with the Special Olympics. From 1968 through 1972, Doc served on the Common Council for the City of Oshkosh and was Vice-Mayor. He was a member of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge, Toastmasters, Kiwanis, the American and Wisconsin Dental Societies, and Vice-President of the Lion's Club. He was a Boy Scout for over 40 years (Order of the Arrow), and served as Den Leader, Cub Master, Finance Committee Chair, District Commissioner, and was a Camp Fire Girls Leader. He chaired the Oshkosh 4th of July Parade for 20 years and was active with the EAA and the Oshkosh Sawdust Days

Committee. He was past President of the Oshkosh North Booster Club. Doc was always proud of his Naval service, and was a member of the American Legion, VFW Post 1908, Catholic War Veterans, AMVETS, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Oshkosh Chapter #437**, Oshkosh Patriotic Council, Winnebago County Veteran Affairs Committee, U.S. Navy Memorial Association, U.S. Navy Reserve Officers Association, Pearl Harbor Memorial Association, and was President of the U.S.S. Delta Shipmates Association for which he also edited the Deep Six for many years. He was President of the Military Veterans Museum in Oshkosh. Visitation and a celebration of Doc's life was held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Fiss and Bill's Funeral Home, 865 South Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh. Visitation was held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Saint Jude the Apostle Church (Sacred Heart), 519 Knapp Street, Oshkosh, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11:00 AM. Per Doc's request, please wear red, white or blue to celebrate his life. Special thanks to the staff at Bethel Home and the caregivers of Heartland Hospice for all their love and care. In lieu of flowers, Doc has requested that donations be made in his name to the Oshkosh Military Veterans Museum or the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.



**LARRY E. SPRINGFIELD** - Died Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Tennova Healthcare at the age of 68. He was a resident of Clarksville, Tennessee. The cause of death was Agent Orange- related cancer. He was born April 10, 1948, in Sebree, Kentucky to the late Herbert Springfield and Mildred Vivian (née Orrick) Springfield. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Herbert "Herbie" Springfield and sister, Carolyn Salerno. Mr. Springfield was a brick and block mason. He was a United States Army veteran, a member of VFW Post #4895, and a member of American Legion Post #7, where he was an adjutant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarkville Chapter #396**. Larry is survived by his wife, Linda (née Wall) Springfield; two daughters, Melissa Ann Springfield and Stephanie Springfield (Brent) Steward, both of Clarksville; one brother, David Joe Springfield; three sisters, Regina Springfield (Gene) Eades of Buchanan, TN, Patricia Springfield of Adams, TN, and Andrea Springfield (Darin) Rose of Clarksville; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild. The pallbearers were Roger Duprey, Fulton Wilson, Mike Wilson, Dennis Weatherholtz, George Steward, Jr., and Walter VanHousen. The honorary pallbearers were Dillon Conner, Trever Patrick, and Wesley Steward. The funeral service was held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 PM, at the Chapel of Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, with Pastor Jimmy Terry and Chaplain Chuck Clark of VFW Post #4895 officiating. Visitation hours were on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11:00 AM until the hour of service, at the funeral home. The committal service was held on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 AM at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, in Hopkinsville. Arrangements were entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN.

**JEFFREY LEE “Jeff” STACK** - Died Thursday, January 14, 2016 in Hobart, Indiana after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 66 years of age. Jeff was born on July 21, 1949 in Gary, Indiana to the late Loren and Velma Stack. At the age of five, they moved to Hobart and he was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Hobart High School in 1967. In July of 1967, he was hired in at U.S. Steel as a motor inspector operator. He worked there for 36 years. Jeff was in Boy Scouts Explorer Troup #91. He joined the United States Air Force in May 1971 and served until November 1974 as a law enforcement officer. In November of 1969, he met his wife, Sherry, who was the love of his life. They married on September 5, 1970. This past September, they celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have one daughter, Christie Sullivan and two grandchildren. Jeff was a member of the North Porter County Conservation Club, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**, Life Member of the NRA and an NRA firearms instructor. He is survived by his wife: Sherry Stack; daughter: Christie (Doug) Sullivan; two grandchildren: Keira and Kaleigh; precious grandpuppies and many other loving family members and friends. Jeff is preceded in death by his parents, Loren and Velma Stack. Memorial contributions in Jeff’s name may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123. A funeral service for Jeff was on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Rees Funeral Home, Hobart Chapel, 600 West Old Ridge Road, Hobart, Indiana with Pastor Jerry Cleek officiating. Entombment was in the Graceland Cemetery. Visitation hours were held on Monday, January 18, 2016 from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.



**DONALD STEBENNE** - Died peacefully on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in his sleep at home in East Freetown, Massachusetts in the presence of his wife, Brenda Joyce (née Medeiros) Stebenne. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 28, 1950 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts to the late Ruth (née Chapman) Stebenne and Oscar N. Stebenne who survives. He graduated from Dartmouth High School, after which he enlisted in the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He graduated from Southeastern Massachusetts University with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Accounting. He held various positions in the accounting field within the South Coast Region. He has been a long term active member of the Freetown VFW Post #6643. He has been a past Post Commander, past District Commander and past Quarter Master for many years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bedford Chapter #499**. He is the son of the late Ruth Chapman Stebenne and is survived by his father Oscar N. Stebenne, his four siblings Audrey Stebenne of Temple TX, Claire Stebenne of New Bedford, MA, Jane Stebenne of Troy TX and Marianne Stebenne of Dartmouth, MA. He also leaves behind a niece, Michael Shaffer and her husband Dr. Mark Shaffer of Columbia SC, and a nephew Carson Stebenne of Temple TX. Visiting hours were held at the Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford on Sunday April 17, 2016 from 2:00-5:00 PM. His funeral was held on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 9:15 AM followed by a service at 10:15 AM. Burial was in the Assonet Burying Ground.



**CARL RICHARD “Dick” STEIMLE** (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 11, 1931 to the late Carl and Irene Steimle. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Alma Steimle. He was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and earned a Masters from the University of Southern California. He studied further in the Industrial College of Armed Forces, and served two tours in Vietnam. Survivors include his daughters, Carol Anne Cutler (Mike) and Susan Roberts (Tim); brother, John David Steimle; grandchildren, Riley, Hayden, Lindsay and Paul; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. Visitation hours were from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Friday at the Laughlin Service Funeral Home, immediately followed by the service in the chapel. Interment was at the West Point Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.



**MARLYS GAIL STEIN** - Died Saturday, May 7, 2016 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 79. She was formerly of Cottage Grove, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on April 25, 1937 in Slayton, Minnesota to the late Albin and Jennie Nelson. She was also predeceased by her sister, Muriel Manuel; her brother, James; her daughter, Karla; her husbands, Glen and Carl Danes, and; 16 aunts and uncles. She is survived by her son John; grandchildren Jonathon, Jessica (Kevin) Jessen, Angie, Casey, Sunny; five nephews; one niece; sister-in-law Ruth Nelson; many cousins and friends. Marlys had a full life, she hunted, fished, golfed, bowled, boated, volunteered with different organizations, belonged to VFW, American Legion, Moose, Elks, DAV Lioness, Eagles. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Port Richey Chapter #1003**. She attended the different sporting events of her children and traveled the world. She was employed by Braniff and NWA Airlines for 36 years. Marlys lived in Dallas, TX, Kansas City, MO, and Cottage Grove, MN. She retired and moved to Florida in 1996. Her summers were spent at Big Sand Lake at her cabin, and traveled the US in her motor home including Alaska. Funeral service was at Noon on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Lutheran Church, 8100 Belden Boulevard, Cottage Grove with a visitation starting at 11:00 AM. Interment was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred. Please join the family at the VFW in Cottage Grove following the burial.

**JACK L. STEPHENSON** – Died recently in 2016 in Brownstown, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 13, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Southgate Chapter #259**.



**FINCHER STEWART, JR.** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at McCall Hospice House, Simpsonville, South Carolina at the age of 84. He was a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 19, 1931. He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**. The funeral service was on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary with the burial on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM in Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Disabled American Veterans.



**RAYMOND LEE "Pard" STORY** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, May 19, 2016 in Rossville, Georgia at the age of 80. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on July 20, 1935 in Springdale, Arkansas to the late Lawrence Story and Mabel (née Bryant) Sanchez. He was also predeceased by his grandson Danny Haynes. He was a resident of Rossville for over 43 years and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Pard served in the United States Army and received the Bronze star for his service in the Vietnam War before retiring from the military to become a local plumber for the length of his career. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was an avid golfer and was a member of the Battlefield Country Club for many years. Pard was an amazing husband, father, friend, and caregiver to his kitty, Stella. The one thing he loved most is having "big fun" with his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia (née Deems) Story, of Rossville, GA; children, Carlene (Wesley) Bowman, of Harrison, TN, Darlene (Joe) Elmer, of Rossville, GA, Sharon (Casey) Hill, of Locust Grove, GA, Raymond L. Story Jr., of Savannah, GA, Peggy (John Pless) Ellis, of Ringgold GA; grandchildren, Donnie, Jason, Tiffany, Amanda, Brandon, Brittany, Austin, and great-grandchildren, Brianna, Jewels, Kierstin, Caden, Chloe, Wyatt, Weston. Family received friends from 1:00-7:00 PM on Sunday, May 22, 2016 and again on Monday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Wilson Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe, GA. Burial was private. Arrangements were by the W. L. Wilson and Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.



**STEVEN GRANT STRATFORD** - Died Tuesday, January 19, 2016 peacefully at home in American Canyon, California at the age of 65. He battled cancer for several months. He was the oldest of four boys born to Charlene and Spencer (Jerry) Stratford on March 28, 1950 in Vallejo, California. He grew up in Napa and after graduating from Napa High he joined the United States Air Force in 1968 and served as a Sergeant in Vietnam. In the 1980s he studied

psychology and sociology at SSU, maintained a 3.98 GPA and was elected student body president. He enjoyed a successful career in Real Estate, all the while working tirelessly for social change and political fairness. He had a passion for motorcycles and loved to ride the open road on his Harley. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**. Memorial services were held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM at the Las Casitas Mobile Park Clubhouse, 3000 Broadway Street, American Canyon. Military honors were presented at 3:00 PM, at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, followed by a Celebration of Steven's Life at the home of his brother Dennis, 727 Trotter Lane in Napa at 5:30 PM.



**MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN, JR.** - Died peacefully on Friday, June 17, 2016 at his residence at Province Place of DePaul, Virginia at the age of 76. He was a resident of Norfolk, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cornamona, County Galway, Ireland on September 2, 1939 to the late Thomas and Sarah Sullivan. He immigrated to America in 1957 aboard the Mauretania. He joined the United States Navy as a Machinist Mate in 1958 and proudly served his new country over three tours of Vietnam, during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Bay of Pigs. He retired as a Senior Chief in 1978 after 20 years of service. He worked as a senior field engineer for SeaCor and Amsec before his retirement. He was a lifelong member of St. Pius X Catholic Church where he was an usher and member of the Men's Club. He was a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus, Council #367 and a member of the VFW Post #3160 in Ocean View. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tidewater (Norfolk) Chapter #48**. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Mike loved a good card game, a good party and his infamous hat collection. He loved fishing, crabbing and watching sports, especially his Saints and Celtics. He loved taking his grandsons to "Mickey D's" and could beat you every time on Jeopardy. He was the first to help a neighbor and the last to leave if the job wasn't done. Mike loved being Irish, but he was the first to tell you that America was the best country in the world. He was a true patriot. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rose Angela Sullivan and their son, Michael Sullivan, Jr. and three brothers, Tommy, Sean and Paul. Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Annemarie Price (Ron) of Winchester, VA and their three sons, Alec, Eric, and Brady; brothers, Paddy and Peter and sisters, Mary (McElroy) and Sally. The family received friends at a visitation on Wednesday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the Norfolk Chapel of H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments. A Funeral Mass was conducted at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Saint Pius X Catholic Church with Father Nixon Negparanon officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to National Shrine of Saint Jude or Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Online condolences may be offered to the family through [www.hdoliver.com](http://www.hdoliver.com).



**VICTOR PANGELINAN TABIOS** – Died Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in Ypaopao, Dededo, Guam at the age of 66. He was born in Sinajana, Guam on October 27, 1949 to the late Pastor Taburda and Veronica Balajadia Pangelinan and Rica Maria Perez Tuncap Tabios. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann Cruz Salas Tabios; his son, Joseph Tabios; his daughter, Jayshabel Marie Benavente Tabios, and; many many relatives. Mass of Intention was offered at Saint Jude Thaddeus Church in Sinajana at 7:00 PM on Monday thru Thursday, Friday at 10:30 AM and on Sunday at 5:00 PM. Last Respects for Victor were held on Thursday January 28, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM at Saint Jude Thaddeus Church, Sinajana. A Mass for Christian Burial was offered at 1:00 PM. Interment services were at the Pigo Cemetery, Anigua.

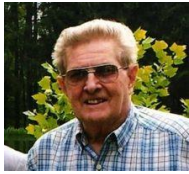
**JERRY LOUIS THOMPSON** - Died Thursday, June 23, 2016 at his home in the Peaceful Valley community on Nettleton, Mississippi while surrounded by his family. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He was born in Columbus, Mississippi on July 19, 1946 to the late Homer Louis and Kathryn (née Boone) Thompson of Jackson, Mississippi. He grew up and went to school in the Jackson, Mississippi area and served four years in the United States Marine Corps, earning a Purple Heart and an honorable discharge as a combat veteran. He served from August 13, 1963 to September 29, 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mooreville Chapter #842**. He attended the Cardsville Baptist Church. He was an avid outdoorsman and sports fan, active in his church and community, and took great interest in veterans' affairs and issues. Before being injured in an industrial accident, he worked as a journeyman electrician for JESCO, Inc. In addition to his parents, He preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Johnny "Sonny" Thompson of the Jackson area; and his in-laws, Coy and Clytee Bean. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sarah Elizabeth (née Bean) Thompson; two sons, Matthew Thompson of New Orleans and Marcus Thompson (Marcie) of Lawrence, KS; his in-laws include Ginger Thompson, Diane Rock (Roy), David Bean (Nancy); his nephews include Andy Bean (Kathy), Jeff Thompson, Jamie Rock (Beth), Josh Bean (Nicole), and Cody Bean (Laken); his nieces include Lynn Thompson, Jennifer Lowery (Colin), Debbie Bales (Pat), Leslie May (Robert), Amy Joe Hoffman (Raymond), and Lacey Jean Cox (Jason). He is also survived by numerous great-nieces and great-nephews, as well as cousin Carolyn Dill-Barnes. Services were held at 2:30 PM on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at the McNeece-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Fulton with Brother Mike Todd officiating. Burial was in the Bourland Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at the funeral home. Pallbearers were provided by the Marine Corps League Honor Guard Detachment #1220. Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Dale Moore, Barry Green, Donnie Bennett, and Lathan Walton. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Vietnam Replica Wall at [createfoundation.com](http://createfoundation.com) or by mail to the Create Foundation, 213 West Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804.



**MARGARITO CANO "Gunny" VASQUEZ** - Died Friday, February 24, 2012 in Houston, Texas due to Liver Cancer. He was 77 years of age. He was born in Bastrop, Texas on July 20, 1934 to the late Rosalio and Paula (née Cano) Vasquez. He is survived by his sister, Hortencia as the last member of his siblings. He is survived by his loving wife Consuelo of 54 years; his daughters Debra Ann, Margie and Michelle; his sons Michael, Martin and Monte, 22 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. "Semper Fidelis" represents Dedication and Loyalty to Country and Corps, even after retirement from the United States Marine Corps. His love for the Marines ran through his blood and filled his heart with pride that showed through diligence and commitment. He signified every bit of "Semper Fidelis", dedicating countless hours and days towards helping veterans. He was also part of numerous organizations dedicated to the betterment of the Marines. All branches of Services respected him for his outstanding leadership in the community and mentor to his fellow brothers and family. Gunny was the Co-Founder of the City of Houston Veterans Memorial Park, Co- Founder of the A. A. Avalos Det. #671 of the Marine Corps League, Life member and past Commander of the San Jacinto Chapter #1 of the Disabled American Veterans, Board member of the Tejano Associates for Historical Preservation, member of the Center for Military History, "Gathering of Eagles of Houston", Founder of the Incarcerated Veterans of Texas and organized the Christmas parties for the families of the kids with Down syndrome. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Conroe Chapter #734**. Gunny helped put scores of ceremonies to have our Veterans & Gold Star Mother at the Veterans Park, Houston National Veterans Cemetery and the Houston Veteran Hospital. He was on the committee that renamed 67<sup>th</sup> Street in Houston to Ceasar Chavez Blvd. The dedication of the State Hwy 225 in Houston TX., the Juan Seguin Memorial Expressway & renaming the Rd. 1836 that leads into the San Jacinto Battle ground. A visitation with the family was held today beginning at Noon until 9:00 PM in the Compean Main Chapel. A prayer service was held at 9:30 AM on Friday, March 2, 2012 in the Main Chapel. Interment was in the Houston National Cemetery at 11:30 AM where Gunny was laid to rest with full Military Honors.

**RAYMOND PAUL VENTI** - Died on Wednesday February 10, 2016 at Community Medical Center in Toms River, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on February 26, 1948 in Neptune, New Jersey to the late Louis and Mildred Venti and lived in Morristown, New Jersey before moving to Berkeley Township, New Jersey over 10 years ago. Raymond proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the VFW and attended the annual convention in Atlantic City, NJ for many years. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. Surviving are his sister and caretaker Patricia McIlvaine of Berkeley Township, NJ; his brother Jack Venti of New Egypt, NJ and his children David and Lea. Burial took place on Wednesday February 17, 2016 at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Wrightstown, New Jersey in the chapel for a 10:00 AM service. The Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals 145

Saint Catherine Boulevard, Toms River, NJ is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.ryanfuneralhome.com](http://www.ryanfuneralhome.com).



**THOMAS OLIVER VINCENT** - Died Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 73. He was a resident of Fairmont, West Virginia. The cause of death was complications from exposure to Agent Orange. He was born in Fairmont on September 10, 1941 to the late Samuel T. "Buster" and Gladys D. (née Oliver) Vincent. After Tom graduated from East Fairmont High School in June of 1960, he enlisted and proudly served his country in the United State Air Force. He served the last year of his enlistment in Vietnam. On September 8, 1963 Tom married his loving wife of 51 years, Carolyn R. (née Montgomery) Vincent in Winchester, Virginia just before he left to serve in Vietnam. Tom held several jobs during his life; as a motorcycle mechanic, school bus driver, Sharon Steel as a Coke oven operator, guard for Sharon Steel Corp. and canteen manager at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7048. He held memberships in numerous organizations. He was a Life member of the VFW Post #7048, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – White Hall Chapter #874**, American Legion, Cooties Pup Tent#1, and the Military Veteran's Council of Marion County. He was Commander of the VFW Post #7048 for 13 years. He served on the Military Veteran's Council committee that planned and built the Veteran's Plaza. He held the office of President of the Council for 17 years. Tom is survived by his precious children and grandchildren. His children, Shannon C. Harper and her husband John, Thomas "Blaine" Vincent; and his grandchildren, Dakoda P. Harper and his wife Savanah, Krysten Harper and Seth T. Vincent. He is also survived by his brother and dearest friend, Ronald L. Vincent and his wife Charlotte of Fairmont and nephews, Brian Vincent and James Vincent. In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Anne Vincent; his grandparents, Francis and Nora Vincent and Shady and Gazelle Oliver and a nephew, Ronald Bradley Vincent. Tom was a very loving, supportive, giving, loyal and hardworking son, brother, husband, father and friend who will be greatly missed. He loved working with his hands, building and fixing numerous things. He was a member of Everlasting Covent Church and had a deep faith in our Lord and treated everyone with respect and kindness. Family and friends came calling at the Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street, Fairmont on Thursday from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Friday from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM. The funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home with Tom's dearest friend, Pastor Rex Musgrove officiating. Interment was at the Grandview Memorial Gardens. Full military honors were conducted at graveside by the Marion County Veterans Council Honor Guard.



**JAMES ROBERT "Jimmy" WALL** – Died Thursday, October 29, 2015 in Gueydan, Louisiana at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to Ben R. Wall and the former Dorothy Mae (née Bourgeois) Wall on June 16, 1951 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Jimmy graduated from Istrouma High School class of 1969. He was a proud United States Army Veteran, serving in Korea and in the



Vietnam War with the rank of Sergeant. He was a member of the American Legion and a life member of the VFW and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**. He loved his country, his family and his God. Jimmy retired with Freeport Sulphur as a First Class Foreman with 26 years of service. He then worked with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office as a Deputy. He was a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of Gueydan, LA. He married the love of his life, Ora Mae Bourque on March 31, 1973, in Gueydan at the First Baptist Church. Jimmy is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Ora Mae (née Bourque) Wall; his daughter Mary Elizabeth Wall Mouton; his son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin Thomas Wall and Courtney Leigh (née LeJeune) Wall; his son and daughter-in-law, Sidney Ira Wall and Jenée (née LeBlanc) Wall; his nephew but adopted son, Michael Wade Bourque and his wife Nicole Bourque; his grandchildren, Cecilia Grace Wall, Ava Rose Wall, John Thomas Wall, Madison Matte and Londyn Kate Wall; his sisters, Deborah Lynn Beaver and husband Ron and Donna Dean Prest and husband Byron; his brother-in-law, Arlon Glenn Bourque and sisters-in-law, Mary Dean Bourque and Becki Bourque; his "second mother" Bea Causey. Jimmy also leaves numerous nieces and nephews and adopted Sister Barbara Nell Lee McCaig. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, father and mother-in-law, Sidney and Dorothy Fisher Bourque, brothers-in-law, Orin Kenneth Bourque and John Paul Bourque. Funeral services to honor Jimmy's life were held at the First Baptist Church in Gueydan, LA on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Troy Duhon officiating. Burial was in the Gueydan Cemetery with full military rights. Visitation was held at the Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Gueydan on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 PM until 8:00 PM with a Fallen Warriors Ceremony at 6:00 PM and resume on Monday at 9:00 AM until the time of his funeral service. Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews and Son Funeral Home.

**WORTHY W. "Red" WALLACE, JR.** - Died Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in Springfield, Ohio at the age of 70. He was a resident of London, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 6, 1946 in South Vienna, Ohio to the late Wayne and Mary Jane (née Downing) Wallace. A former farmer, Worthy had been in construction most of his life and had served in the United States Navy during Vietnam. He was a member of the West Jefferson VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Brenda (née Shope) Wallace; daughter, Paula Molen; son, Greg Wallace; grandchildren, Cheyenne (TJ) Allshouse, Sierra (Derek) Youngpeter, Tim Wallace, Daniel Wallace, Hayley Molen and Dylan Wallace; great-grandchildren, Macie Maxel and Wyatt Allshouse; brother, Ronald (Jean) Wallace; uncle, Harry Lee (Patty) Downing; sister-in-law, Jane Rouch; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, two infant sisters and a daughter, Holly Wallace Elfrink. The funeral service was held at 7:00 PM on Friday in the Eberle-Fisher Funeral Home and Crematory, 103 North Main Street, London. Friends came calling at the funeral home from 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday. The family suggested donations to a favorite charity or the OSU Hematology/Oncology Department.

**JOSEPH W. "Joe" WANEMAKER** - Died Saturday, April 9, 2016 in Bowmansville, New York, after a brief illness. He was 69 years of age. He was born on September 25, 1946 in Buffalo, New York. He served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force during the

Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was the dear husband of Karen; proud father of Jaclyn (fiancé, Sean Kelly) and the late Edward Wanemaker; kind stepfather of Laura Dutton; brother of William (Shirley) and the late Frank (Joyce) Wanemaker, and; also survived by nieces and a nephew. Family received relatives and friends at the Wendel and Loecher, Inc. Funeral Home, 27 Aurora Street, Lancaster, New York on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM with a Mass of Christian Burial being celebrated at Queen of Martyrs Roman Catholic Church, Cheektowaga, New York on Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM. Please assemble at church. Joe was the owner of the company Security Communication Systems, which installed burglar and fire alarms. Flowers gratefully declined.



**WILLIAM PAUL WENDELL** - Died Sunday, July 26, 2015 at Hillcrest Commons at the age of 67. He was a resident of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 10, 1948 in Pittsfield to Rene Wendell and the late Mary Bernice (née Gleason) Wendell. He attended schools in Pittsfield and was a 1965 graduate of Pittsfield High School. William was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran serving from 1967 until being honorably discharged in 1970. He was a self-employed contractor for many years retiring in 2003. He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW, the Pittsfield Sportsman Club, the NRA and the Onota Fishing Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pittsfield Chapter #65**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing. He leaves his father, Rene Wendell of Pittsfield; two brothers, Alfred Wendell and his wife Wendy of Pittsfield and Rene Wendell, Jr. of Sheffield; a sister, Corinne Mays and her husband Paul of Pittsfield; his aunt, Claire Dunshee of Vermont, and; many nieces, nephews and cousins including Carol Martin of Pittsfield and his good friend and caregiver, Gloria Gennari of Pittsfield. He also leaves his cherished friend his dog Stinky. William was predeceased by a sister, Marie Wendell; a stepsister, Ann Martinelli; a niece, Kathleen Martinelli, and; his stepmother, Agnes Soutier Wendell. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 8:15 AM from the Dery Funeral Home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9:00 AM at Saint Joseph Church, celebrated by the Reverend Monsignor Michael Shershanovich, pastor. Burial with full military honors were conducted at the family plot at Saint Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours were held on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society or to the Disabled American Veterans, both in care of the Dery Funeral Home 54 Bradford Street Pittsfield, MA 01201.



**GEORGE HILTON WHATLEY** - Died Friday, June 17, 2016 at his residence in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 71. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born July 25, 1944 in Fitzgerald, Georgia to the late Grady William and Dorothy Mae (née Haley) Whatley. He was a 1964 graduate of Fitzgerald High School and attended South Georgia Technical College. He was a certified electrician and welder. He served his country honorably in the United States Army, stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. Mr. Whatley worked as a salesman for Columbia Insurance and National Insurance. He owned and operated Whatley Enterprises, managing rental property and automated teller machines. He was an avid fisherman and dancer. He was an active member of the community including the Elks Lodge, American Legion Post #99, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082* and formerly a member of the Georgia State Defense Force. He was a member of Crossview Baptist Church. He is survived by his companion, Laura Hastings of Fitzgerald; a sister, Gail & James Campbell of Fitzgerald; nieces and nephews, William Scott Luke of Carrabelle, Florida, Cristi Spivey Luke of Fitzgerald, Georgeann and Mark Cook of Davisboro, Amanda Batten of Amelia Island, Florida, and Rebecca and Brian Braddy of Fitzgerald; great-nieces and nephews: Austin Luke, Elias Batten, Haley Braddy, Mac Batten, Anna Luke, Ashley Braddy, Allie Braddy, and Mason Whatley Batten; and a life-long friend, Tommy Lee Hobbs of Douglas. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Gradine Luke. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 20, 2016 at The Paulk Funeral Home Chapel in Fitzgerald with Minister Mike Moore officiating. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery. The family received friends from 7:00-9:00 PM on Sunday evening at the funeral home in Fitzgerald.

**WILLIAM ROBERT WHEALY** (USA, CW4-Ret.) - Died Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 15, 1944 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista Chapter #1093*. In 1963 Bill graduated from Royal York Collegiate Institute. He was married to Suzanne who survives him. The Memorial Service was at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church. Military Honors were at 2:00 PM on Wednesday March 23, 2016 in the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.



**ALBERT C. WILLIAMS** - Died Saturday, July 16, 2016 at his residence in Daleville, Alabama at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he lived the early years of his life. He enlisted in the United States Army serving two combat tours in Vietnam and retired after 20 years of service. He was later employed in Army aviation maintenance until his retirement in 2011. He was a lifetime member

of VFW Post #6020, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373*, a Master Mason of Carmichael Lodge #548, a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Noble of Alcazar Shrine Temple, and Wiregrass Shrine Club where he served two terms as club president. Survivors include his wife, Wiltrud Williams; his sons, Louis, Richard, and Robert; his daughter, Sandra Steele; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his brother, Louis Williams; his sister, Louise Williams; very special friends, Jerry Glenn, Ray and Joyce Matheson. Robert Byrd of the Sunset Memorial Park Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Funeral Services were held at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Jim Smith officiating. Military Honors and Masonic Rites were in the Sunset Memorial Park with Robert Byrd of Sunset Funeral Home directing. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home.



**PAUL WILLOUGHBY III** - Died Thursday, July 14, 2016 at his residence in Evergreen, North Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Evergreen on April 19, 1948 to the late Paul and Magelene (née Smith) Willoughby, Jr. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Lee Willoughby. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army for eight years. He did two tours of duty in Vietnam from 28 July 1968 to 27 July 1969 and again from 13 May 1972 to 26 February 1973. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962*. He leaves to cherish him memory, his wife of 29 years, Linda Jean (née Bass) Willoughby of the home; three children, Michael Shane Willoughby of Raleigh, Gwen Daniels and husband, Terry and Tina Coleman and husband, Chris of both of Evergreen; four grandchildren, Tanner Daniels, Megan Daniels, Cameron Coleman Selena Bullock. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday at Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourn, North Carolina. Final rites were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 18, 2016 at Worthington Funeral Home with Reverend Rodney Evers officiating. Interment was in the Willoughby Cemetery, Evergreen.



**D. L. WILSON** - Died Wednesday, June 22, 2016 in a Chattanooga hospital in Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Cleveland, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 29, 1943 to the late Charlie Hall Wilson and Eldon D. Wilson. His granddaughters, Hope Fowler and Briley Wilson also preceded him in death. D. L. was a proud United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam in the Military Police. He was the former President and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston Chapter #596* and former Chaplain of the Disabled American Veterans where he is a lifetime member of both organizations. He was retired from Rubbermaid with over 16 years of service as a mechanist. D. L. loved to read and his favorite author was Louis L'Amour. He loved all of his dogs especially "Sissy" and "Choc". D. L. was known for his sense of humor and he loved to talk. He never met a stranger! He has held credentials with the Baptist Church to preach since 1978. He was an

active member of the Ball Play Baptist Church where he has served as Deacon for the past 3 years. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Gail Epperson Wilson of Cleveland, his daughters, April Fowler and her husband Chuck of Cleveland, Deidre Guffey of Ocoee, his sons, Rodney Wilson and his wife Bonnie of Benton, Corey Wilson and his wife Lindsay of Old Fort, his grandchildren, Jacob Wilson and his wife Elizabeth, Rebekah Wilson, Kacie, Rachael and Lilly Fowler, Dillon and Jax Guffey, Mikaila, Mason, Jesse and Avery Wilson, his sisters, Mary Jo Davis of Old Fort, Loretta Sherrill of Cedartown, Georgia, his brothers, Mac Wilson and his wife Irene of Crandall, Georgia, Larry Wilson and his wife Lisa of Chatsworth, Georgia and several nieces and nephews also survive. The Remembrance of Life Service was conducted on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 2:00 PM from the Ball Play Baptist Church in Polk County with Pastor Mike Rymer and Pastor Matthew Harris officiating. Interment was in the Church Cemetery with Mason Wilson, Corey Wilson, Casey Fowler, Jacob Wilson, Dillon Guffey, Jonathan Davis, Jeffrey Wilson and Chuck Fowler serving as casket bearers. Military honors were given. A Dove release concluded the services. The body was available to be viewed from 1:00 PM until the service time at 2:00 PM at the Ball Play Baptist Church on Sunday. The family received friends from 5:00 until 9:00 PM on Saturday at the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Chapel who was charge of the arrangements.

**STEPHEN HOWARD WILSON** – Died recently in 2016 in Eugene, Oregon at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 12, 1952. He is survived by his wife, Karen. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon**.

**BRIAN H. WIRPSA** - Died Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at his home in Acworth, Georgia at the age 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related ischemic heart disease and end-stage kidney disease. He was born in Rochester, New York on March 16, 1950. He served his country in the United States Army, stationed in Vietnam from November 8, 1969 to October 22, 1970 and attained the rank of Specialist 5 (E-5). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He worked at Kodak in New York, Mexico and China, Heidelberg, and the State of Georgia. He started a consulting business and taught classes on international business and ethics. He received degrees from RIT and Notre Dame. Brian enjoyed classic cars, trips to Disney and Sanibel, Notre Dame Football, golfing, mentoring veterans, and thoughtful conversation. He was a member of Good Shepherd and Reformation Lutheran churches. He is loved and survived by his wife, Eileen; children, Erin (Geoff) Eisenberg, Kelly (Shaun) Reale; grandchildren, Macklen and Genevieve; sister, Barb (Tom) Young; and close friends and family. In lieu of flowers send donations to National Kidney Foundation or Pets for Vets.



**THOMAS LEE WOOTEN** - Died Friday, July 22, 2016 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 81. He was a resident of Geronimo, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 7, 1934 in Louisa, Kentucky to the late Russell Lee Wooten and Elizabeth Tennessee (née Stepp) Wooten. He grew up in Louisa, attending grade school and junior high,

while spending his summers working at Louisa Supply Co., also known as "The Big Mill," owned by his paternal grandparents, L.C. and Cora Wooten. He attended Millersburg Military Academy in Millersburg, Kentucky in 1949. Thomas and his family moved to Florida in 1950 where he graduated from Lakeland Senior High in 1953. Thomas entered the US Army on October 19, 1954. He served in the Vietnam War, earning several medals and achievements including: Good Conduct Medal (Sixth Award), Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, National Defense Service Medal, and a Meritorious Service Medal. Thomas was a member of the Geronimo Lions Club (1987-1990) and lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Thomas retired from the United States Army on July 1, 1975 as a Staff Sergeant. Thomas married Lisa Reiko Matsuo on October 15, 1957 in Yokohama, Japan. Following his retirement, they moved to Geronimo, Oklahoma. Lisa passed away on April 3, 2014. He is survived by his daughters, Judy and husband James Halstead, of Lawton, Diana Tinker, of Geronimo, Elizabeth and Katherine Wooten, both of Lawton, and Carolyn Wooten, of Geronimo; one sister, Elizabeth and husband Gary Smith, of Atlanta, GA; one sister in law, Shirley Wooten, of Lakeland, FL; four grandchildren, Naomi and husband Robert Fogel of Lawton, Brandi Donnelly and Juan Salazar of Jacksboro, TX, and Shannon and Andrea Halstead, both of Lawton; 6 great grandchildren, Colin Donnelly, Jason Blalock, Taylor Donnelly, Hayden Fogel, Austin Salazar, and Ava Fogel. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lisa Wooten; his parents, Russell and Elizabeth; and one brother, John Wooten. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at the Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel with full military honors. Special viewing and visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, July 25, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home.

**THOMAS L. "Tom" WRIGHT** – Died Friday, February 27, 2015 in Corvallis, Montana at the age of 77. The cause of death was heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Williston, North Dakota on January 11, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Joyce. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton with Pastor Doug Peterson officiating. Military honors were presented by the United States Navy and the Corvallis American Legion. Private family urn placement took place at a later date. The family suggested memorials to the Disabled American Veterans.

**JOHN J. "Jack" YOUNG III** – Died Thursday, April 21, 2016 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 20, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Karen, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**.





**JAMES R. "Jim" ZANGE** - Died Friday, July 1, 2016 in The Villages, Florida. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on April 22, 1943 in West Dundee, Illinois. Jim was an honorably discharged Veteran to the United States Navy and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. He and his wife of 13 years Joyce enjoyed many cruises, extravagant trips visiting other countries, and cultures. His hobbies included; playing golf, participating in many social clubs, and visiting with family. He adored all his grandkids and some of his brightest moments were spent with them. He had a jovial spirit, and always was ready for a jab or joke. Jim is survived by his devoted wife Joyce; his four loving daughters, Beth Zange-Sellers (Sam), Kristy Hopkins (Dave), Karen Seymour-Ells (Mike), Kelly Saelens (Jim); stepchildren Laura Jull (Earl), Todd Tennell (Cari), Brad Tennell; and 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Visitation was held July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake (76 West Crystal Lake, Crystal Lake 60014) at 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM with services and luncheon that followed. In lieu of flowers, donations to Bethany Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake and American Heart Association are appreciated.



**JOHN T. ZAWADA** - Died Thursday, June 30, 2016 in Cheektowaga, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 24, 1947 in Buffalo, New York to the late Thomas Zawada and Martha (née Kaczmariski) Zawada. He was a former Mail Carrier at the US Post Office in Cheektowaga, NY. John was a United States Vietnam Army veteran and member of the VFW Joseph Hriczko Post #6245. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was the beloved husband of Christine (née Buziak) Zawada; devoted father of Joseph (Betty) Zawada and Jeffrey (Shannon) Zawada; grandfather of Jack, Bradley, Jonathan, Jayden and Harrison; brother of Theresa Sitarski, and; also survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. Family received friends and relatives on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM at the Pietszak Funeral Home, 2400 William Street (near Harlem) where services were held on Wednesday at 9:15 AM and at Infant of Prague Catholic Church at 10:00 AM.

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

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

**National Chaplain**

