



PEGGY COOKE ANDERSON - Died passed away Friday, September 16, 2016, in Conway, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Conway on September 7, 1942, to the late Harry L. and Vera Lorene (née Singleton) Cooke. She was a member of the Sunshine Sunday School Class, First Baptist Conway. She was also a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Surfside Beach Chapter #925*, DAV, Conway Lioness Club, National Radiological Society, Red Hat Society and the Association for Retarded Citizens. Mrs. Anderson was a 1960 graduate of CHS, as well as, the Conway Hospital School of Radiology, working at both the 9th and Bell Streets location and current Conway Medical Center. Interestingly, she was born at Conway Hospital, graduated from Conway Hospital, got married in the Chapel at Conway Hospital and upon her husbands' retirement, purchased and moved into the house that was the original Conway Hospital. She also worked for many years at Ocean View and Grand Strand General. She was predeceased by her husband, Captain Thomas J. Anderson (U.S. Army, Ret.), a brother, Mack Cooke and a sister, Lori Nicholson. The family would like to thank her caregivers with Agape Hospice and Carolina Gardens, as well as her church sisters and many friends who visited and checked on her regularly. Surviving are one son, Thomas "Tom" J. Anderson II and his wife, April of Conway, two grandchildren, Caroline Rembrett Anderson and Thomas J. Anderson III, one sister, Susan Githens (Monroe) of Conway, and two nieces, Hannah N. Maxey (Hayden) and Susannah Nicholson. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Conway, burial was at the High Point Baptist. In lieu of flowers or memorials, please take time to brighten the day of a friend with a call, card or a visit. Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



LAWRENCE "Larry" BABITTS - Died Tuesday, October 27, 2015, in Ormond Beach, Florida at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born December 8, 1930, in Coney Island, New York to the late Abraham and Rose Babitts. He was a career United States Army Korea and Vietnam veteran who was twice awarded the Purple Heart Medal and Bronze Star Medal in addition to the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and Armies of Occupation Medals. After his career in the US Army, Larry worked as an Army JROTC instructor at Pennsylvania's Scotland School for Veterans Children and in a number of county, state, and national roles aiding and serving veterans. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048**. He retired from government service in 2005 as the US Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Services Director for the State of Pennsylvania. As a lifelong labor Democrat and Zionist, Larry was involved with many local and state Democrat party chapters, numerous synagogue and Israel solidarity organizations, and was a relentless and passionate advocate and fighter for equal rights and dignity for all. Larry

remained a diehard Philadelphia Phillies fan who loved to take in a game with family and friends and a bag of peanuts by his side. His love for baseball was only equaled by his love of reading, crossword puzzles, travel, lamb chops, bad puns, cocktails, and loud conversation. Larry was buried with full military honors at Jacksonville National Cemetery on October 30th. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, two sons, Paul and Gerard, daughter-in-law, Michelle, and two grandsons, William and Nathaniel. Memorial donations may be made to Jerry Doliner Food Bank, 470 Andalusia Avenue, Ormond Beach FL 32174.

RONADLE CLIFFORD BARR - Died Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 65. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Birmingham on December 29, 1950, to the late Billy B. Barr, Sr. and Rosa Lee Barr. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Billy B. Barr, Jr. and Larry A. Barr and his soul mate, Mary Meadows. He is survived by his daughter, April Michelle (Josh) Lusk of Brownsville, TN.; sons, Ronadle Clifford Barr, Jr. (Dawn Fisher) of Brownsville, TN., Benjamin David (Jessica) Barr of Corinth, MS. And Donald Joseph Barr of Brownsville TN.; sisters, Barbara Choy, CA. and Joyce Hill; brothers, Thomas L. (Brenda) Barr, James M. (Elizabeth) Barr, GA.; sister-in-law, Earlene Barr; grandchildren, Morgan Nichole Simpson, Riley Wilson Lusk and Lincoln David Barr; step-grandchildren, Addison Lynn Wright, Lane Harold Lusk and Randal Mark Lusk. He was a Private 1st Class in the United States Army and served his country in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416*. A Memorial Service was celebrated on Monday, October 10, 2016, at 9:30 AM at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama.



DARRELL E. BARRETT, SR. – Died Saturday, August 13, 2016, in Titusville, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death was acute chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and coronary artery disease. He was one of seven children. He was born on October 17, 1947, in Fayetteville, West Virginia to the late Eugene and Gertrude (née Rorabaugh) Barrett. Darrell joined the United States Army and completed one tour in Vietnam. After his honorable service, he soon met the love of his life, Carol and together they raised four children. He retired as a maintenance mechanic and moved to Titusville, FL in 2004 coming from Janesville, WI. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236*. Darrell was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Saint Teresa Catholic Church. He also enjoyed attending various classic car clubs, where he was happy to show off his red 1976 Camaro. He will be remembered as a wonderful and dedicated husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend. Darrell leaves memories to be cherished by his wife of 42 years, Carol; children, Darrell Jr. (Rebecca), Angelica Mitchner (Ronnell), Erin Staiduhar and Shana Thompson; sister, Jane Williams (John); mother-in-law, Glorietta Burns; 8 adoring grandchildren; his pup, Taz and grand pups, James and Cocoa; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 27, 2016, at the Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, 203 Ojibway Avenue, Titusville, Florida. In lieu of flowers,

donations may be made in memory of Darrell to: Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 - www.stjude.org

GERALD L. BIEDENKAPP – Died Monday, June 1, 2015, in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Baltimore on March 14, 1953. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**.



WILBUR C. BISHOF (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Thursday, October 6, 2016 at Jersey Shore Univ. Medical Center, Neptune, New Jersey at the age of 86. He was a resident of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on July 3, 1930 to the late Wilbur and Mildred Bishof and resided in Port Monmouth before moving to Atlantic Highlands in 1952. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars serving in the United States Army. He entered Military service in 1947 and served 9 years as an enlisted man before accepting a commission in 1956, serving as a Platoon Leader, Company Commander and Battalion Staff Officer, followed by duty on the 50th Armored Division Staff. In 1967 he volunteered for recall to active duty, went to Fort Dix and Fort Bragg. As an RF-PF advisor in Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star with V for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge during the TET Offensive. Also awarded was a second Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, The Air Medal, The Vietnamese Medal of Honor, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 4 Campaign Stars and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation. While with the Communications-Electronics Agency at Fort Monmouth he received the Meritorious Service Medal. He returned to the ARNG in 1971 as Commander of the 250th Signal Battalion. In 1974 he went to the Pentagon for a four-year statutory tour with the Department of the Army. For this tour he received a second Meritorious Service Medal and the Department of the Army General Staff Identification Badge. He then went to the Air Force War College, Graduating in 1979 returning to NJ with duties in STARC as Director of Facilities Engineering and retired in 1987. As a civilian Col. Bishof had a career at GM. After retirement he served 4 years as Director of Public Works in Union Beach, and 3 years as Business Administrator in the Boro of Atlantic Highlands where he also served on the Planning Board and Sewerage Authority. He also served as President of the Central New Jersey Chapter of Military Officers Assoc. of America. He was Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 527, was a trustee and Adjutant of the VFW Post #2179 and Post Commander of the American Legion Post #141. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Col. Bishof was a graduate of Monmouth College with BA and MBA degrees and a communicant of Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Atlantic Highlands. Col. Bishof was also predeceased by his brother, Charles Bishof, a son, Philip Bishof, his first wife Mary A. Bishof in 1995 and his second wife, Elizabeth G. Bishof in 2016. He is survived by his son, Stephen Bishof and daughters, Susan Bishof, Marianne Haladej, Ava Maguire, Carol Scott and his brother Paul Bishof He is also

survived by his 7 grandchildren, Ryan McMahon, William Livingston, Serena Alexander, Anthony Maguire & Christina Haladej along with 9 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Friday at 10:00 AM from Posten's Funeral Home, 59 East Lincoln Avenue at Central and East Garfield Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ. Relatives and friends were invited to call at the funeral home on Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Interment was in Fair View Cemetery, Middletown, NJ.



ROGER DALE BLOSSER - Died Thursday June 30, 2016 at the Monongalia General Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia surrounded by his loving family. He was 67 years of age and resident of Bretz, West Virginia. He was born July 27, 1948 in Morgantown, West Virginia to the late Melvin and Marie (née Collins) Blosser. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He retired as a Staff Sergeant from the 201st Artillery of the West Virginia Army National Guard at Camp Dawson after 21 years; he was deployed for Desert Storm. He then worked at Pine View Lanes in Reedsville where he was a mentor of the Preston county Youth Bowling Leagues. Roger also worked for 13 years at Sheetz in Morgantown. He was an active *Life Member* of Preston county **Vietnam Veterans of America – Masontown Chapter #977** and VFW Post #1589 in Masontown where he served on the Funeral Honor Detail for Veterans of Preston County for many years. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Roger loved to hunt, fish, and the outdoors. Roger lived with his aunt Oleda and family, his Aunt Geraldine and family, and Melvin and Helen and family until he married at the age of 24. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Karen (née Lowdermilk) Blosser; 4 sons: Roger D. Blosser, Jr. (Leslie), Timothy L. Blosser (Roxanne), Jamie P. Blosser (Richard Moniger), and Patrick G. A. Blosser (Brandy Davis); five brothers: Rick Blosser, Donald Cale, Rev. Larry Cale (Donna), David Cale, Rick Cale (Danelle); five sisters: Brenda Strahin (James), Kim Kisner (Anthony), Terrieny Moats (John), Roseanne Whetsell, and Ruth Ann Martin (John); five grandsons: Dustin, Bryson, Jacob, Andrew, and Zack; step-granddaughter Alexis; two step-great granddaughters Taylor and Chelsea; sister-in-law Carolyn Cale; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his stepmother Helen Cale-Blosser; two brothers: Melvin Charles Blosser and John Cale; and son-in-law David F. Mayfield. Funeral services which honor Roger's Patriotism were on Monday July 4, 2016. Those presiding were Elders Robert and Paul Bolyard. Interment was at the Mount Zion Cemetery. Full military honors were accorded by the Honor Guards of U.S. Marine Corps, WV Army National Guard, Preston County VFWs, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #977. In lieu of flowers please send memorial contributions to: VVA # 977, P.O. Box 53, Masontown, WV 26542. Morgan Funeral Home was honored to serve the Blosser family.



DAVID W. BOHM - Died Saturday, July 23, 2016 in Richmond, Wisconsin due to complications from exposure to Agent Orange at the age of 65. The exact cause of death was ischemic heart disease. He was born on October 12, 1950 in Shawano, Wisconsin to the late Lawrence and Linda (née Wendorff) Bohm. He grew up in Shawano, graduating from Shawano High School in 1969. Following graduation, he proudly served his country in Vietnam as a soldier in the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star while serving as team leader during military operation in Thua Thein Province, Vietnam, Operation Lem Son 719. He was presented the Army Commendation Medal for his "actions which were instrumental in the overall success of the mission." On August 25, 1973, David was united in marriage to the former Patti Marcks at Saint Jakobi Lutheran Church, Town of Richmond. The couple was blessed with two children, whom he was so very proud of. David was employed by the Shawano County Highway Department as a heavy equipment operator for 30 years, retiring in 2005. He is a member of Saint Jakobi Lutheran Church, Town of Richmond. He was also an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Wisconsin**, the NRA, and the Wisconsin Bowhunters. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, the woods, his garden, and beating Patti at Yahtzee. He especially enjoyed teasing his grandchildren and was looking forward to the birth of his great-granddaughter in November. David is survived by his loving wife, Patti; his daughter, Tara (Ward Peterson) Bohm; his son, Jake (Katie) Bohm; five grandchildren, Taylor Gumieny (special friend, Brandon), Skye Lee Bohm, Gabe Bohm, Hudson Bohm, and Brooks Bohm, all of Shawano; two brothers, Larry (Brenda) Bohm of Tilleda, and Mike Bohm of Shawano; sisters-in-law, Judy Splitgerber of Appleton, Pam (Randy) Mielke of Silver Cliff, and Dawn (Gary) Schmidt of Shawano; brothers-in-law, Tim (Kay) Marcks of Inman, SC, and Scott Marcks of Norwalk, Wisconsin. He is further survived by his nieces, nephews, and cousins; his uncle and aunt, Willard and Beatty Bohm of Shawano; and his faithful Morkie, Bernard. He was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Thomas and Florence Marcks; his brother-in-law, LeRoy Splitgerber; and his niece, Jill Schmidt. A memorial service for David W. Bohm was held on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Saint Jakobi Lutheran Church, Town of Richmond. Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt officiated. Full military honors were conducted at the church by the Shawano Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #206. Relatives and friends came calling from 9:00 AM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers and plants, the family prefers memorials in David's name to Saint Jakobi Lutheran Church.



JOHN LAWRENCE BOOZE – Died Monday August 15, 2016 in Richmond, Virginia at the age of 94. He was born in Springwood, Virginia October 24, 1921 the third of seven children born to the late Nellie Mae (née Ruble) Booze and Henry Lawrence Booze. He married Doris

Levelle Flowers of Roanoke; and had two children, Alisa Booze Troetschel and Michael Booze. He died two weeks shy of their 68th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son; and daughter-in-law, Cindy Cole-Booze; grandchildren, Samantha Cole, Kenny Cole and David Troetschel; brother, William; sister-in-law, Bonnie Booze-Clark; brother, Dennis (Roberta); and sister, Sally Witherington (Jerry). His sister, Thelma Pullen (Berkley); sister, Cathryn Guill (Dan); sister-in-law, Harriet Booze; and brother, Fred, preceded him in death. He was a **Donor** to **Vietnam Veterans of America**. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on September 10th, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Richmond.

RICHARD THOMAS BORUTA - Died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at the Omega House in Houghton, Michigan at the age of 70. He was a resident of Allouez, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 13, 1946 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to the late Aloysius and Mary (née Shutich) Boruta. He graduated in 1963 from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School. Following high school he attended Central Michigan University graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in 1968. Following his time at CMU he attended Northern Michigan University. He was a veteran having served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. On August 15, 1980 he married Connie Brom in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Richard worked as a machine operator for General Motors, Penske, and Bosch in Grand Rapids for 25 years, retiring in 1998. He grew to love the area and exploring the Copper Country. His love for the Copper Country led to him moving to Copper City in 2006 and building a new home on Bumbletown Hill in 2013. Rich enjoyed relaxing to the music that Connie played on the organ. He also enjoyed watching action movies and English TV shows. He also loved to cruise the Copper Country by car and ATV. He was a member of the Lake Linden United Methodist Church. He is survived by: his wife, Connie of Allouez; Step daughter: Christine (Lee) Gardner of Belvidere, Illinois; 2 grandchildren: Habtamu and Yordanos; 2 brothers: Dennis (Margaret) Boruta of Bloomington, Minnesota; Nephew Paul and Niece Andrea; William (Rosemary) Boruta of Charlevoix, Michigan; Nephews Matthew and Michael; 1 sister: Marcia (Lawrence) Boruta of San Diego, California. A memorial service was on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Calumet Arts Center. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.ericksoncrowleypeterson.com. The Erickson Crowley Peterson Funeral Home in Calumet assisted the family with the arrangements.



CECIL BRUCE "Bubba" BOWDEN – Died Wednesday, August 17, 2016 in Altamonte Springs, Florida at the age of 69, after a 26 year hard-fought battle with cancer. Bruce was born in Dozier, Alabama to the late Cecil R. Bowden and Nellie Bowden. He is survived by his wife, Marietta; his son, Justin; his brother, Bud (Shirley); his two sisters, Gail (Harold) and Sandy, and; many other loved ones. Bruce proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Orange Chapter #1048**. He retired after 20 years in law enforcement. Bluegrass music was a big part of his life and he was an avid Dobro player. He will be deeply missed by his family, many friends, and neighbors.



JAMES W. BOWENS (USA, SSG-Ret.) - Died Friday, September 16, 2016, at Lourdes Hospital at the age of 85. He was a resident of Willingboro, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 4, 1931. He was the beloved husband of the late Ottilie E. Bowens; and father of the late Marion A. Craig. He is survived by one son, Daniel J. Bowens (Jeanell Thomas); five grandchildren, William, Molly and Mary Craig, Daniel and Shanna Bowens; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 2 Salem Road, Willingboro, where relatives and friends came calling after 9:00 AM. Interment was in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, New Jersey. Goes-Scolieri Funeral Home, 212 Levitt Parkway, Willingboro was in charge of the arrangements.

JAMES PATRICK BROWN – Died Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in the Veterans Home in Ivins, Utah at the age of 69. He was a resident of Mesquite, Nevada. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on August 11, 1946. He moved to the United States at the age of eight with his family and became a naturalized citizen. He married Kathleen Ann Wilson in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 27, 1967. He served 28 years in the United States Navy with four tours of duty in Vietnam as a Corpsman attached to the United States Marine Corps. Following his retirement, he continued to be an advocate for Veterans. He was instrumental in bringing the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall to Mesquite, the 1000 Flags over Mesquite and the Veterans Center which helps all veterans with many needs in the Southern Nevada area. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**. He love riding his motorcycle and spending time with his sons and grandson. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, of the home; his two sons and one daughter-in-law, Steven and Holly Brown, of Mesquite and James Brown, of Huntington Beach, California; one grandson, Russell Brown; one brother, and; two sisters. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Mesquite City Cemetery.



LARRY WAYNE BROWN - Died Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at his residence in the Laurelwood Estates in Rossville, Georgia at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rural, Tennessee on September 18, 1942 to the late Charles and Lula (née Bell) Brown. He was a graduate of Chattanooga Valley High School and lived most of his life in North Georgia with his family. His only absence from his home was the time he served his country with the United States Marine Corps and was awarded The National Defense Service Metal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Larry was a loving and faithful husband, a devoted father, and a friend to everyone who knew him. He

loved to spend time with his family, relic hunt, fish, yard sale, garden and cook. He enjoyed playing the guitar, coaching soft ball and was an avid Georgia Bulldog fan. Larry was a member of the VFW post #3679, American Legion #217, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203** and volunteered with the Railroad Museum in Chickamauga. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister Charlene Davis and his brother, Jim Brown. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 44 years, Karen Smith Brown; daughters, Kristy Hodson (Kyle) and Bethany Brown; grandchildren, Hunter, Hannah, Kyleigh, Dalton and Brody; sister, Barbara Whitley; brother, Bill Brown; several nieces, nephews and his best friend "Buddy," his black lab. Expressions of sympathy may be shared at lane-southcrestchapel.com. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 1:00 PM in the South Crest Chapel. Burial was at the Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park with full military honors. The family received friends on Thursday from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM and on Friday from 12:00 Noon – 8:00 PM at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home & Crematory, at the end of historic Missionary Ridge, Rossville.



LAWRENCE STEVENSON "Steve" BROWN, JR. - Died Thursday, June 12, 2014, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby, North Carolina at the age of 70. He was a resident of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. He was born September 1, 1943 in Cleveland County, North Carolina to the late Lawrence "Buster" Brown, Sr. and Mattie Jane (née Bridges) Brown. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Caldwell Brown. He was a former employee of Wix Corporation in Gastonia, North Carolina and a member of First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. Steve was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army and a member of the Vietnam Veterans Breakfast Club in Kings Mountain. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Gail (née Maddox) Brown, of the home in Kings Mountain; three sons, Mike Brown, of Blacksburg, South Carolina, John Brown and Tanner Brown, both of Kings Mountain, and; two grandchildren, Maddox Brown and Tuxner Brown. A memorial service was celebrated at the First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 11:00 AM with Dr. John Sloan, officiating. Visitation was immediately following the service in the Stained Glass room of First Baptist Church. Memorials were graciously received for the "MISSION READINESS FUND" c/o First Baptist Church 605 West King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Arrangements were made by the Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

PAUL LUKE BURROWS – Died Friday, September 30, 2016, in Warsaw, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born on November 5, 1948. Luke served in the United States Marine Corps for four years during the Vietnam War as a Combat Engineer. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. He was the companion of Betty Palmer. Friends came calling on Saturday October 8th from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at the Robinson Hackemer Funeral Home 246 North Main Street, Warsaw, where Luke's military honors were offered at 11:00 AM.



ROBERT CHESTER BUTTREY - Died Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born on April 18, 1947 in

Framingham, Massachusetts to the late Robert N. and Geraldine (née Delouchry) Buttrey. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Cecilia S. Buttrey; three children, Ann Margaret (Edizon) Dayao, Romwel (Tes) Ruiz and Claudette (Steve) Wilt; six grandchildren, Rosemarie, Austin, Stephanie, Corey, Shawn, Catelyn and one sister, Linda (Paul) Devito. Robert was a United States Navy Veteran serving during the Vietnam War. After his retirement, he transferred to the Fleet Reserve on September 1, 1988. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Island Lake Chapter #242**. Visitation was on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Warren Funeral Home, 1475 North Cemetery Road, Gurnee, Illinois. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 508 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois. Entombment was at Warren Cemetery & Mausoleum, Gurnee.

LUTHER WALLACE BYERS - Died Sunday, March 27, 2016, in Walhalla, South Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 20, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Union Chapter #1017**. The funeral service was on Sunday, April 3, 2016, at 3:00 PM at the Seneca Family Life Center. Burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery. The body was placed in the Center at 2:00 PM for viewing. The Adams Mortuary was in charge of the arrangements.



ROBERT JOSEPH CALOUD - Died Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at his home in rural Clutier, Iowa at the age of 67. The cause of death was from cancer as the result of exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. He was under the care of Essence of Life Hospice. He was born on January 28, 1949, in Clutier, Iowa in the home of his parents, the late Norbert and Evelyn (née Kupka) Caloud who survives him. He attended Elementary and Junior High at Clutier High School and graduated from North Tama High School in 1967. The day after graduation, he started work at Goss in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and in April of 1969 was he drafted into the United States Army and served a tour in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in April of 1971. He married Diane Bohnstengel on September 4, 1971. After thirty-three years at Goss, he was laid off and then worked for fourteen years at Kinze Manufacturing on Jon Kinzenbaw's personal collection. He retired in November of 2014. Robert also farmed with his father on the family farm. He was a member of the Clutier Community Church, Hora Machacek Post #453, Iowa Chapter International Harvester Collectors, Voiture #568 of 40&8, an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Iowa**, MidIowa Antique Power Association and was a Clutier First Responder for many years. He held various offices in the Legion and 40&8, President of IA Chapter IHCC, National President of IHCC, President of M.I.A.P.A. and was elder of the church for many years. Robert loved his Mopars and red tractors and spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Diane of Clutier; one son, Leo (Jo) Caloud of Hudson; one daughter, Tina Caloud of Fishers, IN; three grandchildren, Holden Caloud, Caitlin and Mackenzie Lynch; his mother, Evelyn Caloud of Traer; three sisters, Barbara (Ace) Perry of Marshalltown, Becky (Richard) Forster of Fancy Gap, VA, and Mary Drake of Gladbrook; and many nieces and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his father, Norbert; a niece; and several cousins. A memorial fund was established. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Clutier Community Church in Clutier with Pastor Paul Frederick officiating. Interment followed at the Clutier

Cemetery. Visitation was held on Friday, August 5, 2016 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with a 40&8 Service at 7:00 PM.



JAMES FRANKLIN CANNON - Died Monday, June 27, 2016 in Crowley, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born April 24, 1939 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Herman and Jewell (née Sams) Cannon. He retired with 22 years in the United States Army including two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**. He was the city manager of Menard, Texas for 20 years. He was a member of Burleson Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Cannon, of Crowley; two daughters and one son-in-law, Sherry Stephens of Houston, Texas and Beverly Childress and husband, Brett, of Crowley; his son and daughter-in-law, Jack Cannon and wife, Brenda of Mansfield, Texas; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael Cannon and wife, Linda of Newnan, Georgia and Steven Cannon and wife Amy of Fayetteville, Georgia; his sister, Peggy Buntin, of Senoia, Georgia, and; many loving extended family and friends. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 5th, at the Mountain Valley Funeral Home Chapel. The burial was in the Dallas- Fort Worth National Cemetery, Grand Prairie, Texas at 1:00 PM, Lane A.



RAYMOND "Ray" CAPRARI - Died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in Punta Gorda, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Johnson City, New York on November 4, 1938 to the late Rinaldo and Ann Caprari. Ray was a firefighter for the village of Johnson City, New York. Ray was a veteran having served his country honorably in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murdoch Chapter #1037**. Ray is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joanne, three children: Anthony J. Caprari and wife Kyle of Candor, NY, Thomas Caprari and Gina Caprari of Johnson City, NY and three grandchildren: Colette Caprari, Virginia Beach, VA, Dominic Caprari, Johnson City, NY and Michael Caprari Candor, NY. Arrangements were entrusted to Kays-Ponger and Uselton Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Port Charlotte, FL. There was a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated on Friday, July 1, 2016 at Saint James Church, 155 Main Street, Johnson City, NY at 10:30 AM and a viewing from 9:30 AM until the Mass.



GERALD ANTHONY "Jerry" CLARA – Died peacefully on Thursday, August 4, 2016 in Shelby Township at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 20, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Anthony and Geraldine Clara. He is survived by his wife, Betty Clara of 18 years; his loving daughters, Jennifer (Frank) Fields and Amy (Guenter) Haller; three step-children, Jim (Don) Koeppen, Keith (Sheri) Koeppen, and Margie (Brandon) Persinger; four sisters, Patricia Mason, Toni Lee Fisher, Susie Colgan and Charlene Faucher and six precious grandchildren, Steven, Andrew, Katie, Evan, Alaina and Kendall. Jerry attended Roseville High School and later went on to join the United States Navy on June 7, 1965. He was honorably discharged on September 19, 1969 after proudly serving his country as a pipefitter aboard two ships, the USS Lenawee and the USS Worden. Jerry is a Vietnam Veteran, completing several tours through the war zone. After being discharged from the U.S. Navy, Jerry worked in manufacturing and later served as and was the longest standing active member in their renowned Honor Guard, of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**, serving proudly for 30 years. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the visitation which will was held at the Lee-Ellena Funeral Home, located at 46530 Romeo Plank, Macomb, Michigan from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM on August 10, 2016. A Funeral Service was held at the Lee-Ellena Funeral Home on August 11, 2016 at 10:30 AM (laying-in-state, 9:30), officiated by Jerry Miller. Gerald was laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery, 18201 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township following the service. Memorial donations can be made in lieu of flowers to the VVA Chapter #154 Honor Guard / In Honor of Jerry Clara 18025 15-Mile Road Clinton Township, Michigan 48035.



RICHARD HENRY COBB - Died Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Methodist North Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 70. He was a resident of Bartlett, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 31, 1944 to the late Jasper and Annie (née Podesta) Cobb. Richard was a certified public accountant, and he retired as the Budget Analyst at the Naval facility in Millington. Following his retirement, he worked with H & R Block for several years. A United States Army Veteran, he often volunteered at the Veteran's Affairs office and Saint Francis Hospital Auxiliary, serving as treasurer there. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Memphis Chapter #875**. Richard is survived by his wife of 50 years, Juanita (née Bizzle) Cobb; their son, Ricky Cobb (Lori Wells); his brother, Freddie Cobb (Kay); and his nephew, Jeff Cobb. The family gathered with friends on Wednesday, January 21st from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Family Funeral Care on Summer Avenue. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 22nd, at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 3700 North Germantown Road in Bartlett. Lasting memorials may be made in Mr. Cobb's honor to the Saint Francis Hospital - Bartlett Auxiliary, 2986 Kate Bond Road, Bartlett, TN 38133. Online condolences may be made at www.FamilyFuneralMemphis.com.



THOMAS L. COE, JR. – Died Saturday, October 8, 2016, of South Park, Pennsylvania and was formerly of Brentwood, Pennsylvania. He was 72 years of age. The cause of death was hydrocephalus. He was born in Brentwood on January 27, 1944. He was the beloved husband of 51 years to Connie L. Coe; loving father of Bryan Coe, Wendy (Russ) Rice and Kristin (Jeff) Muccino; father-in-law of Missy Coe; devoted grandfather of Lauren (Ivan) Braszo, Emily Coe, Jonathan Rice and Sarah Coe; proud great-grandfather of Rylee and Lexi; son of the late Thomas L., Sr. and Helen Coe; brother of Carol Ann (Clem) Lacher; son-in-law of John and Mildred Spatharos; brother-in-law of Patricia (Barry) Gottshall and John (Mary Ann) Spatharos, and; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and their families. Thomas proudly served his country with the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and worked for UPS for over 20 years until his retirement. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends were received at the John F. Slater Funeral Home, Inc., 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood, PA 15227 on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM. Funeral Prayer was on Wednesday morning at 9:15 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Sylvester Church was at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to Hydrocephalus Association, Development Office, 4340 East West Highway, #905, Bethesda, MD 20814-4447.



EUGENE COKER - Died Saturday July 9, 2016 in Schaumburg, Illinois at the age of 69. The cause of death was aspiration pneumonia, metabolic encephalopathy and small bowel obstruction. He was born November 6, 1946 in Scott, Arkansas. After retiring from the United States Air Force with 23 years of service to his country, including serving in Vietnam, Eugene worked for United Airlines as an aircraft mechanic for 20 years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. He is the beloved husband of 39 years of Ruth (née Jamro) Coker and loving father of Christopher. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday July 13, 2016 from 3:00 - 8:00 PM at the Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 1640 Greenmeadows Boulevard (at Barrington Road) Streamwood/Schaumburg. The funeral was on Thursday 10:00 AM. Entombment was at Saint Michael the Archangel. Donations were requested to be made to the American Lung Association at www.lung.org.



ROBERT R. "Doc" CORNETT - Died Thursday, June 30, 2016 in Waynesboro, Tennessee at the age of 70. He previous lived in metro Detroit, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 25, 1946 In Detroit to the late Riley and Carrie Cornett. 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**. 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. Family received friends on Thursday at 10:00 AM until the funeral service at 1:00 PM at the A.J. Desmond and Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver), Troy. Interment was in the White Chapel Cemetery.

ROY GENE COULTER - Died Monday, June 20, 2011 at Huntsville Hospital in Ardmore, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee on December 1, 1943 to the late Leroy Coulter and Helen (née Campbell) Coulter. He attended Wooley Springs Baptist Church. He was also a life member of the VFW and Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Doris Coulter; sons, Roy Glenn Coulter and wife Engle and James David Coulter and wife Laura; grandsons, Christopher Coulter, Joshua Coulter, Preston Coulter, Tristan Coulter and Cameron Coulter; granddaughters, Sydney Coulter, Shana Coulter, Jordyn Coulter and Sheridan Coulter. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama**. Services were on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the Limestone Chapel Funeral Home at 2:00 PM. Visitation was from 12:45 PM to 1:45 p.m. Burial was in the Gatlin Cemetery with Tony Boyles officiating.

RICHARD MAYRO COX – Died recently in 2016 in Westminster, Colorado at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 25, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071**. He is survived by his wife.



ROGER LOUIS CRAIG - Died Friday, August 19, 2016 in Topeka, Kansas where he lived with his granddaughter, Jessica Weaver-Trimble. He was 71 years of age. He was born August 7, 1945 in Russell, Kansas to the late Sam and Henrietta Craig. After graduating from Russell High School he joined the United States Air Force where he served as the Crew Chief for the 309th Air Commando Squadron. Upon completing his tour in Vietnam he was honorably discharged in 1972. After his service Roger moved to Topeka, KS where he worked for School District 501 as the Print Shop Supervisor. Being a skilled craftsman he made custom knives for almost 30 years. His knives have traveled all over the world and are loved by many. He was one of the original founders of The Kansas Custom Knifemakers Association where he enjoyed promoting his craft. Roger took pleasure in working with fellow veterans and was active in groups with the local VA. He was a

member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister and best friend, Bonieta L. Craig of Hays, KS. Roger also lost his loving wife, Ardina Ann Craig and his stepdaughter, Doreen Martin of Topeka, KS. He is survived by a brother, Robert (Coralee) Craig of Dodge City, KS; a sister Ellen (Eugene) Becker; his daughter, Gayle (Mario) Davis of Elizabethtown, KY; his twin sons, David (Morgan) Craig and Daniel Craig both of Topeka, KS; four stepdaughters, Denise Weaver-Reyes of Topeka, KS; Dawn Weaver-Hillsrich of Holton, KS, Diane (Jed) Goslin of Tulsa, OK, Debra (Patrick) Perez of Topeka, KS; 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Prairie View Cemetery in Alta Vista, KS on August 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM. A Life celebration was at 1:00 PM at Terry's Bar and Grill on 6th Street in Topeka, KS. Family and friends were welcome to meet in the Hy-Vee (29th and Wanamaker) parking lot at 9:45 AM to follow to the graveside.

ROGER WILLIAM CROW – Died Friday, June 10, 2016 in Wayne, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death was a head-on collision while he was riding his motorcycle. He was born June 1, 1942. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. He is survived by his wife, Diana, of the home; three children; ten grandchildren, and; six great-grandchildren.

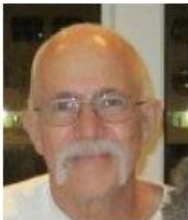
ALLAN DARROW – Died recently in 2016 in Berlin, Maryland at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 24, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Julia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #648**.



RICHARD THOMAS Di RUSSO – Died Wednesday December 9, 2015 in Mahopac, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the Bronx, New York on October 20, 1946 to the late Joseph and Emma Di Russo. He served in the United States Army as a Combat Engineer and was honorably discharged as a SP5, serving in Vietnam. He was very active in Veteran's organizations and served two terms as Commander of VFW Post #5491 in Mahopac. He was the founder and past Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of Saint Joseph's in the Bronx and of Saint John's in Mahopac. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Windsor Chapter #541**. He always participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in New York City. He loved to cook big meals for as many people as he could; a skill that he learned in Vietnam. He cooked at many functions for various organizations including six dinners a year at the Bronx VA Hospital and especially VFW Post #5491 where he loved to cook on Father's Day, Independence Day and many other functions both at the Post and in the community. Richard was a member of American Legion Post #1080 in Mahopac and a member of the Italian- American Club in Mahopac where he was honored as a Grand Marshall in the Columbus Day Parade. Richard was the owner of Ram Auto Recycling, under the bridge at East 233rd Street and Boston Road in the Bronx for 44 years. He used to raise and keep homing pigeons. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Masons and a former member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On June 3, 1972 he married Kathleen Theresa

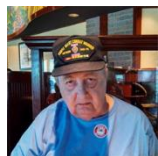
Casabona at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Mount Vernon, New York. In addition to Kathleen, he is survived by his son Richard and his wife Justine of Mahopac, his daughters, Donell Schramm and her husband John of Hopewell Junction, NY and Lauren Muscenti and her husband Louis of Kent, NY, his grandchildren, Isabella, Louis, Johnny and Anthony and his sister Dorothy Fusco and her husband Joseph of Pleasantville, NY. Visiting hours were held on Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13 from 2:00-6:00 PM each day at the Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday December 14th at 10:00 AM at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac with interment in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, New York.

BRUCE GORDON ELLIS – Died Monday, August 22, 2016 in Alto, New Mexico at the age of 70. The cause of death was complications from lung cancer, cardiovascular arrest, massive hemoptysis and hypovolemia. He was born on November 13, 1945 in Blair, Nebraska to the late Bill Ellis and Edith Virginia Ellis. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister Debbie Ellis. Bruce is survived by his wife Judy; his children, Michael and Kacie Ellis, Heather and Paul McErland, and Bill Ellis; his 7 grandchildren; his sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Douglas Christensen; one nephew; and one niece. He served in the United States Air Force with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 10 February 1967 to 3 September 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ruidoso Chapter #1062**. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, September 10th, at 10:00 AM at La Junta Guest Ranch, 100 La Junta Drive, Alto, NM. Those desiring to leave a memorial for Bruce, in lieu of flowers, please direct your memorial to the family. Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory 2609 South Main Street, Roswell, NM 88203 were in charge of the arrangements.



CHARLES J. FABYANSKI - Died Friday, November 30, 2012 at Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, after a long battle with myelodysplastic anemia. He was 61 years of age and a resident of Bayonne, New Jersey. He was born in Bayonne on February 14, 1951 to the late Charles and S. Barbara (née Szalobryt) Fabyanski. He was retired from the General Service Administration of the U.S. Government, Newark, after 38 years as a building manager. A United States Air Force veteran serving during the Vietnam War, he was a member of the American Legion, F. A. McKenzie Post, Bayonne, and was active with Troop #20 of the Boy Scouts of Saint Mary's. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bayonne Chapter #151**. He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Diane (née Kerner) Fabyanski; his loving children, Casey Fabyanski and Ariel Petersen and her husband, Matthew; his dear brother, Kevin Fabyanski and his dear mother-in-law Concetta Kerner. The funeral was conducted from the Bayonne Memorial Home, Inc., 854 Avenue C, Bayonne on Tuesday, December 4, 2012. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 AM at Saint Mary, Star of the Sea

Church followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, New Jersey. Visitation hours were held on Monday, December 3, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM.



LAWRENCE KENNETH "Larry" FENNELL JR. – Died Sunday, July 24, 2016 in Foley, Alabama at the age of 74. The cause of death was vascular dementia. He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts the late Lawrence Kenneth Fennell, Sr. and Evelyn Fennell. He then went to Ohio with his parents. He was drafted in the United States Army at the age of 26. He did a tour of duty in Vietnam from May 1967 to January 1968 with the 11th Armored Division "Blackhorse". He returned with three Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter #864**. Larry retired from the Ford Motor Company in Lorain, Ohio on July 1, 1990 with 30 years of service. He came to the Gulf Shores of Alabama in July of 1990. He lived there for 26 years. He leaves a wife of 44 years, and two Boston terriers. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Lois Nikora and his brother, Larry was a member of AA for 38 years, living one day at a time. He was a member of the Robertsdale United Methodist Church, life member of DAV Chapter #6 in Foley and the Military Order of Purple Heart. Services were on Thursday August 4, 2016 at 11:00 AM from the Robertsdale United Methodist Church. The Burial was in the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery on State Highway 225, Spanish Fort, Alabama at 1:30 PM on Thursday afternoon same day. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kindred Hospice, Robertsdale United Methodist Church, and any Veteran organization. Arrangements were made by Cason Funeral Service, Foley, Alabama.



EUGENE RAYMOND "Gene" FOURNIER – Died Tuesday, May 5, 2015 in San Clemente, California at the age of 84. The cause of death was pneumonia and respiratory failure. He was born on February 22, 1931, a true "Cornhusker" in Plainview, Nebraska growing up on farms and riding his horse to school. Upon graduation he moved to Sioux City, Iowa where he met his future wife, Marian Thacker before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. After a tour in the Korean War, he returned to marry his love and nurse of 62 years, Marian. The Marine Corps would take them to San Diego then Kaneohe, HI before settling in San Clemente in 1957 where they would raise their three children. In addition, Gene served our country with two tours in Vietnam, Okinawa, at El Toro Marine Base, Camp Pendleton and finally at Twenty-Nine Palms Marine Base before retiring in September, 1971. In San Clemente, Gene worked as a trusted mechanic and manager at Grants, Holley's Tire Service, and then starting his own shop, "Gene's Coast Align" before retiring again at age 70. Always a farm boy, Gene loved to camp, fish and work with his hands on his "Ranch" at Rancho Carrillo. He was the Commodore of the Boat Club on San Clemente Pier where he would launch his Boston Whaler for adventures to Catalina Island. He also enjoyed bowling, golf and horseshoes. Gene, along with Marian, was a founding member of Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in San Clemente. He was active in the San

Clemente Elks and local VFW post. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Diamond Bar Chapter #785**. He was also a member of the legendary "Stormy's 3/3 Battalion" which still meets to honor the Marine Corps and their commander Stormy Sexton at annual reunions. In his later years he was known as the kind, gentle patriarch of four generations in San Clemente, always loyal to his family and country. He is survived by his wife, Marian; daughter, Jeannie (Larry) Moore; and sons, Jim and John (Ania) Fournier; plus three grandchildren, Kristen (Cory) Ritzau, Kari (Justin) Norman, Daniel Fournier and a great granddaughter, Hayley Ritzau. All of whom were with him through his final days. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given on behalf of Gene to St. Andrew's Methodist Church designated for the Children's Ministry or the Anchored Youth Missions; or for Jim Fournier's Mission work with children/youth in Poland through Allegro Organizational Solutions, 5535 Memorial Drive, Suite F-811 Houston, TX 77007 designated for "Poland-Frn.JEF" or on Jim's website www.servinginpoland.shutterfly.com/1820. A service to celebrate Gene's life, including military honors was on May 23rd at 11:00 AM at Saint Andrew United Methodist Church, 2001 Calle Frontera, San Clemente, CA 92673.



JOHN LOUIS FRANKLIN - Died Saturday, June 25, 2016 at his residence in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 6, 1947 in Jackson, Tennessee. He served in the United States Army from December 5, 1967 to December 4, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 4, 1968 to December 4, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. Visitation was on Friday morning from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM at the Mercer Brothers Funeral Home. The family received friends on Friday evening from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Mr. Franklin laid-in-state at Home Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Funeral services were on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Home Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in the Parkway Memorial Gardens.

ROBERT E. GARCIA – Died Wednesday, September 14, 2016 in Denver, Colorado at the age of 69. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born September 20, 1946. He served in both the United States Navy and the United States Army from 1964 to 1967 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071**.



LORRAINE ROSEALBA "Frenchie" GARNEAU - Died Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in Andalusia, Alabama at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. She was born November 3, 1942 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island to the late Marie (née Godfroy) Garneau and Louis Garneau. Ms. Lorraine lived most of her life in Woonsocket, Glen Burnie, Maryland, Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia and Andalusia, Alabama. She served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). She had numerous tours of duty to Germany and various temporary duty assignments to other countries. She was a devout Roman Catholic from birth, except the last decade of her life she became member of Saint Mary Episcopal Church. She

volunteered her time and effort to the church's thrift shop to help raise money. Lorraine was known throughout the community as a devoted and caring person. She was proud and grateful for the opportunity to visit Jerusalem and swim in the Dead Sea. Lorraine was an enthusiastic volksmarcher and bowler of which her wall of medals and trophies testify to. She volksmarched through many mountains around the world. One of her greatest joys in life was her dedicated, devoted, and unselfish service to her country in which she spent sixteen consecutive years in the United States Army. Lorraine performed the duties of an Operating Room technician and was frequently requested by name by various surgeons to scrub on their cases due to proficiency, integrity, and initiative to always be ready for whatever was needed. She was a Life Member of the Women's Army Corps Association, Disabled American Veteran and the American Legion. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Georgia**. She was the founder and president of the Women's Army Corps Association Georgia Peach Chapter #104 of Pine Mountain Valley, GA. Ms. Lorraine possessed a deep devoted love for all animals and was very passionate about the rescuing of unwanted and sick animals. She was well known in the community for her compassion for all animals and was often found at local vet offices donating items needed for the care of the animals. Ms. Lorraine was preceded in death by her mother, Marie Garneau, and father, Louis Garneau, maternal and paternal grandparents, and all aunts and uncles. She is survived by her best friend and caregiver of over 50 years Verta C. Brown; a great-niece she helped raise Ayla Verta-Lyn Lamb; her sisters, Louie Loye, of Jacksonville, FL; Terry Therien of Woonsocket, RI; her brother, Louie Garneau of Lowell, MA; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she loved with a deep-seeded passion. Ms. Lorraine (*Frenchie*) leaves a deep gaping void in this world which will never be filled, Rest in Peace my friend, God holds you in the hollow of his hand. Services for Lorraine Garneau were at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 9, 2016 from the Saint Mary Episcopal Church with the Reverend Dr. Cynthia Carter-Howard officiating. Visitation was one hour before the services. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery with full military honors.

ROBERT MAX "Bob" GARRETSON - Died Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at the Saint Cloud VA Medical Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of Alexandria, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 26, 1945 in Streator, Minnesota to the late Harold and Julia (née Dunbar) Garretson. Bob grew up in Streator, graduated from high school in 1964 and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1965. In 1967, he reported to the USS Enterprise. One of Bob's proudest accomplishments was that he was on the USS Enterprise CVAN-65, on Jan. 14, 1969. He was honorably discharged in October 1969. Bob started working for North Central Airlines as an airplane cleaner. After 40 years for the airlines, Bob retired in February 2009 from Northwest Airlines as an aircraft maintenance instructor. Bob was involved with Boy Scouting from 1980 to present as a Scoutmaster, various district committee positions, Counsel Order of the Arrow adviser and Wood Badge course director. He was awarded the Silver Beaver and Founders Award for the Order of the Arrow. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #936, American Legion Post #87, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235** and the DAV of Alexandria, Minn. He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Meg" (née Matchinsky) Garretson, of Alexandria, MN.; son, Matt (Janine Trombly) Garretson; sisters, Barbara (Walter) Phillips and Beth (Kevin) Wonders; brother, Bill (Debbie) Garretson;

nephews, Glen (Kim) Phillips and Shawn (Jody) Garretson; stepchildren, Robert Matchinsky, Debra Matchinsky, Janet Matchinsky and David (Cindi) Matchinsky; and grandchildren, Hunter, Emma and Megan. A Mass was celebrated at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 11th, at The Church of Saint Mary in Alexandria, with visitation beginning at Noon. Internment was at 1:00 PM on Monday, June 9th, at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Boy Scouts or a veteran organization of your choice.

KEITH HAROLD GARRISON, SR. - Died Sunday, August 28, 2016 at his residence in Lumberton, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was sudden cardiac arrest. He was born July 23, 1939 in Goose Creek, Texas to the late William Earnest and Cuba Gertrude (née Miller) Garrison. He was a longtime resident of Lumberton. He served his country proudly in the United States Navy. Keith was a self-employed truck driver, a member of the Masons, Shriners and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**. Survivors include wife Mary Garrison of Lumberton; son Keith Garrison Jr of Lumberton; daughters Sharon Kay Davis and husband Clint of Lumberton, and Lisa Ann Haynes and husband Cody of Wildwood; eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at the Farmer Funeral Home with interment to follow at RS Farmer Memorial Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home.

WAYNE RALPH GIBSON - Died Sunday, August 7, 2016 at the Rutland Regional Medical Center after a brief illness. He was 65 years of age and a resident of Castleton, Vermont. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, atrial fibrillation, dilated cardiomyopathy and severe malnutrition. He was born October 19, 1950 in Claremont, New Hampshire to Leonard Gibson and the late Mary (née Potwin) Gibson. He enlisted in the United States Army on February 14, 1969 in the Vietnam War, in which he earned three Bronze Stars during his three years of service. He married Donna Alexander on November 7, 1998. He was a master plumber, operating a plumbing company in the White River Junction area for more than 30 years until his retirement. He moved to Castleton in 1998. He was a member of American Legion Post #50 in Castleton, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1** and the National Rifle Association, where he was a Golden Eagle. Mr. Gibson enjoyed target shooting and fishing. Survivors include his wife, Donna; a daughter, Erin Leigh Fowler; his father, Leonard; his brothers, Alan Gibson, Thomas Vincent, Albert Lambert, Danny Lambert and Doug Gibson; his sister, Debbie Gibson; two grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother in 2002, two sisters, Veronica Lambert and Victoria Potwin, and his brother, Peter Vincent. There were no public calling hours or funeral service. Private burial was held at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph. Memorial contributions may be made to Dodge House, 95 Crescent Street, Rutland, VT 05701.



GARY RALPH GILLIGAN - Died Tuesday, June 2, 2015 in Yakima, Washington after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 69 years of age. He was born on July 20, 1945 in Portland, Oregon to the late Roland and Helen (née Franzen) Gilligan. Gary proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1968, during which he was married to his first love, Becky.

She gave him his two beautiful daughters Laura and Lisa. In 1993, he married his second wife and "the other part of him" Connie Jo Shoemaker on the beach in Lincoln City, Oregon. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. He drove long haul trucks for UPS retiring after over 30 years' service with the company. Gary had a magnetic personality and was a Godly man. He was always looking for ways to bless those who were in need. Gary was a man of high integrity and values with an overflowing love for family and Jesus Christ. His charitable heart compelled him to collect items and save them for that special person who might need them someday. His generosity exceeded beyond family to the needs of others as well as to his four legged furry friends! He loved his family and cared for them deeply. He had a wonderful sense of humor, full of antics and jokes, which he carried over into after his passing. Even after his death, the family is finding precious notes and jokes that he had "planted" in documents, helping them to laugh through their tears. His passion and hobby was rebuilding classic cars with his brothers, but he also had an appreciation for the finer things: antiques, old movies, music and painting. He enjoyed singing in church with his beloved girls. The family will treasure his selfless love and memories forever. He is survived by his loving wife, Connie; former wife, Becky (Joe) Schweitzer; daughters, Laura (Don) Crouse and Lisa (Chris) Cruse; stepdaughters, Tracey Miller and Dana (Mike) Haberman; stepsons, James Sewell II, Stephen (Stacy) Sewell and Michael Boner; 6 grandchildren and 6 stepgrandchildren; sister, Patricia (Ron) Perry; brothers, Dick Gilligan, Tom Gilligan, Paul (Linda) Gilligan and John Gilligan; and numerous nephews and nieces. Inurnment was at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 3:00 PM. A celebration of his life was held on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Mercer Creek Church. Memorial contributions can be sent to the cancer clinic North Star Lodge: 808 North 39th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902.

JOHN A. GRAHAM – Died Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in Rochester, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 18, 1945 in Rochester to the late Radah Graham (née Moore) and Norman Graham. He was also predeceased by his sister, Beverly Powers. He is survived by his loving wife of 10 years Diane Graham; two sons Scott and Sean Graham; his daughters, Kristen Green, Shannon (Jason) Bliss and Amber Graham; his loving grandchildren, Jessica Graham, Tyler Graham and Gorjus Graham with six other loving grandchildren, stepchildren, Justin and Rachelle Platteter along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. John was a Firefighter with Eastman Kodak Fire Department, drove a school bus and also worked in the plumbing trade. He was also a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, receiving many awards including the Combat Infantry Badge and the Army Commendation Medal along with many other awards achieving the rank of SSGT. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**, and a friend of Dr. Bob and Bill W. Family received friends on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM, at New Comer Funeral Home, 6 Empire Boulevard. A funeral service was at 7:00 PM. Interment was private at the Irondequoit Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Saint Ann's Community, 1500 Portland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14621 and or online to the Wounded Warrior Project.



JESSE MITCHEL "Bud" GRANT – Died Thursday, November 12, 2015 in a Jackson County hospital in North Carolina at the age of 79. He was a resident of Bryson City, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was a native of Swain County and born on September 13, 1936 to late Jesse James and Velma (née Roper) Grant. He was a retired United States Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He returned to Fort Bragg as field First Sergeant and then transferred to Panama OPNS/TNG NCOIC. He retired June 30, 1976 after 22 years and one month of service. He was a deputy sheriff of Seminole County, Florida. He done civil service at Patrick Air Force Base as Sheet Metal Mechanic. After a back injury in 1990, he returned to his hometown of Bryson City where he bought his house and became Commander of the Bryson City VFW Post #9281 for 5 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Retta Jo Grant; two sons, two brothers and one great-grandchild. He is survived by 11 children; 25 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters and four brothers. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday in the chapel of the Crisp Funeral Home. Reverends Robert and Eddie Taylor co-officiated. Burial was in the Silvermine Baptist Church Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the Bryson City VFW Post #9281. The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home.



DONALD CHARLES "Don" GROTTÉ - Died Monday, August 8, 2016 at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis at the age of 69. He was a resident of Saint Francis, Minnesota. He was born April 22, 1947 in La Crosse, Wisconsin to the late Leonard and Joyce (née Baker) Wood. He was adopted and raised by John and Evelyn Grotte in Quincy, Illinois. Don graduated from Quincy High School. Don joined the United States Army on June 20, 1966 and would serve in the military for 20 years. Don married Betty on August 31, 1975 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They lived in several places over the years because of his military career. After his Army discharge they lived in Aurora, Colorado and then moved to Saint Francis in 1986 where they have since made their home. Don was a past Post Commander of the Isanti VFW Post #2735 and the "The Military Order of the Cooties". He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684** and was active in the Isanti County Yellow Ribbon program. Don enjoyed going camping and was very active in many volunteer activities. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Sharon Gage. He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Saint Francis; two daughters, Misty Gott of Clear Lake, Wendy (Chris) Baumgardt of Nowthen; six grandchildren, Samantha, Benjamin, Faith, Tanner, Logan and MacKenzie; three sisters, Vickie (Virgil) Olson of Seattle, Joyce Devenport of LaCrosse, Cookie Wood of LaCrosse; three brothers, Bill (LaVonne) Wood of LaCrosse, Dennis Wood of LaCrosse, John Paul Grotte of Quincy; and by many other relatives and friends. The celebration of life was held at the Long Lake Lutheran Church on Friday, August 12, 2016 at

11:00 AM with the Reverend Matt Flom officiating. He was laid to rest in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley, near Little Falls.



JANICE LEE GUNNELL - Died Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. She was born June 13, 1949 to the late Vernard and Laura Coon in Des Moines, Iowa. Janice owned a pet store and a ceramic shop in Des Moines before moving to Florida in 1994 where she retired as a paralegal for a law firm. Janice was a member of the Lakeland Cruisers, a classic car club, and a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburndale Chapter #1040**. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting, and painting ceramics. Janice is survived by her husband, Richard F. Gunnell; daughter, Noelle (Michael) Mont; grandson, William Kingsbury; stepdaughters, Teena (Tom) George and Starla (Mike) Fleshman; stepgrandchildren, Reece and Jacob Fleshman and Logan, Ezekiel, and Alayna George; and first cousin, JoLynne Long. Visitation was held from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Hamilton's Funeral Home, 605 Lyon Street, Des Moines. A graveside service was at 1:00 PM on Saturday at Nevada Municipal Cemetery in Nevada.



JIMMY L. HANSEL - Died Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Guttenberg Municipal Hospital from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Guttenberg, Iowa. He was born on February 28, 1950, near Edgewood, Iowa to the late Donald and Mildred Hansel. He was also predeceased by his sister, Judy Brown. Jimmy received his education from the Central Community School where he graduated with the class of 1969. Five months after high school, Jimmy entered the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. He received an early honorable discharge on May 20, 1971 due to his service overseas. On August 28, 1971, Jimmy was united in marriage with Janet Knudtson at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Guttenberg. They were married for 44 years and were blessed with three children. Jimmy retired in 2001 from John Deere in Dubuque after 30 years of employment. In addition, Jimmy served as a Guttenberg EMT and an Ambulance Driver, Reserve Police Officer, and Volunteer for the American Red Cross in both local and national disasters. Most recently, he was involved with AmVets and a proud member of the Northeast Iowa Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association 39-3. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**. Jimmy will be forever loved and cherished by his wife, Janet; three children, Jeremy Hansel of La Porte City, Josh (Heather) Hansel of Garnavillo & Jessica (Kirk) Brecht of Swisher; 4 grandchildren, Breanna, Dylan, Lainey, and Lucas; 4 siblings, Jerry Hansel, Rick (Sue) Hansel, Danny (Dianna) Hansel & Joyce (John) Blume and many other relatives and friends. In Lieu of flowers and all types of sympathy, memorials

would be greatly appreciated to benefit two organizations that meant a great deal to Jimmy, Northeast Iowa Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 39-3 and the American Red Cross.

H. J. HARDY – Died Thursday, February 18, 2016 in Angeles City, Philippines. The cause of death was multiple organ failure. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.

LARRY EUGENE HATCHER, JR. – Died Wednesday, August 10, 2016 in Peterstown, West Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 22, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was also a United States Navy Veteran in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville (North Carolina) Chapter #272**. Memorial service was at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, August 13 2016 at the Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home Peterstown WV.

JAMES MARTIN HEBRON – Died Sunday, July 10, 2016 in Angeles City, The Philippines at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 20, 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 1967 to February 1968. He served as a scout sniper and fire team leader with the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines at Khe Sanh. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.



THOMAS EUGENE HECTOR - Died Friday, August 19, 2016 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana Illinois at the age of 68. He was a resident of Danville, Illinois and former of Decatur, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 7, 1948, in Decatur to the late Richard Eugene and Norma Lou (née Hebel) Hector. He worked as a Carman for Norfolk and Western Railroad for 22 years. Thomas married Anna Yavonne Kyall on July 15, 1972 in Decatur. He served in the United States Army from December 5, 1967 to October 25, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 5, 1968 to July 4, 1969. He was a life member of the VFW and DAV. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. He is survived by his wife, Yavonne of Decatur; children: Thomas K. (Maria) Hector, Sr., of Clinton, and Jamie (Franklin) Marin of Bloomington; grandchildren: Thomas Hector, Jr., Ana Marin and Sandra Hector and Mateo Marin; sister, Fay Rambo of Decatur; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by one brother, Allen Wayne Hector. Services to celebrate Thomas' life were at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 26, 2016 in the Moran and Goebel Funeral Home. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Burial with military rites were in the Graceland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Heart & Kidney Foundation. The family of Thomas E. Hector was served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 North Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

DARYL "Doc" HENRY – Died Thursday, August 4, 2016 in Stuart, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born November 13, 1944. He served in the United

States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stuart Chapter #1041**.



RONALD J. "Pappy" HESSENAUER - Died Friday, May 29, 2015 at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, Illinois at the age of 70. He was a resident of Pierron, Illinois. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on August 11, 1944 in Highland, Illinois to the late Richard John and Leveda Elaine (née Miller) Hessenauer. He grew up in Old Ripley, Illinois and attended Greenville High School. He served with the United States Navy from September 19, 1962 to September 13, 1966 with duty on the USS Robinson. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. After his discharge, he served over 20 years in the United States Army Reserves. He worked for Rasler Plumbing in Greenville after his military services. He also had worked at Charles Todd in Highland for many years and retired from Civil Services at the Melvin Price Service Center in Granite City, IL. He had enjoyed bowling in several leagues when younger. As a woodworker, he had made furniture for his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed riding his Honda Golden Wing 30th Anniversary Trike cycle. He was a member of Highland VFW Post #5694 (Past Commander and Life Member); American Legion Post #665 - Saint Jacob, Illinois; Legion Riders of Troy; Teamsters #525 in Alton; AARP; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269**; Disabled American Veterans (Life Member) Jack Graiched #90 Chapter; Past District #12 VFW Commander. He is survived by three sons, Daniel P. (Special Friend Marta) Hessenauer, of Saint Jacob, IL, Ricky D. Hessenauer, of Highland, IL and Scotty R. (Dena Case) Hessenauer, of Highland, IL; eight grandchildren, Ashley Kunz, of Highland, IL, Todd Koethe, of Troy, IL, Kenna Busch, of Jerseyville, IL, David Hessenauer, of Edwardsville, IL, Kevin Hessenauer, of Edwardsville, IL, Autumn Hessenauer, of Saint Jacob, IL, Kayla Hessenauer, of Highland, IL and Joshua Case, of Highland, IL; two brothers, Robert (Mary) Hessenauer, of Alhambra, IL and Rodney G. (Lori) Hessenauer (twin), of Old Ripley, IL; his former wife, - Mary A. (née Hencke) Hessenauer, of Pocahontas, IL. In addition to his parents, he was also survived by his brother, Randal Dean Hessenauer; two sisters, Linda Sue Faith and Cheryl Hessenauer, and; his daughter-in-law, Cheryl A. (née Johnson) Hessenauer. Arrangements were handled by the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois. Visitation hours were held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, June 05, 2015 at the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. The memorial funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 05, 2015 at the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. Interment was in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Saint Louis, Missouri at 12:30 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors or VFW Post #5694.



JOHN J. W. HONAKER - Died unexpectedly Tuesday, September 27, 2016 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 28, 1942 in Winchester Center, Connecticut to the late Marshall Vanmeter and Elizabeth (née

Bement) Honaker. Following graduation from Oliver Wolcott Technical School, John enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his country for 22 years and retired in 1982 with the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class. John served for four years in Vietnam and received two Purple Hearts. He survived both a plane and a helicopter crash. John visited 135 countries and had been around the world four times, including trips to both the North and South Poles. On January 8, 1983, John was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Hindmon in the chapel at Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta, GA. After his military career, he worked in industrial maintenance until his retirement in 2004. John and Mary Elizabeth moved to Green Bay in 2004. He was very active in the Disabled Veterans Chapter #3. John served as past Commander and past District Commander. He was an ordained Minister and served as Chapter #3 and Wisconsin State Chapter Chaplain. John was a member of the Desert Vets, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224**, the Trench Rats, and served in the DAV Honor Guard. John is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth; son, John Joseph Wesley Honaker II; two stepsons, Alvin Leroy "Skip" Davis Jr., and Alan (D.J.) Davis; five grandchildren, Ashley Honaker, John Joseph Honaker III, Danielle Davis, Brianna (Mack) Koebach, and Tyler Davis; two great-grandchildren, Rylie and Harper; brother, Allen David Honaker; two sisters, Roberta Singleton and Susan Ruth Honaker, aka Sr. St. Paul Augustine; other relatives and friends. Friends came calling at the Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Avenue from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday. A DAV Auxiliary Unit #3 Memorial Service was held at 4:30 PM on Sunday. Friends also called from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Monday at the funeral home, followed by the Funeral Service at 11:00 AM with Reverend Gerry Mathisen officiating. Burial with full Military Honors was in Fort Howard Memorial Park. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in John's name to benefit the DAV Honor Guard.

EDWARD A. HOOK, SR. - Died Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in Auburndale, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey, and then he moved to Williamstown, New Jersey in 1970 and lived there for over 30 years before moving to Florida 10 years ago. He was a 3rd generation "Sweet Potato Hiller." He spent the summers at his shore home outside of Sea Isle City, New Jersey. Mr. Hook was a Supervisor for Brinks, Inc., in Philadelphia for 34 years, before retiring in 1996. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran, serving from 1955 - 1959. He was a life member of the Marine Corps League, a member of the Heart of Florida Detachment# 1107, a member of the 40 and 8 #218 in Winter Haven, a member of the American Legion Frierson Nichols Post #8 in Winter Haven, FL, a life member of the Pack of NJ Devil Dogs, a charter life member of the Giordano Detachment #200, a member of the Moose Lodge in Lindenwold and Winter Haven. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburndale Chapter #1040**. He was a former umpire for the Monroe Township Little League and was involved in the Midget Football League in the early 1970's. He was a lifelong Phillies Fan and he worked as an "Old-Timer" greeting fans and handing out giveaways at the games. He also enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports. He was the beloved husband of the late Dolores E. Hook (née Ebling); devoted father of Edward A. Hook, Jr. (Beth) and the late Steven M. Hook; dear brother of Barbara Rouh, Betty Wrotniewski and the late Anthony Hook; loving grandfather of Douglas Hook, Colin Hook and Andrea Hook; dear companion of the late Vera Kidwell, and; also survived by many loving

nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing on Saturday from 9:00 - 11:00 AM the Farnelli Funeral Home, 504 North Main Street, Williamstown, NJ, where a service was at 11:00 AM. Burial was in the Manahath Cemetery, Glassboro, NJ. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Legion Frierson Nichols Post #8, 300 Avenue M Northwest Winter Haven, FL 33881.



MARGUERITE A. "Peggy" HUGGLER - Died Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She was 83 years of age and a resident of Bordentown, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in 1933 and raised in Old Forge, Pennsylvania. She had lived in Bordentown Township since 1955. She was a school teacher at Saint Mary School for 20 years and worked at the State of New Jersey Department of Education for 10 years. Marguerite was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and provided excellent guidance to her entire family. She will be truly missed. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. She is survived by her beloved husband of 61 years, Joseph G. Huggler; her three daughters and sons-in-law: Charlene and Angelo Marsico of Myrtle Beach, SC, Margaret and William Lebak of Long Beach Island and Marlene and John Lebak of Daufuskie Island, SC; eight grandchildren: Dr. Stephen Dubernas, Officer Brian Dubernas, Dr. William Lebak, Dr. Ashley Lebak, Lauren Lebak, Stephanie Lebak N.P., Kimberly and Lisa Lebak and two great-grandchildren, William Brian Dubernas and Avery Kai Lebak. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 24th, at Saint Mary Church, 45 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ. Interment was private. Friends came calling on Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and again on Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Peppler Funeral Home, 122 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown. Donations may be made in Peggy's name to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015.

GEORGE GLEN HUMPHREY – Died recently in 2016 in Goldendale, Washington at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 23, 1950. He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Humphrey. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Valley Chapter #879**.



STEVEN DARWIN "Steve" JOHNSON - Died at his home in Olympia, Washington on Sunday, September 6, 2015 with his family nearby. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was Myocardial infarction, coronary artery disease, hypertension, atrial fibrillation and congestive heart failure. He was born November 1, 1948 in Olympia, Washington and adopted by Sherman and Claudia Johnson. A lifetime resident of Olympia, he graduated from North Thurston High School in 1967. Following graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1970. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. Steven returned to Olympia and married Gail E. Lowe in

July 1972. He and Gail raised their four children in Olympia. He worked for the Plumber and Steam Fitters Union as a welder and pipe fitter. He enjoyed playing computer games, playing tank, cooking, traveling and football. Steven was a member of Ira L. Cater, VFW Post #318. Surviving are his wife, Gail; three sons, Douglas (Becca) Nunez of Reno, Nevada, Steven (Amy) Nunez of Olympia, and John Johnson of Lacey, Washington; daughter, Kelimaria (Stephen) Brigham of Lacey; grandsons, Joseph Wayne Nunez, Chris Johnson and Logan Nunez; granddaughters, Jennifer Ellen Barton, Kristen Nunez, Paige Elizabeth Nunez, Alicia Marie Brigham, Shelby Brigham and Laura Brigham; two great-grandsons, Orion E.L.E. Barton and Odin Darwin Barton; and great-granddaughter, Alayna ReAnn Ridge. He was preceded in death by his adopted parents, Sherman and Claudia Johnson. The family suggests memorial donations be made to VFW Post #318, 2902 Martin Way E, Olympia, WA 98506.

FRED JONES – Died recently in 2016 in Fairborn, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 10, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**.

THEODORE RICHARD “Ted” JORDAN – Died Friday, October 30, 2015 in Spring Valley, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 6, 1945. Ted served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Xenia Chapter #930**. He was married to Patricia who survives him. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 4th at the McColaugh Funeral Home, Inc. 826 North Detroit Street, Xenia with Reverend Sam Van Hoose officiating. Interment was in the Spring Valley Cemetery. Friends came calling on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

ROBERT K. “Bob” KAVANA – Died recently in 2016 in Croton-on-the-Hudson, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 6, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**.



DON C. KENNEDY, JR. - Died Saturday, August 27, 2016 in Salado, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on December 27, 1943 to the late Don and Mary Kennedy. He is also predeceased by his brother, Sam Kennedy. Don proudly served in the United States Air Force until he was medically discharged due to his tour in Vietnam. He later worked as a teacher, having earned a Masters in Agricultural Science. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter 1000**. Don is survived by his beloved wife, Lynn Kennedy; cherished son, Scott Kennedy, and wife Kim; two grandchildren, Elyssa Howell and Ethan Howell, brothers, Mark Kennedy, wife Janet and their children; Paul Kennedy, wife Olga and their children. Don is also survived by his Vietnam Veterans brothers and Sisters with whom he proudly served until he

gained his wings; and a host of friends, family and former students whose lives he touched. A visitation was held on Wednesday from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM at Heritage Funeral Home, Harker Heights. Funeral Services were held at the Funeral Home on Thursday at Noon. Interment was at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. Condolences may be left at www.heritage-funeralhome.com.



DONALD "Don" KING (USAF, LTC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 in Hollywood, Maryland at the age of 71 surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 15, 1945 in Cookeville, Tennessee to the late Donald Zebedee King and Rose (née Birdwell) King. Don served in the United States Air Force and dedicated twenty-one years of service to his country until his retirement in 1988. He continued his career as a defense logistics contractor until retirement. On October 31, 1999, he married his beloved wife, Reita Gayle King. He was a devoted member of Leonardtown Baptist Church and active in Gideons International. Don was very involved in his community and active in the Disabled American Veterans, serving as a former Commander and most recently as Adjutant of Saint Mary Chapter #26. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth (Michigan) Chapter #528**. In addition to his beloved wife, Reita, Don is survived by his children and grandchildren, Cynthia King Mazur of VA (husband, Tony; grandchildren, Ryann & Kathryn); Rebecca King Henry of VA (husband, Matt; grandchildren, Liam & Madeleine); David Rogers of VA (wife, Annette; grandchildren, Christina & Michael (wife, Beth, great-grandchildren (Lux & Max); Mark Rogers of VA (wife, Donna; grandchildren Mark & Stephen); and Miriam Pearson of VA (husband, Dennis; grandchildren, Hunter & Rebecca). In addition, he is also survived by his brother, David King of TN (wife, Aldie); his sister, Ruth King Phillips of MI (husband, Bill); his brother, Ronald King of MI (wife, Robin). Family received friends on Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM with a celebration service at 2:00 PM, at Leonardtown Baptist Church, 23520 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Burial with military honors was in Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Saint Mary Chapter #26, 23282 Three Notch Road, California, MD 20619 or the Leonardtown Baptist Church, 23530 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Arrangements were made by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.



JOHN WAYNE KIRK - Died in his home in South Bend, Indiana on September 19, 2016 after a long illness he acquired during the Vietnam War. He was 70 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 8, 1946 in Dorothy, West Virginia to the late Harold and Claudia (née Dillon) Kirk. Two siblings, Phyllis Boyer and David Kirk, also preceded him in death. On April 17, 1983, John married Kathy Montplaisir. She survives. Also left to cherish his memory

are three children, Steven (Hanna) Kirk and Jennifer (Scott) Willoughby, both of WI and Michael (Julia) Kirk of South Bend; two stepchildren, Ray (Merry) Wilkerson of CA and Christina (Brian) Martin of South Bend; brother, French Kirk and sister, Connie Johnson, both of CA; and 12 precious grandchildren. John was a loving husband and father, and a faithful Patriot who proudly served our Country in United States Army during the Vietnam War. Many will miss him, including his beloved dog, Barkley. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. John's wishes were to be cremated. A celebration of life service was held on Sunday, September 25th at 4:00 PM at the American Legion - Post #303, 2503 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, IN 46615. To send condolences, please visit www.McGannHay.com.



ROBERT LEE “Bob” KIRTLEY, JR. - Died Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the Dayton VA Medical Center after a long illness. He was 69 years of age and a resident of Richmond, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 22, 1947 in Richmond to the late Robert Lee Kirtley, Sr. and Ruth Lee (née Borders) Kirtley and lived here all of his life. He was also predeceased by his brother Jim Kirtley. He was a Certified Ford Mechanic for several years and retired from Hoffco Comet after twenty-two years. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Ravina Park Baptist Church and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777**. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, car shows, Colts football and fishing. He is survived by his wife of fifteen years Deborah S. Kirtley; he was known as “Step Bob” by Noah White of Richmond, Nona Smith-Comer of Centerville, “Papa Smurf” by Sarah “Smurf” Gabbard of Centerville; two granddaughters Brandi Sams of Richmond, Deanna Sams of Monroe Ohio, two great grandchildren Brantley Sams of Richmond, Katelynn Sams of Monroe, Ohio, one sister Gloria Kirtley of Richmond, one sister in law Kathy Kirtley of Richmond, one aunt Mary Hastings of Richmond, nieces, nephews and cousins. Services were at 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Slaven officiating and military rites. The burial was private. Friends came calling from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Ravina Park Baptist Church 3015 South B. Richmond, Indiana 47374 or Dayton VA Hospice Fund c/o VA Medical Center 4100 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45428. Condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.stegallberheideorr.com.



JOSEPH KNICKERBOCKER, SR. - Died Saturday, September 7, 2013 in Goodyear, Arizona at the age of 81. The cause of death was heart disease, atrial fibrillation, Parkinson's disease and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born May 14, 1932 in Wanawa, Wisconsin. Joseph served in the United States Army for 20 years; with a tour in Vietnam and 3 tours in Korea where Joseph received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**. Joseph also worked on road

construction in Phoenix and was with the union for 24 years, retiring in 1970. Joseph is survived by his wife, Elna, and 8 children: Judy of Phoenix; Roger of Rifle, CO; Linda Edge of Ogdensburg, WI; Norma Jones of West Bend, WI; Robert of Phoenix; William of Denver, CO; Joseph, Jr. of Phoenix; and Celeste of Phoenix; grandchildren, Dan, Anthony, Vincent, Michelle, John, Brianna, Logan, Preston, and Brandon; great-grandchildren, Zachery, Keerstin, Carter, Allison, Madelin, John T., Jonathon, Julian, Layla, and Tattum. Visitation was held on Tuesday September 17, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Advantage Maryvale Mortuary Chapel 6901 West Indian School Road, Phoenix, Arizona.



MICHAEL D. KOEHS - Died Monday, August 8, 2016 at home in Macomb, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 18, 1949 in Mount Clemens, Michigan. He was the former Macomb Township clerk who had recently retired. Chuck Pierce, the township's record manager, said today that Koehs was a "very beloved man." He said he worked with Koehs for more than nine years and knew him for about 18 years. Koehs retired from the township in June and previously worked as a Macomb County sheriff's deputy. He also served in the United States Army in Vietnam, according to a Facebook post from Macomb Township Professional Firefighters Local #5023, which expressed its condolences to the Koehs family. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Koehs; son Michael; daughter Julie Koehs-Tackett; his stepmother Jean Koehs; six grandchildren; a brother and three sisters. Visitation hours were from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM on Thursday at the Gendernalik Funeral Home, 35259 Twenty-Three Mile Road, New Baltimore, Michigan. A funeral mass was celebrated at 11:30 AM on Friday at Saint Peter Catholic Church, 95 Market Street, Mount Clemens. Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Troop #211, c/o New Baltimore Civic Club, 36551 Main Street, New Baltimore, Michigan.



GILBERT A. KROM - Died Thursday, May 19, 2016 in Port Ewen, New York at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 24, 1930 in Kingston, New York Born Dec. 24, 1930, in Kingston to the late Carlton F. and Dorothy (née Short) Krom. He graduated from Kingston High School in 1948 and worked at Krom's Radio and Television until being drafted in the United States Army. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1973, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He graduated from OCS at Fort Sill, the Associate Field Artillery Career Course, the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelor of General Education, and the USA Command and General Staff College. He served in Korea, two tours in Germany and in Vietnam. Colonel Krom was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, ROK

Presidential Unit Citation, VN Cross of Gallantry w/palm (twice) and the VN Civil Actions Medal 1st Class w/oak leaf device (twice). He also has received the Korean Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal (5 campaign stars), Reserved Forces Service Medal with Hour Glass (20 years of service), United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Republic of Korea War Service Medal. In addition, he has received the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross (4 Awards) and the New York State Conspicuous Service Star (2 awards). After he retired from the military, he went to work for The Handel Group, Inc., in Poughkeepsie as Director of Service and Administration. During his work there he picked up State of New York Insurance Department license's as Independent Adjuster for Accident and Health, a Broker's License, and an Agent's license for Life insurance. He obtained a NYS Notary Public Commission. He also received an Associate Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Accounting and received a certificate of completion in the abbreviated correspondence course of actuarial calculations for pension plans from the Eastern Pension Association, Inc. He retired from the Handel Group December 1990 and has been busy with volunteer type work since. He was a member of the Reformed Church of Port Ewen where he served as Elder and deacon on the consistory. He taught the adult Sunday School. He has been known to preach on occasions when the pastor is away. He was the financial advisor for the church coordinating the annual church budget. He is a life member of The Holland Society of New York having a direct male line to a Dutch ancestor arriving in New Netherlands in 1662. He was a member of the Columbia-Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter, Empire State Society, of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a life member of the Klyne Esopus Historical Society and a past vice-president and trustee. He was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and AARP and volunteers as a Tax Counselor for the Elderly. He was past-president and member emeritus of the Mid-Hudson Chapter, Institute of Management Accountants (formerly the National Association of Accountants). He was a life member of the Reserve Officers Association, Past Department Vice President, Region VII Vice President, Ulster County Chapter President, Dutchess County Chapter President and is currently the Ulster County Chapter Secretary-Treasurer. He was a life member of the Military Officers Association of America (formerly The Retired Officers Association), past President of the Mid-Hudson Chapter and currently the Secretary (second time) and Treasurer; a life member of the American Legion, Past Department Vice Commander, Past Third District Commander, Past Ulster County Commander, Past Town of Esopus Post #1298 Commander and currently Third District Judge Advocate and Post #1298 Finance Officer and Trustee; a life member of the VFW Kingston Post 1386; a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingston Chapter #60*; a perpetual member of The Military Order of the World Wars; a life member of the Association of the United States Army; a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, formerly a member of the Kingston Lodge 970. Survivors include his sister Shirley M. Handel of Poughkeepsie and two nephews Robert D. Handel of Pittsburgh, PA and Evan B. Handel of Poughkeepsie. Arrangements were under the care of the Gilpatric-VanVliet Funeral Home, 339 Broadway, Ulster Park. In following Gil's preplanned directions, there were no calling hours or funeral procession. A graveside service officiated by Pastor Kevin Slusher, followed by full military honors began at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 23, 2016, at Fairview Cemetery, Fairview Cemetery Lane, Stone Ridge. To send a condolence or for cemetery directions, visit: www.GVVFH.com.



MARTIN AARON KUPERMAN – Died Sunday, January 31, 2016 in Henderson, Nevada at the age of 68. The cause of death was atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. He was born February 12, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York. He is survived by his wife, Ileen. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 26 February 1967 to 20 February 1968 and attained the rank of Specialist Four. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He is interred in the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada.



WILLIE EDWARD "Ed" LANGDON - Died Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at his residence in Four Oaks, North Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 12, 1941 in Johnston County, North Carolina to the late Willie Horace and Annie Ophelia L. Langdon. He was also preceded in death by a great-nephew, William Allan Newton, II. He was a farmer, a United States Army Vietnam Veteran serving from January 9, 1967 to December 18, 1968. He was a member of both the American Legion Post #346 in Four Oaks and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. Mr. Langdon was also a member and a deacon of Oliver's Grove Baptist Church. He coached Babe Ruth baseball for the Four Oaks Civitan and for Johnston County for many years. Mr. Langdon is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Judy West Langdon; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa L. and Michael Burgess of Four Oaks; grandchildren, Michaela Burgess and Langdon Burgess; sisters, Janice Privette of Clayton, Katherine Moore of Four Oaks, Judy Johnson of Florence, SC, and Frances Benson of Four Oaks; and several nieces and nephews. The family received friends on Friday from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Oliver's Grove Baptist Church, 8715 US Hwy 301 South, Four Oaks and other times at the home. The Funeral Service was at 11:00 AM on Saturday at Oliver's Grove Baptist Church in Four Oaks, NC. Officiating was the Reverend Steve Morris. Burial was in the church cemetery.

PETER LEWIS – Died Friday, September 16, 2016 in Dunellen, New Jersey at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related liver cancer. He was born May 13, 1943. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**.



DANIEL THURMAN MARTHERS - Died Monday, August 8, 2016 at the Saint Joseph Campus of Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 69. He was a resident of Gaffney, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Winnsboro, South

Carolina on February 7, 1947 to the late Frank Marthers and Minnie Aileen (née Yonn) Marthers. He was the husband of Phyllis (née Brown) Marthers. He retired from the Department of Veteran Affairs. He was a United States Army Veteran and member of the Military Order of Purple Heart and five time recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the 25th Infantry Association, the Helicopter Crew Members Association, the PAIA Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation, the VFW, where he formerly served as Commander, and was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #644**. Surviving in addition to his wife, Phyllis are a son, James Marthers and wife, Shellie of Grover, N.C.; a daughter, Danielle M. Gaiser and husband, Jon of Gaffney; a brother, David Marthers and wife, June of Pacolet; a sister, Emma Layton of Pauline, S.C.; a sister-in-law, Brenda Marthers of Pacolet; five grandchildren, Dylan Marthers, Trent Marthers, Kayden Marthers, Mariah Marthers and Lee Marthers; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Thomas Marthers, a brother Joseph Franklin Marthers, and a brother-in-law, Tommy Layton. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday, August 12, 2016 at Blakely Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Rock Springs Baptist Church with Reverend Dale Welch officiating. Interment was in the Rock Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to: Rock Springs Baptist Church, "Building Fund", 1184 Rock Springs Road, Blacksburg, SC 29702.

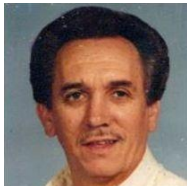


JOHN J. "J.J." MARTIN (USAF, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Friday, August 19, 2016 in Daytona Beach, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. J.J. was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 6, 1941. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary (née Powell) Martin; his children, Don R. Lewis, Michael B. Lewis (Kimberly), Terrie James (Brad), David Martin (Danette), Darin Martin, and; seven grandchildren. After graduating high school, he played professional baseball with the Minnesota Twins farm team in Charlotte. In 1959, JJ joined the United States Air Force and served an honorable career until his retirement twenty years later. During his time in the Air Force, JJ served two tours in Vietnam, served on the Standardization and Evaluation team of the Special Air Warfare Center, and was a logistic support technician for the historic Son Tay Raid to rescue American POW's. Upon retirement from the Air Force in 1979, he worked for HG Wilson, Inc., as Director of Operations in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1985, he and his wife moved to Daytona Beach (her home town). JJ worked for the Tomoka Correctional Institute for 4 years in the recreational field. He then went to the Stewart Marchman Center as the Recreational Director. He worked there 15 years before retiring. His life was filled with sports, as a participant, spectator, and collector. JJ's experience in baseball and softball can be summed up in one word – champion. Early in his Air Force career, he played semi-pro baseball in Wichita, Kansas; winning the semi-pro World Series. Later in his Air Force career, JJ transitioned to fast pitch softball. He was a member of several national championship teams and named to numerous Air Force and Inter-Service All-Star teams. While in Baton Rouge, his team won the state championship in 1982. In Daytona Beach, his senior league team won the SPA National Championship in 2000 and the State Championship in 2004. During his spare time, JJ was a significant figure in the Daytona Beach Community and a reliable voice for our military

veterans. He served for several years as President of his Homeowner's Association. A member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled Veterans Association, he also served as *President and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Orange Chapter #1048**, and was a member of Volusia County Veterans Council. In these positions, he helped organize numerous activities supporting Vietnam Veterans, helped homeless veterans, and was a Volusia County Veterans Court Mentor. JJ has also been an active citizen liaison with the Daytona Beach Police Department for many years. The funeral service was on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church of Daytona Beach. Interment was at the Daytona Memorial Park.



JOSEPH E. "Joe" McCABE – Died Friday, July 8, 2016 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 13, 1943. He was the husband of Cathy McCabe (née Hannon); father of Megan (Nick) Davidson and Molly (Nick) Mato; grandpa of Hannon, Declan, Finn, and Mickey; brother of Ken (Pat), Grace, and Marilyn, and; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Joe was a disabled Vietnam Veteran, Tet Offensive Survivor, and volunteer at both the Joseph House and Vet Center and the VA Hospital. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**. Visitation took place at the Hodapp Funeral Home, 6041 Hamilton Avenue, College Hill on Thursday, July 14, 2016 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Clare Church, 1443 Cedar Avenue, College Hill on Friday, July 15, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Memorials may be made to the Cincinnati VA Medical Center PTSD Clinic. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. L. Wexler and Dr. J. Lekson, and the nurses for all their care given to Joe at the VA Hospital. Condolences should be made to hodappfuneralhome.com.



ROY LAMAR McCAMISH – Died Wednesday, August 10, 2016 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on December 28, 1942 to the late Roy and Roxie McCamish. He was also predeceased by his son, Derrick McCamish. He graduated from Soddy-Daisy High School, and served in the United States Air Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He retired from Combustion Engineering after 35 years. He was an avid Vols fan, loved NASCAR, and westerns. Lamar is survived by his wife of 28 years, Carolyn (née Walker) McCamish; sister, Delores; many other relatives and friends including Carolyn's son, Don (Terri) Walker. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 12, 2016 in Hamilton County Memorial Park with the Reverend Melvin Walker officiating. Condolences and memories can be shared at www.williamsonandsons.com. Arrangements were made by the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379.

GEORGE DELBERT McCARVER – Died Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in Grayling, Michigan at the age of 88. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 17, 1927. He served in the United States Navy during World War II, Korea and the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #1083**. A memorial service with full military honors was held on April 15, 2016 at 1:30 PM at Grayling Eagles. A luncheon followed.



JAMES KENNETH "Jim" MERELLO - Died peacefully at home in The Villages, Florida on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 after a long battle with lung cancer. He was 69 years of age. Jim was born in Washington, DC on August 7, 1946 to the late John and Ellen Merello. He first came to The Villages as a trainer for El DuPont for a piece of equipment put in the new Villages Hospital Imaging Center. Later that year, he brought his wife, Carolyn, down to see it. Both of them were so impressed, they knew they would come here when they were ready to retire. In 2011 they had their house built and moved to The Villages in August. Jim graduated from the University of Maryland in 1974. He worked for El DuPont in Wilmington, DE for 20 years. When they sold their digital radiology products, he worked for several years for various smaller radiology companies in a similar capacity. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. He leaves behind his wife, Carolyn, of 46 years, a daughter, Kimberly Carey and husband Blake, a one year old granddaughter, Kenzie, and a sister, Joan Pessagno and husband Marty, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. The visitation was at the Beyers Funeral Home, 134 North Highway 27/441, Lady Lake, Florida on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM with interment to follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 2:00 PM. An informal gathering followed at the Merello home at 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, 13940 US 441, Lady Lake, FL 32159 or to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.



JAMES M. MIKA - Died Monday, June 27, 2016 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel, New Jersey at the age of 61. He was a resident of Navesink, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Long Branch, New Jersey on July 4, 1954 to Jeanette (nee Eilenberger) Mika and the late John M. Mika. He resided in Belford, New Jersey before moving to Navesink in 1963. Mr. Mika worked as a repairman for Otis Elevator Co. in New York City and retired several years ago. He was also a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1973 to 1977. In 1975 he was selected Marine-of-the-Month at Quantico, Virginia. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. In addition to his Mother, he is also survived by his brother, John Mika of Navesink and a sister, Joan Meyer and husband George of Marlboro, and; also surviving are three nieces, Jenna and

her husband Kurt Nale, Jessica and Jamie Meyer. The family received relatives and friends from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Friday, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM at Posten's Funeral Home, 59 East Lincoln Avenue at Central and East Garfield Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Middletown, NJ.



JERRY L. "Pete" MOLLOY – Died at his home in Grass Valley, California on Friday, July 15, 2016 at the age of 69. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Modesto, California on March 28, 1947. Jerry served in the Navy from 1966 to 1970 during which time he was stationed in Vietnam and Guam. Upon leaving the service he took up truck driving. He continued in that line of work until his retirement twelve years ago. Jerry and his wife Susan were married in 1982; they moved from Modesto to the Grass Valley area in 2004. Jerry was active in the local chapter of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grass Valley Chapter #535**. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, he became a member and advocate for the local PD support group. Throughout his struggle with Parkinson's, he continued to be upbeat and a great example to others. His quick sense of humor was one of the things that drew people to him. We will all miss that. Jerry is survived by his wife, Susan; children, Nicole (Darrin) Davis, Jeffrey (Shaylyn) Molloy of Modesto; step-children, Lisa and Jason Gioletti of Turlock; four beloved grandchildren, Taylor, Kelsey, Ryan and Keira; sisters, Mary Sue Meyers and Linda Colatori; brothers, Bob Molloy and David Molloy; and many nieces and nephews. In honor of his request, no services will be held for Jerry. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Sierra Roots, P. O. Box 2086, Nevada City, CA 95959 or Parkinson's Association of Northern California, 1750 Prairie City Road #130-220, Folsom, CA 95630. Arrangements were under the direction of the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary.



DALLAS W. "Red" MOSSMAN, Sr. - Died Friday, July 17, 2015 at Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw, Michigan at the age of 86. He was a resident of Montrose, Michigan and formerly of Flint, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 21, 1928 in Flint, Michigan to the late Elijah and Leona (née Powell) Mossman. He served in the United States Army from 1946 -1948 and from 1950 – 1954. He was a Korean POW from May 1951 and released to freedom in August 1953. Dallas received the Purple Heart among several other medals. He married Connie Dupont on December 10, 1955. She preceded him on May 23, 1998. Dallas was a truck driver with Anchor Motor Freight, retiring from Complete Auto Transit. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW, Eagles and the ex-Korean POW's. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Flint Chapter #175**. Dallas enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing and traveling. He is survived by his children, Dallas, Jr. (Liho) Mossman of Gaithersburg, MD, Nancy (Gale) Mack of Perry; his grandchildren, Sarah LaBean (fiancé Chris), and Emily Taylor; his great-grandchildren; his special friends, Monica Cash, Sue Dauber,

Jessica (Robert) Matney, and; many other special friends and family. He was also preceded in death by, his daughter, Sandra Lynne; his siblings, Gerald, Russell, Audrey, Madalyn and Francis. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM at the O'Guinn Family Funeral Home in Montrose. Pastor Ed Emmerling officiated. The burial was in the Montrose Township Cemetery with full military honors. Family received visitors at the funeral home on Wednesday from 3:00-8:00 PM and Thursday from 12:00 PM until the time of the service at 1:00 PM. To read a biography of Dallas, visit http://www.koreanwareducator.org/memoirs/mossman_dallas/index.htm.



KENNETH E. NELSON - Died at home in Aston, Pennsylvania on June 22 with his wife and daughter at his side. He was 69 years old and leaves a void for all who knew and loved him. He was the son of the late Paul and Eloise Nelson. Upon graduation from Sun Valley High School, Ken joined the United States Navy. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. He was a carpenter with Assault Craft Unit 2 and spent 8 months in the Mediterranean. He volunteered to go to Vietnam where he was a Fire Crew Chief in Chu Lai. Ken used the GI Bill to attend and graduate from Cheyney University. During his career, he taught high school industrial arts, had his own remodeling business and worked for other companies as a master carpenter. For the last 19 years, Ken has been the carpentry instructor at Williamson College of the Trades. It became much more than a job as he taught and mentored his students. After Hurricane Katrina, with the coordination of Cityteam Ministries, Ken took roughly 50 Williamson students to Bay St. Louis three years in a row during Christmas break to reconstruct homes. Several of Ken's students participated in the skills competition on a local, state and national level. Seven students won the gold medal in the nationals. Ken earned his private pilot's license and spent many hours flying with friends from Brandywine Airport. Ken is survived by his wife, Patricia (née Connolly) Nelson; his daughter Kate and her husband Jim Gilmer; his two grandsons, Aidan and Ben Gilmer; 2 brothers, William and David Nelson. He was predeceased by his daughter, Beth. His funeral service was celebrated on Monday, June 27th at 10:30 AM at the Carr Funeral Home 935 South Providence Road (Route 320), Wallingford, PA. Friends and family were invited to call on Sunday evening from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM and again on Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 AM at the funeral home. Burial was in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery. Ken volunteered at Christmas for Cityteam Ministries, so in Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his name to this organization at 634 Sproul Street, Chester, PA 19013.



ROBERT KENT "R.K." NICEWANER - Died Thursday, September 22, 2016 in the Dayton VA Medical Center at the age of 68. He was a resident of Springfield, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 4, 1948 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Robert L.

Nicewaner and Martha Belle (née Hopping) Bittner who survives him. Kent was a volunteer firefighter for Clifton Fire Department for many years. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served our country proudly during the Vietnam War. Kent will be sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Hilda F. (Barrett) Nicewaner; his mother; one daughter, Jennifer (Joe) Myers of South Charleston; one son, Lee (Amy) Nicewaner of Clifton; one sister, Joyce (Ed) Dressler of Yellow Springs; five grandchildren, Christopher Smith, Ashley (Justin) Keaton, Cody Breakall, Kayla Nicewaner and Carissa Myers; four great-grandchildren; aunt, Judy Hopping; cousins, Marsha Sneed and Shyrl (Steve) Imoff and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; one daughter, Michelle Breakall; uncle, Gerald Hopping and cousin, Myron Nicewaner. A gathering of family and friends was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 5:00-8:00 PM in the Littleton and Rue Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Thursday at 11:00 AM in the Clifton United Presbyterian Church, 183 North Jackson Street, Clifton, OH with Pastor Arby Conn officiating. Burial was in the Clifton Cemetery.



JAMES E. "Jim" NIPPER - Died Friday, September 2, 2016 at McLaren Port Huron after a brief illness at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 25, 1934 in Red Ash, Virginia. He graduated from Richland High School there, and lived in the Port Huron area for the past several years. He married Mary Elizabeth Mitchell in 1969. She preceded him in death on August 16, 2006. Jim worked in construction, and also worked at Port Huron and Mercy Hospital in the security department. He served in the United States Army in Korea and Vietnam and volunteered with the Saint Clair County Allied Veterans Council where he helped pay tribute at many Veteran funerals. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #1083**. He also enjoyed volunteering at McLaren Port Huron. Jim was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He is survived by 12 children, Kari Lynn (Mark) Harris, Donna Sue Lester, Denise (John) Kovatch, David (Brenda) Mitchell, Lynette (Clark) Schroeder, John (Linda) Mitchell, Rhonda (Mike) Green, Kevin (Leeann) Mitchell, Paul Hill, Terry (Carol) Robbins, Larry (Kris) Mitchell, and Jason (Jessica) Mitchell; sisters, Peggy Smith and Anne Cordle; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Nipper, Doris Lewis, and Judith (Kenneth) Mitchell; several nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Richard. Jim is also survived by 31 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, 16 great-great-grandchildren, and his dog, Rascal. He was preceded in death by a brother Donald Nipper; granddaughter, Kathleen Bambusch; great-grandson, Brandon Obermesik; brother-in-law, Buford Cordle; and a nephew, Joseph Nipper. A funeral took place at 11:00 AM on Thursday in Trinity Lutheran Church with The Reverend Dr. Mark Madson, officiating. A graveside committal service was in the Saint Clair County Allied Veterans Cemetery under the auspices of the St. Clair County Allied Veterans Council. Visitation was on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Smith Family Funeral Home - North. There was visitation at the church on Thursday beginning at 10:00 AM.



BOBBY LEE OWENS (USAF, MSG-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, August 2, 2016 in Warner Robins, Georgia at the age of 74. The cause of death was drowning. He was born on November 12, 1941 in Manchester, Georgia to the late Riley Tebe and Aline Jordan. Bobby retired from the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant. He served at several air force bases in the US, Greenland, the Philippines, Okinawa, and Taiwan. He was honored to be a Vietnam Veteran. He worked for Hawaiian Air, Zantop Airlines, and TIMCO Aviation Services at the Lewis B. Wilson Airport in Macon, Georgia. The Federal Aviation Administration awarded him the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award for more than 50 years of meritorious service. He retired from TIMCO with 53 years of full-time work in the field of aviation. He was a faithful volunteer at the RAFB Museum of Aviation. Bobby was an honorable man who lived his life in service for others. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. He was a dedicated Christian who supported many missionaries and children's homes in the US and abroad. He was a radical Georgia Bulldog fan. He was nicknamed Mr. National Geographic because of his outstanding photography. Bobby grew show quality roses. He is survived by Dr. Dawn, his wife of 48 years, two daughters, Leslie Owens-Park (Charlie) of Fernandina Beach, FL, and Monica Owens Doyle (Michael) of Midpines, CA, and two brothers, Chuck Owens and Terry Jordan. Bobby was known as "Ba" to his two cherished grandchildren that were the delight of his life, Jackson Owen Doyle and Bridgette Doyle. Visitation with Bobby's family was on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the McCullough Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, August 7, 2016 at The Assembly at Warner Robins. At 10:00 AM on Monday, August 8, 2016, Bobby was laid to rest in Andersonville National Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial donations be given in memory of Bobby Owens to the Museum of Aviation Foundation, P.O. Box 2469, Warner Robins, Ga 31088, World Missions, care of The Assembly at Warner Robins, 6040 Watson Blvd, Byron, Ga 31008, or Vietnam Veterans of America, www.vva.org. Go to www.mcculloughfh.com to sign the Online Registry for the family. McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory has the privilege of being entrusted with Mr. Owens's arrangements.

JOHNNY CHARLES PANCRAZIO – Died Friday, October 14, 2016 in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 31, 1942 in Rock Island, Illinois. He was in track at Alleman Catholic High School in Rock Island and then graduated from Moline High School in Moline, Illinois in 1961. He joined the Illinois Army National Guard during his Senior Year and enlisted into the United States Army on November 30 1961 and served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Prescott Chapter #95**. He was married to his wife Annie, who survives him.



RONALD KEITH "Ron" PEARSON - Died Wednesday, August 3, 2016 in the Hospice Suite located at UP Health System - Marquette, Michigan, in the loving, comforting care of his family and the caregivers of Lake Superior Hospice. He was 70 years of age and a resident of

Marquette. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 24, 1946 in Marquette to the late Engwald and Virginia (née Hendrickson) Pearson. Ron was raised in Marquette and was a member of the last class to graduate from Graveraet High School in 1964 before moving to the new high school. He attended Northern Michigan University for two years, pursuing a degree in business and then worked for a time at Cliff Dow. In 1966, Ron enlisted in the United States Navy serving during the Vietnam-era until his honorable discharge in 1969. Returning to Marquette, Ron was employed with the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company aboard their ore boats until beginning an over 28-year career as a corrections officer with the Michigan Department of Corrections at the Marquette Branch Prison. Following his retirement, he spent some time in Florida during the winters and enjoyed playing golf, although he admitted that playing in ideal Florida weather did not significantly improve his game. In addition to golf, he also enjoyed a challenging game of cribbage, a game he learned from his father. Ron had a big heart and was always generous with his time and talent, always willing to "be there" for the other person, and always with his big smile. His passion, however, seemed to be that of a veteran who wanted to keep serving his country and his fellow man. Ron was an active member of Richard Jopling Post #44 where he served in numerous capacities for over 44 years. He worked fish fries, post bingo, building maintenance, picnics, and served with pride at veteran's funerals as part of the American Legion honor guard. He held various posts within the Legion including, Post Commander, Vice Commander, executive board member, and on committees such as the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service program at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans, canteen, charity gaming, adjutant and post newspaper editor, and many other committees at the Post. Ron also held department and district offices as Fifth Zone Commander from 2010-2011, 12th District Alternate, 12th District Commander, VAVS/VHVS and S.A.L. committee chairmanships, served as public relations chairman, and held memberships in Michigan 40/8 Voiture #599, Chef du Train UP, Sous UP POW/MIA, VAVS, Carville Star, and Chef de Gare, Correspondent, Chef du Train, Aumonier and most other positions in Voiture #599, and was a life member of VFW #4137 in Mass City. Other memberships included AMVETS Michigan Post #122 in Ishpeming, where he served one year on the executive board, and AMVETS Florida Post in Ingles, Florida. Ron was also a *Life Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380***, Negaunee, serving on their executive board fourteen years. Ron was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church. Ron is survived by his wife, Audrey (née Chisenski-Witcher) Pearson, whom he married November 30, 2012; stepchildren, Tina Witcher of Scottsdale, AZ, Rene (Alex) Schull of Gilbert, AZ, and Grant (Roz) Witcher of San Antonio, TX; his grandchildren, Kayleigh Witcher, Trey Witcher, Jeremy Schull, and Krysta (Tyler) Shipman; two great-grandchildren, Rylan and Jaxon Shipman; his sister, Juleen "Julie" (Peter) Tobin of Iron Mountain; 4 nephews, Christopher, Sean, Eric, and Casey Tobin; and many friends. Ron was preceded in death by his parents; and his daughter, Jane Helen Pearson on December 14, 2013. Friends came calling at the Fassbender Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 9th, beginning at 11:00 AM until the time of service at 1:00 PM on Tuesday afternoon. Reverend David Van Kley officiated. Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America and American Legion provided the honor guards. A reception was at the American Legion. Graveside services were held at the Park Cemetery at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 10th, with veteran's honors rendered by members of the Vietnam Veterans of America and American Legion.



ARTHUR W. "Art" PETERS - Died Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska after a long battle with life. He was 72 years of age and a resident of Ninilchik, Alaska. The cause of death is unknown. Art was born December 26, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. He served 23 years in the United States Army and fought honorably in two tours of Vietnam in Special Forces and was also called back for Desert Storm. He also served as a Physician's Assistant. Art moved to Alaska in the early 1950s and had lived in Moose Pass and Ninilchik. He retired from the military in 1987 and worked in remote areas of Alaska as a Physician's Assistant until retiring from Medicine in 2002. Art was a member of the Alaska Veteran's Advisory Council (AVAC), Commander of Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH), and had served in other Veteran's organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anchor Point Chapter #914**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, homesteading on the Nowitna River, driving his 1955 Chevy and the "occasional martini." His family wrote, "Art was a proud American whose love for country and especially Alaska, was immeasurable. He was an honorable man with a heart that was even larger than any border. His love of cooking made his many travels abroad even richer. He enjoyed learning all about the cuisine and would later share these recipes with his family and friends, which was one of his greatest joys in life. Art's enormous love for his family, especially his wife, was infectious and it inspired others. We share these words from Art, *"There's a camaraderie and brotherhood of men that serve in combat and you just don't leave. That's your job....stay with your men."* Art was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy Peters. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette of Ninilchik; their children and spouses, John and Cheri Hershey of California, Julie Marcinkowski of Nikiski, Alaska, Sally and Terry Glynn of Gold Canyon, Arizona, and Shana and Jose Effio; granddaughters, Stephanie and Alexandra, all of Gilbert, Arizona, and his four-legged child, "Izzy", still living at home in Ninilchik; two brothers and four sisters. Following his wishes, there was no memorial service, just a "goodbye for now" for his immediate family. Memorial donations may be sent in Art's honor to Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Scholarships, 5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151 or to the Ninilchik Senior Center, P.O. Box 39422, Ninilchik, AK 99639. Arrangements were made by the Peninsula Memorial Chapel in Kenai, Alaska.



HAROLD W. PETERS (USN, CPO-Ret) - Died Friday, September 2, 2016 in Saint Clair, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 24, 1943 in Larned, Kansas to the late Harold and Ada Peters. Harold married Elsie "Chris" Jones on March 1, 1969 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He proudly served the United States Navy for 23 years doing multiple tours to Vietnam. Harold was very involved with many veterans' organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #1083**. Harold is survived by his wife, Elsie "Chris" Peters of St. Clair; daughter and son-in-law, Dianne (Aaron) Wick of Poplar, Wisconsin; son and daughter-in-law, Mark (Kami) Peters of Marine City; daughter, Rebecca Ramos of Kansas City, Missouri; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Peters. A

Celebration of His Life was held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at Marysville American Legion, 299 Huron Boulevard, Marysville, Michigan. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes may be made to Disabled American Veterans. Saint Clair County Allied Veterans Council conducted the Military Honors. Cremation arrangements were in the care of Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue at 17th Street, Port Huron.

ROBERT F. PICARIELLO – Died recently in 2016 in Port Sainte Lucie, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 31, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**.



JIMMIE L. PRATER – Died Thursday, July 7, 2016 at Cottingham Hospice House at the age of 76. He was a resident of Westminster, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Oconee County, South Carolina on June 15, 1940 to the late Verner Carl Prater and Lois Lee Prater Martin. Mr. Prater was an Oakway High School Graduate where he was a member of the Beta Club. He attended Upper Iowa University and received his Public Administration degree in 1977. Mr. Prater served in the United States Army in Vietnam with the Infantry Division and was a recipient of a Bronze Star. He lived in Vietnam after the war, worked in South America, and on the Alaska Pipeline. Mr. Prater worked in the trucking business with Sam Owens from 1975-1983. He was president of the Gem Club and retired from the Hartford Spec. Co. in 2003. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Union Chapter #1017**. Survivors in addition to his wife Grace (née Davis) Prater, include sons, Charles Prater of Westminster, Steven and Jimmie Prater, Jr., both of Salem; sister, Laura Ellen Sentell, of Westminster; 4 grandchildren, Haleigh Gutierrez, Brianna Miller, John Prater, and Lee Prater; and 4 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers, Robert E. and Luther Roy Prater. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 9, 2016 from the Sandifer Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the First Baptist Memorial Park. The family received friends prior to the service from 1:00 – 2:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home. The family is at their respective homes. Flowers accepted or memorials in his memory to Cottingham Hospice House, Attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.



SALVATORE F. RACCUGLIA, SR. - Died Thursday, August 11, 2016 in his residence in Temple, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Aidone, Sicily, Italy on July 11, 1946 to the late Filippo and Grace (née Guistra) Raccuglia. He was the husband of Angela M. (née Rauso) Raccuglia, with whom he shared 50

years of love and marriage. He was a United States Army veteran serving from 1967 to 1969 spending 11 months in Vietnam in 1968-1969. He attained the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Temple Chapter #131**. He was the owner of Pizza Como and the Vineyard Restaurant in Temple for 36 years, retiring in 2012. He was a family-man who took care of his loved ones with his talents as carpenter, electrician, plumber and upholsterer. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Philip J. Raccuglia, husband of Jillyn, of Temple and Salvatore F. Raccuglia, Jr., husband of Michelle, of Wyomissing; six grandchildren, Shelby, Angela, Salvatore, Joseph, Anna, and Thomas; one brother, Joseph Raccuglia, husband of Mary; two sisters, Maria (Raccuglia) Davies, widow of the late Robert and Angela (Raccuglia) Fiore, wife of Frank all of Temple, and; several nieces and nephews, Bree (Davies) Kantner George Fiore, Philip Fiore, Francesca (Fiore) Lausch, Jennifer Raccuglia, and Joseph Raccuglia. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Gethsemane Cemetery Mausoleum, Chapel of Saint George on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Entombment was with full military honors. Visiting hours were in the Edward J. Kuhn Funeral Home Inc., 739 Penn Avenue, West Reading on Monday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Contributions may be made to the Berks County Veteran Affairs, 726 Cherry Street, Reading, PA 19602 or the American Cancer Society, 498 Bellevue Avenue, Reading, PA 19605. Online condolences can be recorded at www.kuhnfuneralhome.com.

DAVID FRITZ REINS - Died in June, 2016 in Virginia Beach, Virginia at the age of 88. He lived in Crewe, Virginia for over forty years. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 23, 1927. He served 26 years in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War attaining the rank of E-7. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackstone Chapter #806**. He is survived by three children and five grandchildren. Memorial donations welcome to Saint Francis Episcopal Church, Virginia Beach, where the funeral was held.

NELSON RICE, JR. – Died recently in 2016 in Washington, DC at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 1, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington, DC**.



JAMES E. "Jay" RINGQUIST, JR. - Died Sunday, August 21, 2016 at his residence in Ashburnham, Massachusetts at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on June 8, 1947 to the late James E. and Constance M. (née Eskola) Ringquist, Sr. and has resided in Ashburnham for many years. He is survived by his wife of forty four years Sara E. (née Ruosteoja) Ringquist of Ashburnham, three daughters, Heather L. Roberts and her husband Donald, Priscilla Ringquist, Meredith Ringquist, five grandchildren, Christian Manca, Eric and Alana Perry, Shelara Roberts, Tala Roberts, one brother, Robert Ringquist and his family. 'Jay' was previously employed for the Towns of Ashburnham and Groton as a meter reader. He also worked for the Westminster Cemetery Department, J and J Chimney Sweeps in Ashburnham, and the former James River Paper Company in Fitchburg. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #907** and the Patriot Riders Motorcycle

Group of Gardner. In his spare time James enjoyed skiing, gardening, kayaking and riding his motorcycle. The burial date was on September 1, 2016, where a graveside service was held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street in Winchendon at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #907, Attn: Support our Troops, P.O. Box 595 Gardner, MA 01440.



ROBERT G. RITTER – Died Monday, November 10, 2014 in Dearborn Heights, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death was a brain injury resulting from a fall. He was born in Highland, Michigan on December 21, 1935. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Southgate Chapter #259**. He was the beloved husband of Laurie; dear father of Shelly (Cliff) Baker, Gina Babyak and Craig; grandfather of Stacy, Tracy, Jimmy, Jamie, Crystal, Justin, Austin, Jeremy and Jessica, and; great-grandfather of Alexis, Patrick, Nicholas, Sicilee, Dominic, Adilee, Colton, Deandra, Michael, Braden and Timothy. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 6:00-8:00 PM with a 7:00 PM recitation of the Rosary and on Friday from 12:00-8:00 PM at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, Garden City (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). Viewing continued on Saturday at 9:00AM followed by the 9:30 AM Funeral Mass at Saint Mel Roman Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster (just north of Warren), Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Family suggested memorials be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital.



ROBIN SCOTT ROGGENBUCK – Died Sunday, August 21, 2016 in Cameron, Missouri at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born July 26, 1952. He was veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cameron Chapter #848**.



MICHAEL L. "Mike" ROSE - Died Wednesday morning, November 20, 2013 at his home in Carlyle, Illinois surrounded by his family at the age of 63 years. The cause of death was Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born in Millington, Tennessee on January 24, 1950 to the late Floyd B. and Helen L. (née Miller) Rose. He married Debbie Kleber at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Carlyle on July 7, 1973 and she survives along with two daughters, Shawna Rose of Carlyle and Shelly Kluemke and husband Danny of Bartelso; his siblings, Helen L. Masters and husband Ray of Xenia, Ohio, James Rose Sr. and wife Kathy of Carlyle and William Johnson of Xenia, Ohio; his grandchildren, Javen Rose, Cody and Kailey Kluemke, and; his mother-in-law, Joyce Kleber of Carlyle. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Steve Rose. Mike was

employed at Crop Production Services in Iuka where he served as office manager. Mike was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Carlyle. He served in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corps. Mike enjoyed old cars and was a member of the AMC Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269**. His greatest passion was for his family, his wife, children and grandkids. Funeral services were on Friday, November 22, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Messiah Lutheran Church with Pastor Steve Sommerer officiating. The interment was in the Carlyle Cemetery. Military services were accorded at the cemetery. Friends visited with the family at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Carlyle on Friday from 10:00 AM until the time of services. For those wishing to honor Mike with a memorial, the family suggests memorials to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #269, Messiah Lutheran Church or Meals On Wheels and those were received at the Frerker Funeral Home which were in charge of all the services.

ROBERT T. ROSS – Died recently in 2016 in Saint Louis, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 4, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter - Michigan**

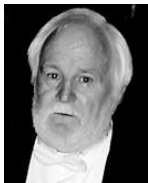
KETURAH JOSEPHINE RUHL – Died Tuesday, March 22, 2016 in Lake Alfred, Florida at the age of 60. The cause of death was respiratory failure, acute respiratory stress syndrome, pneumonia and diabetes mellitus – type II. She was born in Baltimore County, Maryland on March 2, 1956 to the late Albert Lee George and Naomi Ruth (née Patterson) George. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Kevin Gene Ruhl (USMC, MSgt.-Ret.). She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburndale Chapter #1040**.

ANTHONY SABETTINI - Died peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, March 23, 2008 in Virginia Beach, Virginia at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts and was the husband of the late Janice E. Sabettini. He retired from the United States Navy as a Chief Petty officer and also retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was a veteran of Vietnam and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of the Sons of Italy-Roma Lodge, Elks Lodge and the Knights of Columbus. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tidewater (Virginia Beach) Chapter #48**. He is survived by his son, Brian Sabettini of Virginia Beach, Va.; three daughters, Sandy and Jim Osterrieder of Standish, Maine, Dianne and Stan Tarasek of Chama, New Mexico, and Cynthia Findlater of Virginia Beach, Va.; two sisters, Jennie and Paul DiPerri of Fitchburg and Anita and Bernie LeCuyer of Lunenburg; seven grandchildren, Sean Osterrieder, Christopher and Michelle Osterrieder, Matthew Osterrieder, Ryan Briggs, Brandon Briggs, Kira Tarasek and Alicia Findlater; five great-grandchildren, Corey, Julianna, Isabella, Emily and Benjamin Osterrieder. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, March 28 at 10:00 AM in Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Joseph Slattery officiating. A graveside service was held on April 10th, at 10:00 AM in Arlington National Cemetery. The family received friends at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home Great Neck Chapel on Thursday from 7:00-9:00 PM, where an Elks service was held at 7:00 PM, followed by Sons of Italy-Roma Lodge. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at hollomon-brown.com.

WILLIAM SCHAEFER – Died recently in 2016 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 17, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa (California) Chapter #223**.



ANTHONY M. "Tony" SEENEY – Died Thursday, September 22, 2016 at Kent General Hospital at the age of 68. He was a resident of Dover, Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 18, 1947 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the late Forrest L. Seeney and Lola Mae (née Ridgeway) Seeney. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam and served 20 years in the National Guard. He worked for the City of Dover for 30 years in the Water and Sewer Department in the maintenance. After retiring from the city he worked for several companies, Roy's Electric, Bennett Security, Jackson Construction and Lowes. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850** and was part of their Honor Guard. He had coached, Dover, Hartly, and Marydel Little Leagues, he also followed his son Keith in wrestling, football and baseball. Mr. Seeney was a fisherman, hunter. He was a member of Nanticoke Lenni Lenape Tribe of Bridgeton, NJ and was known as "The Popper Man". He played many instruments and sang and was very involved doing crafts for the Pow Wow's. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Walter Seeney; sister, Birdella Ridgeway Newhard; brothers-in-law, Luther A. and James Sammons. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Wanda Sammons Seeney; son, Keith and his wife, Shelby; daughter, Wendy Seeney and companion, James Monk, Sr., all of Dover; brothers, Arthur G. Seeney, of Lewisville, Texas, and Richard H. Seeney, of Dover; sisters, Sarah Seeney and her companion, Carl Hardman, of Milford, Janice Mae Seeney, of Dover, Nancy Jane Bryant and her husband, Eric, of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Karen (Sookie) E. Seeney, of Swedesboro, N.J.; grandsons, Jordan A. Seeney and James C. Monk, Jr.; father-in-law, Luther Sammons; sisters-in-laws, Mary Seeney, Brenda Sammons, Anita Sammons, and Lori Sammons, Shelia Pierce and her husband Herbert; and his best friend, Alvin Carney; godchildren, Mark Seeney, of Dover and Rick Seeney, of Ky.; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Tony was loved and will be greatly missed by many. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Sunday October 2, 2016 at Torbert Funeral Chapel South, 1145 East Lebanon Road (Route 10), Dover. Friends came calling from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday evening and 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday. Interment was in Fork Branch Cemetery, Dover. Letters of condolences may be sent and guest book signed at www.torbertfuneral.com.



RONALD JAMES SHEA (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Monday, January 25, 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 8, 1937 in of Hamden, Connecticut to the late Bertha and James Shea. He was also predeceased by his older brother Kenneth Shea. He graduated with the 1959 class of Norwich University in Vermont, as a United States Army Lieutenant with degrees in Business and Economics. Military stations included Germany, Hawaii, and separate tours in Vietnam as Combat Infantryman and Armor Command. Ron loved playing ice hockey from the time he was 8 years old until after his 70th birthday, including as goalie for the Norwich University Cadets and right wing for the semi-pro,

Louisville Blades. Ron and his wife loved to travel and visited 80 countries together. After retirement, Ron volunteered at Habitat for Humanity for over 20 years, along with his wife, and remained involved until his death. He was a Freemason for more than 50 years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kentucky**. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Lynn (née Turner) Shea; three children, Lynn Taylor Wesley of Louisville, KY, Gregg Carson Collins (Sharon) of Tupelo, MS, Catherine Collins Buis of Leitchfield, KY; three grandchildren, Brandon Michael Collins of Tupelo, MS, Rachel Collins Mazzanti (Michael) of Dallas, TX, Christopher Michael Buis of Leitchfield, KY; and two great-grandchildren, Madison Collins of Tupelo, MS, and Eliana Lynn Mazzanti of Dallas, TX. Visitation hours were on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 PM, followed by a memorial service at Pearson's Funeral Home, 149 Breckenridge Lane in Louisville, Kentucky.



JOE MARSHALL SHEPPARD - Died Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky at the age of 70. He was a resident of Hickory, Kentucky. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on May 2, 1946 in Paducah to the late Charlie Sheppard and the late Lucille (née Lovett) Sheppard. He was a member of Clarks River Baptist Church, a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah Chapter #337**. He is survived by his wife, Pat (née Langston) Sheppard of Hickory, KY; his sons, Tom Sheppard, wife Dora of Symsonia, KY and Dan Sheppard, wife Niki of Paducah, KY, brothers, Shirley Ray Sheppard of Benton, KY and James Sheppard of Paducah, KY, sisters, Margaret Wood of Hickory, KY, Linda Camper of Calvert City, KY and Mary Ann Warner of Paducah, KY, and grandchildren, Dusty Lummus, Hunter Sheppard, Jonathan Barnes, Cassidy Collins, husband Levi, Dillon Sheppard, Courtney Holder, Emilee Sheppard, and Jayci Sheppard. A Funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Clarks River Baptist Church with Jared Baker, Jim Boyd, and Jeff Collins who co-officiated. Interment with military honors was in the Clarks River Cemetery, Symsonia, KY. Visitation was held between the hours of 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th Street, Benton, KY 42025. An additional visitation was held at the Clarks River Baptist Church on Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 1:00 PM until the funeral hour. Memorial contributions may be given to the Clarks River Baptist Church Building Fund, 10926 State Route 131, Symsonia, KY 42082.



RICHARD F. SHILLING - Died Friday afternoon, June 17, 2016, at his home in Lewistown, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 27, 1943 in Lewistown to the late Jane W. (née Sheaffer) Shilling and Earl W. Shilling, Sr. His is survived by his wife: Nancy L. (née Schmidt - Bolger) Shilling whom he married on November 17, 1984; children: Christopher R. Shilling of Reading, Pa., Holly A. (Shilling) Tressler of

Lewistown, and Becky J. Shilling of McVeytown; step-children: David Bolger, Daniel Bolger, and Denise Bolger all of Lewistown, grandchildren: Justin A Tressler, Broden Shilling, Noah Shilling; step grandchildren: Devin Bolger and Derick Bolger. He was preceded in death by: a stepmother: Margaret (née Casner) Shilling; a brother: Earl W. Shilling, Jr. and a sister: Nancy J. Shilling (Lauder). Dick was a Protestant by faith and a 1961 graduate from Lewistown High School. He also attended Juniata College for two years. He served in the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. He was a life member of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association in Steelton, having served several terms as Vice-President and Quartermaster. He was also a life member of the Special Forces Carlisle Chapter LXIV serving several terms as Quartermaster and a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542*. Early in life he was employed as a Derry Township Police Officer (18 years) and also was employed for 46 years at Standard Steel, working in the office, retiring in 2010. He served six years as a Granville Township Supervisor, 10 years on the Board of Directors of the Fame Ambulance Service. He was a member of the B.P.O.E. #663, L.O.O.M. #143, a Charter Member and Life Member of F.O.E. #4294, V.F.W. Post #7011, serving as a member of the Honor Guard, American Legion #945, City Fire Co., Yeagertown Fire Co. and Touring Friends Motorcycle Club. There was no public viewing and disposition was at the discretion of the family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions should be made to: The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73123.



DENNIS W. SIMMONS - Died Monday, August 22, 2016 at home in Port Jervis, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 6, 1951 in Port Jervis the son of David C. Simmons, Jr. and Kathryn E. (née Monahan) Simmons. Dennis worked as an Acting Deputy Superintendent Reception Classification/Senior Correction Counselor for the NYS Dept. of Corrections at Otisville, NY. Dennis graduated from Port Jervis High School with the class of 1969. He was a member of the ALL-DUSO Football Sports Writers Team 1967, 1968; the ALL-DUSO Football Coaches Team 1967, 1968 and football player of the year in 1968 DUSO Coaches Team and Sports Writers Team; President of the Varsity Club 1968-69; He was Football Player of the Year 1968-Area 845 Team, and Captain of the 1968 PJHS Football Team; He was the DUSO League Wrestling Champion 1968 & 1969; Dennis attended USMA from July 1, 1969 - February 22, 1971. He was a member of the West Point Class of 1973. He graduated from SUNY Excelsior College in 1981 earning his BS in General Studies. Dennis served 24 years with the NY Air National Guard as a Senior Master Sergeant and Air Freight Superintendent at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, NY. His various Military Commendations include: the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary medal, the Air Force Expeditionary Medal with Gold Border, the Outstanding Unit Award with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with 2 Bronze Star Attachments. He was deployed to the Middle East from 2003-2004 in support of Iraqi Freedom-Enduring Freedom. He was one of

three SNCO's and three officers to run Cargo and Passenger operation for the largest US Airport in AOR. When he left he was commended by the Commander for putting the operation four months ahead of schedule. Dennis's civic accomplishments included 13 years of coaching the Port Jervis High School Football Team; coaching four years of Port Jervis Modified Wrestling; Life member and Past Commander of the Roosa-Fleming VFW Post #161, Port Jervis; Member and Past Commander of the James C. Bilz American Legion Post #685; Coordinator of the Charles G. Croopin Memorial Scholarship; 43 year member of the Port Jervis Fire Department; 42 year member of the Port Jervis Lodge of Elks #645; member and Eucharistic Minister of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Port Jervis; 4th Degree member of the Port Jervis Knights of Columbus, Council #471; member of Division 4, Ancient Order of the Hibernians; Aide to Grand Marshall-Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2015; *Life Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140***; member of the Iraqi Afghanistan Veterans Association; member of the Board of Directors of the Hudson Valley Honor Flight and he enabled over 400 World War II veterans to fly to Washington, DC to see the World War II memorial; member of the Port Jervis Chamber of Commerce; member of the Neversink Valley Area Museum and Minisink Valley Area Museum; member of the Port Jervis Republican Committee, member of the Orange County Republican Executive Committee; past member of Congresswoman Sue Kelly Veterans Advisory Committee and Congresswoman Nan Hayworth Veterans Advisory Committee; past Councilman Port Jervis Common Council and Chairman of the West End Park Committee, enabling the celebration of 9/11 Ceremony in the park on September 11, 2002. He was Orange County Legislator, District 13 representing Deerpark, Port Jervis, and Mount Hope, he was appointed Commissioner of Jurors for Orange County; he was admitted to the Port Jervis High School Hall of Fame Class of 2014; Dennis held a General Class License with the Ham Radio Operators, call sign K2OKL. Dennis's strong patriotism and love of community, was certainly demonstrated as he dedicated his life to serve and protect others. Dennis took great pleasure and pride in coaching the young men of Port Jervis hoping to not only teach them about football and make them strong players, but about life and being good citizens. He married Carla M. Irwin Simmons who survives at home. Dennis is also survived by his daughter, Kimberly Wortman and her husband, Rick of Vestal, NY; his brothers: David Simmons and his wife, Carol of Port Jervis, Daniel Simmons and his wife, Molly of Ft. Myers, Florida, Timothy Simmons and his wife, Linda of Port Jervis; two grandchildren, Ashley and Erick Wortman, several nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Thursday, August 25th at the Knight-Auchmoody Funeral Home, 154 East Main Street, Port Jervis, NY. The Knights of Columbus conducted services at 8:00 PM. Firematic services were held on Thursday evening at 8:30 PM. Prayers were offered at 9:00 AM on Friday, August 26th at the Knight-Auchmoody Funeral Home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM at Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, Port Jervis with Reverend Father Matthew Newcomb as the main celebrant. Interment with full military honors was at Saint Mary Cemetery, Port Jervis. Arrangements were made by the Knight-Auchmoody Funeral Home, 154 East Main Street, Port Jervis, NY. Memorial contributions may be made in Dennis's name to the Hudson Valley Honor Flight, ATTN: Donations, PO. Box 375, Walden, NY 12586.



THOMAS L. SLUSSER - Died Monday, August 1 2016 at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. She was a resident of Wilkes-Barre and formerly of Catawissa, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Buckhorn, Pennsylvania on January 13, 1943 to the late Lee E. and Viola M. (née Hartzell) Slusser. Thomas was a resident of Columbia County for most of his life. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served during the Vietnam-era. Thomas was a member of the VFW Post #8306, Catawissa; the Disabled American Veteran organization; and the American Legion. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dallas (Pennsylvania) Chapter #1035**. He enjoyed antiquing and playing games on his computer, but what he loved most was spending time with his grandchildren. Surviving is his wife of 46 years, the former Dorothy H. “Dot” Birmingham, at home; three children: Tammy L. Rupert, Catawissa; Christopher L. Slusser, and his wife Nicole; and Jennifer M., wife of Garry Marr, Bloomsburg; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Graveside services were held on Saturday at 2:00 PM in the Elan Memorial Park, Old Berwick Road, Bloomsburg (Lime Ridge), with the Reverend Gordon E. Smith, pastor of Saint John Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, officiating. Full military rites were performed by the combined VFW group. There were no calling hours. Memorials may be sent to the Community Living Center at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center, 1111 East End Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

DONALD M. SMITH - Died Thursday, September 29, 2016 in Albertville, Alabama at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 19, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah (Georgia) Chapter #671**. Adams Brown Service Funeral Home were in charge of the arrangements.



ERVIN MAXWELL SMITH - Died Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the VA Medical Center in Orlando, Florida at the age of 69. He was a resident of Kissimmee, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 4, 1946 in Keyser, West Virginia to late Maxwell and Ester (née Crawford) Smith. He also was preceded in death by two sisters, an infant, Evelyn and Margie Stonestreet and a brother, Sonny Smith. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was employed at the Westvaco Luke Mill for 39 years. He was a 1965 graduate of Keyser High School and was a US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He attended the Mt. Zion Church on Knobley Road, Keyser and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland (Maryland) Chapter #172**. He enjoyed woodworking and crafting. Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Donna K. (née Shreve) Smith; his daughter, Crystal Koch and husband Rick of Kissimmee; two grandsons, Max and Kaleb Koch; one brother, Charles Smith and wife Peggy of Keyser; one sister, Molly Corbin and husband Paul of Keyser and several nieces and nephews. Friends came calling at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel on Monday, July 25, 2016 from 7:00-9:00 PM. Funeral services were conducted at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Gary Gordon officiating. Interment was in the Omega-Alpha

Cemetery, Knobley Road, Short Gap, West Virginia where graveside military honors were accorded.



THOMAS TURNER SMITH - Died Tuesday, August 30, 2016 in a Texarkana, Texas hospital at the age of 85. He was a resident of Texarkana, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 5, 1930 in Cerro Gordo, Oklahoma. He was a retired security guard at Red River Army Depot. He was a United States Army Korea and Vietnam Veteran receiving the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**, a member of Pleasant Grove Christian Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Louise I. Smith, one grandchild, two brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his wife, Beverly Smith; two sons, Michael D. Smith of West Jordan, Utah and David T. Smith of New Boston, Texas; three step-sons, Dennis R. Sorenson of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Stephen P. Sorenson of Texarkana, Texas and James R. Thompson of Texarkana, Texas; one step-daughter, Valerie K. Barnes of Texarkana, Texas; one sister, Katie Henson of Texarkana; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 3rd at Chapelwood Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Graham officiating. The burial was at Chapelwood Memorial Gardens with full military rites. The family received friends at the funeral home on Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



THOMAS RICHARD STACY - Died Monday, September 28, 2015 in the Washington County Hospital in Washington, Iowa at the age of 69. He was a resident of Brighton, Iowa. The cause of death was Coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure and dyslipidemia. He was born November 13, 1945 in Fairfield, Iowa to the late Guy Everette and Eva Irene (née Waterhouse) Stacy. He married Lee Ann Stanley on February 12, 1982 in La Crosse, Indiana. He grew up in Brighton and graduated from Brighton High School in 1964. He was a Boilermaker and certified welder for 45 years, working in power plants and oil refineries all over the United States and operated a small engine repair shop at his home from 1992 to 2012. He was a member of the United States Navy - Naval Construction forces (NCF) — Sea Bees — from 1965 to 1969, and served three tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Ottumwa Chapter #667**, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #1 in Ottumwa, a Service Veteran Representative at the VA Hospital in Iowa City, and a member of Naaman Lodge No. 613 A.F. & A.M. in Brighton. Surviving are his wife, Lee Ann, of Brighton; four daughters, Jessica Brewer and husband Doug of Indiana, Shannon Stacy of Indiana, Danielle Madsen and husband Denny of Indiana, and Andrea Salzer of Tennessee; one son, James Stacy of Tennessee; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Nancy Nabholtz of

Ottumwa, and Diane Stacy of Brighton. He was preceded in death by his parents and one infant brother, William. There was no funeral service. Visitation with the family was from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 1st, at the Gould Funeral Home in Brighton. Cremation followed the visitation and burial was at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Brighton. Memorials for the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown may be left at the funeral home or mailed to the family at 1710 330th Street, Brighton, IA 52540. Gould Funeral Home of Brighton was in charge of arrangements.



WILLIAM RODNEY "Bill" STORMAN - Died Thursday, September 22, 2016 from an aggressive onset of cancer. He was 67 years of age and at home in Lewiston, Maine with family by his side. He was born July 20, 1949, in Lewiston, to the late Karl and Joan (née Jenness) Storman. He was the oldest of five children. His siblings are Sheila (Storman) Remillard, Donna (Storman) Estey, Ronald Storman and Sandra (Storman) Hinkley. His early education was in the Oxford Hills area. His family moved to New Gloucester when he was a freshman in high school and he graduated from Gray-New Gloucester High-School in 1968. He attended Lancaster Bible College in 1999 and took courses at Kennebeck College. William was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing whenever he had the opportunity. He received numerous awards during his lifetime for archery, rifle marksmanship and showing his coonhounds. He applied for and waited 30 years before being drawn for a moose permit! Since that first time, he has been on five moose hunts and he was planning on one more this October. In 1970, he was drafted into the United States Army and served with the 11th Armored Cavalry as a heavy artillery machine gunner during the Vietnam War. He served courageously and was recognized with an Army Commendation Medal of Honor as well as many other service awards. He ended his service as a Specialist 4. His homecoming from the war was hateful and heartbreaking. Because of being part of this time in history, he suffered lifelong residual effects that impacted his family. When he began a relationship with Jesus, healing slowly took place and his feelings of betrayal and anger were replaced with love and compassion. He was a *Lie Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044** and they were a tremendous help in this process as well. Thank you guys. After completing his tour of duty, he married Karen Marie Colby on January 8, 1972. He always said Grisly Adams married Cinderella! They were blessed with five children, Charity Kathryn (Storman) Cloutier, Karl Jacob Storman, Rodney Joshua Storman, Melyca Jewell (Storman) Watermen and Elizabeth Joy (Storman) Brule. They have 15 grandchildren, with one on the way, and one great-grandchild. His family was a source of great joy and comfort. William held a wide variety of jobs during his lifetime. He worked in retail, shoe shops, a lumber mill, technology development, and the mental health field. He concluded his working years as a driver's education instructor. During his time of employment, he also became a notary public, registered Maine guide and started a taxidermy company which he did part time. Bill and Karen along with friends Blaine and Maria Whitney started Galilee House, a homeless shelter that helped people transition to their own home. He was also a part time pastor for three years. Wherever Bill attended church, he was an active participant. One of the highlights of his life was a mission trip with Pastor Frank Jewett to Croatia and South Africa.

Stories of danger and God's protection are now family memories. The last seven years, he was a member of Bible Believing Baptist Church in Gray. He served as trustee, Sunday School teacher and choir member. Because he had trouble singing bass, a new category called "melody people" was developed. Bill's wife and "children" are very thankful for all the care and support received during the last few months of his life. It was a great joining together of many people and made this last part of his earthly journey very precious. When we asked him what to write in his obituary he said, "Keep it simple." We could write much more. This is it in a nutshell.



EMILY ANNE STRANGE - Died Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at her home in Johnson Creek, Wisconsin at the age of 69. She was in her 70th year. The cause of death is unknown. She was born July 23, 1946 in Atlanta, Georgia. Emily graduated from Murphy High School in 1964. She attended Young Harris Junior College and graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1968. After college she served with the American Red Cross as a "**Donut Dollie**" with the 9th Infantry Division and Mobile Riverine Force in the Vietnam War. She later created a website (emilydd.com), where she shared her writings and helped veterans reconnect with one another and tell their stories. An active member of the Vietnam Veteran community, she was proud to be considered "one of their own". She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. She was active as a speaker at Vietnam Veteran Reunions and her words brought both laughter and tears. Emily was featured in a movie called, "A Touch of Home" which tells about the lives of the women who served in Vietnam as Donut Dollies and nurses. She leaves behind her sister, Peggy Michel and her husband, Dennis, of Oak Park, Illinois and two nephews: Hans Michel of Chicago and Christopher M Knight, his wife Tara and their children Avery, Rylan, and Davis of Woodland Hills, California. A private family service was held. Pederson-Nowatka Funeral Homes cared for the family.



RANDALL MAX THIES - Died Friday, July 22, 2016 at his home in Tecumseh, Kansas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 2, 1946 in Wichita, Kansas to the late Al and Jean (née Wikoff) Thies. He grew up in Garden City, Kansas and graduated from Garden City High School in 1964. Randy enlisted in the United States Army in 1965 and served in Vietnam. He graduated from Garden City Community College and Washburn University and then earned his Master's Degree in Anthropology from Iowa State University. He worked as an Archeologist at the Kansas State Historical Society from May 1, 1979 until he retired March 7, 2008. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He married to Karla Picolet on June 26, 2004 and she survives him. He is also survived by his son Evan

(Caroline) Thies, Ohio; his daughter Karol Jean Thies, Topeka; two step-sons, Richie Donohoe, Topeka, and Dustin Donohoe, Missouri; his mother, Wyoming, a brother John (Linda) Thies, Alaska, and a sister Jan Maurer, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Jim Thies. There was a short graveside service with Military Honors at 3:00 PM on Sunday August 21, 2016 at Topeka Cemetery. Directly following the service there was a Celebration of Life at Lake Shawnee Shelter House #3. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Kansas Anthropological Association (KAA), at PO Box 750962, Topeka, KS 66675. A full obituary can be viewed at www.midwestcremationsociety.com.



ROBERT "BJ" THOMAN - Died Saturday, July 14, 2016 in Port Sainte Lucie, Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Yonkers, New York on December 13, 1948. He moved to Port Sainte Lucie, Florida in 1983 coming from Yonkers, New York. BJ was a Vietnam Veteran, proudly serving in the United States Army Special Forces, earning a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stuart Chapter #1041**. He served the Palm Beach Gardens community for ten years as a Police Officer, ending his career as a Lieutenant. He wore many hats throughout his life. He loved fishing, golfing and spending time with family and friends. Survivors include; wife of 35 years Ursula Thoman of Port Saint Lucie, Florida; daughters, Deanna (Preston) Pollen of Jensen Beach, Florida, Kristina (John) Ebmeyer of Tequesta, Florida, daughter, Nicole Thoman of Chicago, Illinois; brother George Thoman of Big Pine Key, Florida and three grandchildren: Laurel, Charlotte and Bennett. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Thoman's honor to The Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter #1041 P.O. Box 2196 Stuart, Florida 34995. Visitation was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM with a service at 6:00 PM at the Haisley Tribute Center 2041 SW Bayshore Boulevard, Port Sainte Lucie, Florida.



FERROL W. THOMAS, JR. - Died peacefully at home in Wilmington, North Carolina on Thursday, September 23, 2016. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born July 25, 1944 in Baltimore, Maryland and moved to Wilmington two years ago to marry his longtime friend, Linda (née Pearce) Thomas. They had two years of marital bliss before he became ill. He was a graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC. He served in the United States Air Force and worked at the Library of Congress and the Federal Aviation Administration. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885** and 100 Black Men organizations. Ferrol was a Civil War Re-enactor, a lover of bonsai trees, photography and art. He financially supported several organizations in the Wilmington area. He leaves to cherish his memory, in addition to his wife, a sister, Phyllis Thomas Simmons of Baltimore, Maryland; a sister-in-law, Wilma Jacqueline Thomas of Bowie, Maryland; three nephews, several cousins; lifelong friends from his old neighborhood in Washington, DC and the new friends he made over the last two years. The funeral was held on Wednesday, September 28th at 12:00 Noon at Mount Olive AME Church, 1001 South 7th Street, Wilmington. A public viewing was held on Tuesday, September 27th from

6:00-8:00 PM at the Davis Funeral Home, 901 South 5th Street. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Mount Olive AME Church Mortgage Liquidation Fund, 1001 South 7th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.



RAYMOND THORN, JR. - Died Thursday, August 11, 2016 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 22, 1941 to the late Raymond Thorn, Sr. and Mattie Thorn. He retired from the United States Navy and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry as a computer programmer. Raymond was a member and Elder of The First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**, enjoyed computers, electronics and his car. He leaves behind his devoted wife Catherine Thorn, two sons, Dennis and Waymon Earley and predeceased by Raymond C. Thorn. He also leaves siblings Lorraine Head, Norma Jean Thomas, Rosemary Davenport and Wendy Hanson, daughter-in-law Sharita Thorn, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Services were held on Friday, August 19, 2016 at his church, 424 North Progress Avenue, Harrisburg at 11:00 AM, a viewing at 10:00 AM and the burial was in the Rolling Green Cemetery. Hooper Memorial Home, Inc. was in charge of the arrangements.



RICHARD D. UNDERWOOD, JR. - Died Friday, August 26, 2016 from a fungal infection following a liver transplant at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System at the age of 67. He was a resident of Saint Albans, Vermont. He was born in Saint Albans on August 20, 1949 to the late Richard D. Underwood, Sr. and Rachel (née Peralta) Underwood. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He leaves behind Melanie, wife of 28 years; sister, Martha and brother-in-law, Steve Rocheleau; daughter, Trista Underwood of Austin, Texas; sisters-in-law, Susan and Leigh-Ann; brother-in-law Bob, and the many nieces and nephews he loved dearly. He was an entrepreneur, owner of Poor Richards Restaurant and creator of Richard's BBQ Sauce. He devoted the last years of his life to the Saint Albans Senior Center and many veteran associations: DAV, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753** and The American Legion.

DUANE ERWIN WAKELAND - Died Saturday, April 2, 2016 at his residence in Verona, Mississippi after a lengthy illness. He was 77 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 12, 1939 in New Rockford, North Dakota. His working career was spent in service to his county as a 20-year United States Navy veteran in telecommunications. He served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. Duane enjoyed deep sea fishing and loved spending time with his family. He was the widower of Geraldine Wakeland. He leaves behind five brothers and sisters, Leatrice Wooten (Jim) of Vina,

Alabama, Alvin Blount of Bruce, Gene Blount (Betty) of Tupelo, Pat McDonald (Bobby) of Bruce and Lynn Wooldridge (Kenny) of Tupelo; his good friend, Debbie Williams of Chesapeake, Virginia; his godson, Jeremy Blount of Nashville, Tennessee; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, his mother, Hazel Blount and his grandmother, Ida Wakeland. Visitation hours were from 1:00 PM to the time of the service on Friday. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday at the Lee Memorial Chapel with Brother Billy Wayne Henderson officiating. Lee Memorial Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements

GERALD MAYNARD "Jerry" WEAKLEY, SR. - Died Thursday, November 27, 2014 in Alderson, West Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born December 28, 1946 in Alderson to Margie Johnson of Savoy, Illinois and the late Edward Wilson Weakley. Jerry served in the Vietnam War, where he received a Purple Heart and was a member of the Lewisburg Group #10 PTSD. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alderson Chapter #1072**. He was a volunteer for the Alderson Fire and EMS Departments for over 20 years. In 2008, he was awarded Lifetime Membership. He played Santa Claus for several places. Jerry was a member of the Lewisburg Community Pentecostal Holiness Church. Along with his mother, Margie, he is survived by his wife, Sharon Weakley of Alderson; his son, Gerald "Little Jerry" Weakley Jr. and wife, Michelle, their children, Morgan Tickle and Mason and Jaxon Weakley, all of Mechanicsville, MD; two stepsons, Jarvis and Cameron Brewster of Frankford, WV; a brother, Blaine Weakley and wife, Sheila, of Williamsburg, WV; two sisters, Donna Norton of Jacksonville, FL, and Elane Jones and husband, Bill, of Savoy; and several nieces and nephews. Services were conducted at 2:30 PM on Sunday, November 30, 2014, at the Lewisburg Community Pentecostal Holiness Church on Brush Road with Pastor Everette Defibaugh officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 1:30 PM until time of the service at the church on Sunday. Serving as pallbearers were Billy Lightner, Travis Copenhaver, Mike Vandall, Jarvis and Cameron Brewster, and Seth and Jeremiah Weakley. Online condolences may be expressed at www.morganfh.net. Morgan Funeral Home in Lewisburg was in charge of arrangements.



JAMES MEREDITH "Jim" WEIR - Died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the McLaren Mount Clemens Hospital in Mount Clemens, Michigan at the age of 69. He was a resident of Madison Heights, Michigan. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born on April 29, 1947 in Centerline, Michigan to the late Wilfred and Arline (née Meredith) Weir. Jim was a Veteran of the United States Army from May 8, 1967 to March 21, 1969, serving in Vietnam from seven month and six days, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was also a member of the Port Huron American Legion Post #8 Charles A. Hammond, a Life Member of VFW Post #796 in Port Huron, American Legion Riders, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**, Blue Water Sportsmans

Association, the N.R.A., D.A.V., and American Motor Cycle Riders Association. He is survived by his soul mate Sue Deckers; son William (Amy), daughter Teresa (Scott) Mezuk; daughter April Russell; brother Robert (Karen) Weir; special children Melissa (Kip) Dowding, Stacia (Bud) Deemer, Doug (Tam) Restivo, and Nick McLachlan; seven grandchildren, Autumn, Meredith, and Liam Weir, and Nathan, Brandon, and Stephen Mezuk, and Layne Locker; three special grandchildren, Jack and Jenna Dowding, and Emily Deemer. Visiting hours were from 2:00-9:00 PM on Thursday and from 9:00-10:00 AM on Friday at the funeral home. Funeral Services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 29th at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington. Father Donald J. Eppenbrock officiated. The burial was in Saint Denis Cemetery. Military Honors were accorded by the American Legion Post #8-Port Huron.

PHILIP JAMES WERNER - Died Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Hospice of the Panhandle Inpatient Facility at the age of 70. He was a resident of Hedgesville, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 16, 1945, in Greensboro, North Carolina to the late James F. and Stella Lorraine (née Morris) Werner. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He received the highest score for a U.S. Army NCO in Officer's Training Qualification. He was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kearneysville Chapter #1074**. He received his Bachelor's degree in Business Management, and was a retired technical manager for AT&T. He is survived by his wife, Susan Carol (née Wilkerson Werner; one son, Major Edward James Werner, Ret. Air Force; one daughter, Vivienne Lorraine Schofner; and three grandchildren, Will, Noah and Zeke Werner. A memorial service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the Brown's Funeral Home South Berkeley Chapel in Inwood, with Chaplain Thomas Mitchell officiating. The family received friends from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Tuesday prior to the service.



ORREN RAY "Cotton" "O.R." WHIDDON (USA, LTG-Ret.) - Died peacefully Sunday, March 20, 2016 surrounded by family and friends after fighting the good fight. He was 80 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 10, 1935 to the late Cynthia Betty (née Cockrell) Whiddon and Orren Cox Whiddon in Joaquin, Texas as a fifth generation Texan. General Whiddon graduated from Stephen F. Austin University with a BA in Chemistry in 1955 and was drafted into the United States Army as a Buck Private. Upon completion of Officer Candidate School in 1956, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Management from the University of Southern California. His military education includes completion of the Field Artillery School Basic and Advanced Courses, The United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Naval War College, Newport, RI. General Whiddon served in a variety of career building assignments including Fort Sill, OK; Vicenza, Italy; and Fort Leavenworth, KS. His first tour in Vietnam was as a Subsector Advisor in the Mekong Delta and later as the Intelligence Briefing Officer to General Westmoreland. Upon returning to the US, he was the Operations and Plans Officer, Joint

Reconnaissance Center, Operations Directorate, J3, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC. In his second tour in Vietnam he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, G2, 101st Airborne Division and later commanded 3rd Battalion, 82nd Artillery, 196th Infantry Brigade. Upon return to the United States, General Whiddon served as a staff officer in the Current Operations Division, Operations Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, DC. Following his studies at the Naval War College, General Whiddon commanded the 2nd Battalion, 92nd Field Artillery, 42nd Field Artillery Group in Giessen, Germany. He then served as a Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Mons, Belgium. General Whiddon commanded the Division Artillery, 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, LA, after which he served as the Deputy Director of Training in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, DC. Other key assignments held include Assistant Division Commander, 3rd Armored Division in Europe; Commanding General, United States Army Training Support Center, Fort Eustis, VA.; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Intelligence, Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT), The Netherlands; Commanding General, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army Europe, Bad Krueznach, Germany; and Deputy Commander in Chief for Joint Plans and Operations Forces Command, Fort McPherson, GA. General Whiddon retired in 1990 as Commanding General, Second United States Army, Fort Gillem, GA. Awards and decorations General Whiddon received include the Distinguished Service Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Superior Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal (five Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Vietnam Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Service Ribbon (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Overseas Service Ribbon (five Oak Leaf Clusters), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Unit Citation, Vietnamese Staff Honor Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (with Palm), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (with Gold Star) and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (with Silver Star). General Whiddon is authorized to wear the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and Army General Staff Identification Badge. General Whiddon was inducted into Stephen F. Austin University's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1988, awarded the Angelina Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow Award and "Service Above Self" Award in 2005 and the Angelina Award by the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce in 2014. He was a longtime supporter of SFA's ROTC program and the Howitzer fired at SFA home games, Ol' Cotton, is named in his honor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nacogdoches Chapter #931**. After retiring in 1990, Cotton and the love of his life, Harriot McKinney Whiddon, began the second adventure of their lives in Lufkin, Texas. His leadership and ability to inspire others led to his work with and development of the PineCrest Retirement Community and Salvation Army Adult Day Care Center. His work in the community also included serving on the City's Planning and Zoning Board, the Saint Cyprian Episcopal School Board, the Methodist Retirement Communities Board and the Methodist Retirement Trust Board. He was a Senior Warden for St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. Cotton loved Lufkin, and Lufkin loved him. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Cynthia Betty Cockrell Whiddon and Orren Cox Whiddon, and brother Richard Abner Whiddon. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Harriot McKinney

Whiddon; son, Orren Prentice Whiddon of Artemas, PA; daughters, Laura Whiddon Shortell and husband Joe Ross Stutts of Dallas, TX; Barbara Whiddon Chandler and husband James B Chandler of Allen, TX; four grandchildren, Orren Anders Whiddon, Pittsburgh, PA; Joseph Henry Shortell III, Dallas, TX; Catharine Theodosia Whiddon, Artemas, PA; Skylar James Chandler, Allen, TX; sister, Susan Karen Whiddon, Joaquin, TX; sisters-in-law, Susan Prentice McKinney of Nacogdoches, TX and Jean Tyler Whiddon of Hideaway, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews. We'd like to thank "Cotton's Angels", Norma, Evia, Bonnie, Brenda, Crystal and Ruth; LTC Francis Jackson; the staff and caregivers at Hospice in the Pines; Memorial Home Health; and all the doctors who cared for him, especially Dr. Kyle Krohn. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at Saint Cyprian Episcopal Church, Lufkin and burial with full military honors at 3:00 PM at The Joaquin Cemetery, Joaquin, Texas. Visitation was held on Friday evening, March 25, 2016 in the Gipson Funeral Home, Lufkin, Texas. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice in the Pines, 1504 West Frank Avenue, Lufkin, TX 75904 or The Salvation Army Adult Day Care Center, 412 South 3rd Street, Lufkin, TX 75901 or the charity of your choice. Funeral Services were under the direction of Gipson Funeral Home, 1515 South Chestnut Street, Lufkin, Texas 75901.

ROBERT WAYNE WIGLEY - Died Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in Columbus, Mississippi at the age of 69. The cause of death was drowning. He was born in Greenwood, Mississippi on November 5, 1946. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**. Private family services were held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Lowndes Funeral Home, Columbus, MS.



DENNIS RUSSELL WILKERSON - Died Friday, July 8, 2016 at his residence in Carlyle, Illinois at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Breese, Illinois on November 18, 1946 to the late Charles Wilkerson and Aleane Wood (née Clements) Wilkerson. Dennis married Pamela Meyer on May 22, 1982 and she survives in Carlyle. In addition to his wife, Dennis is survived by two sons, Mike (Val) Wilkerson, and Mark (Jessie) Wilkerson; three step-sons: Gene (Melissa) Albert, Chad Albert, and Shaun (Amy) Albert; a sister: Jennifer (Ray) Dial; thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren; as well as his mother-in-law and father-in-law: Charles and Dorothy Meyer. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Loren Wilkerson. Dennis was a lifelong resident of Clinton County, an avid hunter and fisherman and loved the outdoors. He loved spending time with his family, especially his wife and grandchildren. He proudly served in the United States Navy in the 58th Battalion "Seabees", including two tours in Vietnam. Most recently, he worked at B-Line Systems in Highland before retiring in 2012. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269**. Funeral Services were held at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 11, 2016 at Nordike Funeral Home in Carlyle. Interment was at the McKendree Chapel Cemetery in Keyesport with full military honors accorded. Visitation hours were from 4:00 until 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the Nordike Funeral Home in Carlyle. Members of the Vietnam

Veterans of America Chapter #269 will conduct a walk through at 5:00 PM. Memorials were suggested to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #269 and were received at Nordike Funeral Home, 740 Fairfax Street, Carlyle, IL.



JUDY A. WILLIAMS - Died Saturday, April 30, 2016 in her home in Richmond, Michigan at the age of 66 with her family by her side. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on September 29, 1949 in Jefferson City, Missouri to the late Vestal and Viola Wilson. She married Howard C. Williams, Jr. on August 8, 1981 in Richmond. Judy enjoyed bus trips to the casino, going on cruises, fishing and camping. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #1083**. She was a loving wife, sister and aunt. She is survived by her husband, Howard C. Williams of Richmond, like a loving mother to David (Beverly Cason) Desjardin of Lapeer and Crystal (Emilio) Hernandez of Mt. Clemens, siblings; Annie (Jim) Woodard, Butch Wilson, Roy (Ellen) Wilson and Paul (Judy) Wilson, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Penny (Tom) Meinhardt, Joyce (Larry) Baldwin, Diane (Gary Cross) Walker, Janice McCarver and Loraine Chemin, along with several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Jennifer, brother and sister-in-law, Vestal “Red” and Dellen Wilson, brothers-in-law; George McCarver and Dewayne Williams. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. Visiting hours were on Tuesday from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM and again on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM. Tom Meinhardt officiated. Memorial tributes can be made to the wishes of the family.



JOHN R. WRIGHT - Died at his residence in Clinton Township, Michigan on Friday, August 26, 2016 at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brownsville, Pennsylvania on June 18, 1941. John had several occupations including computer repair, a variety of sales positions, and he especially loved and was a genius at conquering electronic and mechanical challenges. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Beloved Husband of Verna, for over 46 years. They were married, in Detroit, on May 29, 1970; dear brother of Linda C. Wright, and; also survived by several nieces and nephews. A memorial gathering and service was held at a later date. Interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Anyone wishing to, may make a memorial contribution directly to them at Chapter #154, 18025 15 Mile Road, Clinton Township, MI 48035.



FRANK A. YERARDI - Died Saturday, August 27, 2016 at the SOMC Hospice Center in New Boston, Ohio at the age of 69. He was born on January 4, 1947 in

Portsmouth, Ohio to the late Ross Yerardi and Norma (née Ramey) Yerardi, who survives him. He was retired from the police department for Norfolk Southern Railroad. Frank was a very proud United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was a member of James Dickey Post #23 of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #134, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore (Kentucky) Chapter #1006** and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3638. He was currently a commissioner for the Veterans Service Center. Frank attended Friendship United Methodist Church and was a member of both Western Sun Masonic Lodge #91 and Wheelersburg Eastern Star. Prior to the railroad employment, he was a detective for 10 years under the late Sheriff John Knauf. Preceding him in death was his father, Ross Yerardi, two brothers-in-law, Gerry Heitzenrater and Sid McArthur, a niece, Ashley Coey and a nephew, Matthew Heitzenrater. Surviving are his wife, Nancy Shaw Yerardi, two sons, Chris (Tanya) Yerardi of Portsmouth and Brian (Mandie) Yerardi of Sciotoville, his mother, Norma Ramey Yerardi of Stout, two brothers, Mike (Ruth) Yerardi of Chillicothe and Sam (Cheryl) Yerardi of McDermott; three sisters, Theresa Heitzenrater of Grove City, Mary Ellen McArthur of Cleveland and Becky (Bill) Dunham of Stout, and three precious grandchildren, Jacob, Hayden and Mallory. A Celebration of Frank's Life was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at the Brant Funeral Home in Sciotoville with Pastor Gary Hopkins officiating. Interment was in the McKendree Cemetery. Military honors were rendered at the funeral home on Wednesday. The family received guests at Brant's from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday. A masonic service was held at 8:00 PM on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to SOMC Hospice or Friendship United Methodist Church. The flags on the avenue flew in honor of distinguished veteran, Frank Yerardi.



REX M. YOUNG - Died Thursday, September 01, 2016 at the Alden Estates of Jefferson, Wisconsin at the age of 78. The cause of death was myocardial infarction. He was a resident of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 15, 1937 in Whitewater, Wisconsin to the late Lewis and Pearl (née Wagener) Young. Rex married Marilyn (née Hunt)

Pokratz on October 31, 1987 in Fort Atkinson. After Rex graduated from Fort Atkinson High School in 1956, he joined the United States Navy, serving 20 years which includes time spent in Vietnam during the war. Following his military career, Rex was a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service from 1978 until he retired in 1999. Rex was a member and past Commander of both the Edwin Frohmader VFW Post #1879 and Paul Frank Florine American Legion Post #166, both located in Fort Atkinson. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitewater Chapter #409**, the Fleet Reserve Association #138 in Stoughton, DAV Chapter #39 in Fort Atkinson, Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent #40 and the Association Torpedo Mans Association in Missouri. Rex is survived by his wife, Marilyn Young of Fort Atkinson; children, Patrick Young, Kathryn (Lisa) Young and Karen (Don) Harden all of Fort Atkinson; step daughter, Nancy Miller of Johnson Creek; grandchildren, Savanna Young, Autumn Harden, Morgan Miller and Brett Miller; great grandchildren, Davin Young, Drake Pennell and Logan Mills; brother, Dave (Margaret) Young of Sun City, TX; sisters, Peggy (Kenneth) Buchanan of Fort Atkinson and Nancy (Steve) Daniels of Green Bay and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was also preceded in death by his granddaughter, Hope Young. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at

Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson. Visitation hours were from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6th at the Dunlap Memorial Home in Fort Atkinson and from 10:00 AM on Wednesday at the church until time of service. Burial with Military Honors was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the VFW Post #1879 in Fort Atkinson.

**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