

RONALD S. "Andy" ANDERSON – Died Thursday, December 1, 2016 in Middleburg, Florida at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Southfield, Michigan on July 8, 1953. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059*.

MAURO M. BACOLO - Died Saturday, December 10, 2016 in Ocean Grove, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Mauro retired to the Jersey Shore with his wife, Victoria, while their son, Adrian, remained in Brooklyn. Mauro's life was spent in service to his country, community and family. He enlisted in the United States Navy at age 17, performing two tours of duty in Vietnam before being honorably discharged. Later, he served as Commander at VFW Post #5195 in Red Hook, Brooklyn. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. Following the events of 9/11, Mauro re-enlisted in the military with the New York State Guard, serving 12 years in the 88th Brigade. He completed his service with the rank of Sergeant First Class. Mauro graduated from the School of Professional Horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden. He spent 30 years with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, overseeing horticulture operations throughout Brooklyn. Mauro brought his gardening expertise to Ocean Grove, where his home garden stood out amongst the town's best. True to character, he spent his time helping the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Patrol, Historical Society and Beautification Project. Mauro was a beloved man, patriot, veteran, husband, father, friend and neighbor who asked for very little but gave so much to others. He was known to tell his son, "You don't have to be a physicist to know what matters". Visitation hours were from 12:00-1:00 PM and the Memorial Service from 1:00-2:00 PM on Saturday, December 17th at Trinity Church, 503 Asbury Avenue in Asbury Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (www.fallenheroesfund.org). The Ocean Grove Memorial Home was in charge of the arrangements.



TERANCE A. "Terry" BALK - Died Friday, January 22, 2016 at his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. Terry was born January 11, 1946 in Manning, Iowa to the late Clem and Florence (née Wiskus) Balk. He graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll, Iowa with the Class of 1965 and from IWCC in 1977. Terry proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1965-1969 on the USS Dixie and with the Seabees from 1974-1992. He married Nancy Majerus on July 15, 1972, in Petersburg, Nebraska. They were blessed with two children, Nick and Joanie. Terry worked in the maintenance department at Mall of the Bluffs for 20 years and for Todd Archer Car Dealerships. He retired in 2012. Terry was a member of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, General Drumm Assembly; VFW Post #737; DAV, where he served as past commander; a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America –*

Glenwood Chapter #798; and was active in various antique car clubs. In addition to his parents, Terry was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Balk in 2011; granddaughter, Gabriella Balk; siblings, Thelma Grimsman, Louise Sloth, LaVern Balk, Dorene Gute, Marlene Brincks, LeRoy Balk and a brother in infancy. Terry is survived by his son, Nick (Lisa) Balk, of Okinawa, Japan; daughter, Joanie (Jarrod) Poore, of Underwood, Iowa; grandchildren, Kate, Anton, Isaac and Joseph; brothers, Ray Balk, of Odessa, Mo., Gary Balk, of Manning, Iowa; sister-in-law, Judy Balk, of Templeton, Iowa; brothers-in-law, Melvin Brincks, of Roselle, Iowa, Dale Sloth, of Audubon, Iowa and Larry Gute, of Carroll, Iowa; many nieces and nephews. Recitation of the Rosary was on Thursday at 6:00 PM followed by visitation with the family until 8:00 PM at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at 10:00 AM at the church. Interment was in Saint Joseph Cemetery with full military honors. A lunch followed at Queen of the Apostles Social Hall. Memorials were suggested to the DAV or to the family.



HOMER AUSTIN BAXTER - Died Friday, October 14, 2016 in Beaumont, Texas at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 1, 1954 in Midwest City, Oklahoma to the late Dora Mae (née Walls) Baxter and James Baxter. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**. Homer is survived by his brothers, Kenneth Baxter and his wife, Robin Walker, of Beaumont; and JC Baxter and his wife Libby, of Tyler; and nephews, Lathon Baxter and his wife, Pam, of Midwest City, Oklahoma; Robert Powell and his wife, Jennifer, of Beaumont; and W.J. Norris and his wife, Rose. Mr. Baxter's committal was held at Broussard's Crematorium, Beaumont.

WESLEY LOUIS BEAN – Died Thursday, July 15, 2004 in Dallas, Pennsylvania at the age of 53. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 1, 1951. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**.



PAUL M. BEICH, JR. - Died Sunday, September 25, 2016 at his home in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 76 with his four loving children at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bloomington, Illinois on November 27, 1939 to the late Paul M. Beich, Sr. and Kathryn (née McNulta) Beich. He was the oldest of five children. He graduated from Bloomington High School. He served in the United States Army and after his honorable discharge in 1963, he attended the University of Denver graduating with a degree in Business Administration in 1969. He is survived by his stepmother, Ruth Beich of Florida, brother

Herbert Beich (Susan) of Michigan, sisters Karen Beich of Iowa, and Marylee Gendron (Hank) of Florida, his four children, Kammy Young (George) of Tennessee, Paul Beich, III of North Carolina, Alexis Beich (Robert Schweigert) of Washington, and Claire Beich of Washington, his Grandchildren George Young IV, Lucy Brabham (Rob), Colyn Beich, as well as many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Paul is pre-deceased by his mother Kathryn Beich (McNulta), father Paul M. Beich, and his brother, Otto "Tony" Beich. Paul was an entrepreneur and in 1976 founded Paul M. Beich Mineral Properties and Development, and in the early 1980's founded Paragon Petroleum Corporation in Denver, CO. Paul moved his family from Denver, CO to Woodinville, WA and founded Magnetic Marbles, Inc., importing toys that were used in schools to help children learn to count as well as having something fun to play with. The Smithsonian Institute also sent the Magnetic Marbles into space to see how the magnetic marbles would react in space. In 1989 Paul moved with his family to Bellingham, WA. Paul was a very active member of the Bellingham Yacht Club and the Junior Sailing Program. He was a member of **Associate of Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising (Michigan) Chapter #237**. One of Paul's greatest loves and accomplishments was the family's 48' wooden cabin cruiser built by his brother-in-law, Philip Barron of East Sooke, British Columbia. The family boated all year long around the San Juan Islands and in British Columbia. Paul had an incredible love for life and the most positive attitude regardless of the situation. Although Paul spent a lot of his years in the Pacific Northwest, he had a very special place in his heart for the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. As a child he spent many summers at Grand Island on Lake Superior and has many friends and family there that he loved very much! A special thank you goes to all of the medical professionals that were involved in Paul's care. He appreciated each one of you. A celebration of Paul's life was held on September 30th at the Bellingham Yacht Club.



ISAAC BEST, JR. - Died Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC of natural causes. He was 81 years of age and a resident of the Carolina Rives Rehabilitation Center and Nursing Home in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The cause of death was a stroke and a brain bleed. He was born September 19, 1934 in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late Isaac Best, Sr. and the late Della (née Moore) Best. Mr. Best attended Buckingham/Middle School and Tech High School of Springfield, MA. He later joined the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Best served his country, honorably, in Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, MCB Camp Lejeune, NC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #654**. He was a part of a group called the Walking Dead. Mr. Best is survived by his brother Mr. Archie Best; two sisters Ms. Alberta Coles and Ms. Mildred Ann Best of Springfield, MA. Mr. Best enjoyed singing in the Choir, was a humble servant of God, and had a "Heart of Gold" with love for everyone; especially those in the Carolina Rivers Home Veterans and Civilians alike. He was a proud honorary member of NABVETS, INC., Eastern, NC (ENC)* Veterans United for Community Services (VUCS Chapter #0069) and served as Sergeant-at-Arms in the Carolina Rivers Rehabilitation Center and Nursing Home. Mr. Best assisted ENC*VUCS Chapter #0069 with a Community Impact Project called the Carolina Rivers Memorial Garden; to honor those Veterans and their families living in the Carolina Rivers Home. He will truly be missed by NABVETS CHAPTER 30069 and Carolina Rivers Nursing Home, but we all understand and know

God has called another Angel to Heaven. Special thanks to Kara Toudle, President Veterans Auxiliary and her brother David Graves, Eastern North Carolina Commander for their assistance.

BARRY CHARLES BENNER - Died Thursday, January 29, 2015 at his home in Milford, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. He was formerly of Huguenot, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 29, 1950 in Port Jervis, New York to the late George and Virginia (née Piergiorgi) Benner. He was married to the late Aleece (née Hotalen) Benner. He was a retired mail carrier for the United States Post Office in Milford. Barry was a United States Navy Vietnam veteran and a member of the Marsh Kellogg American Legion Post #139, Milford, PA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dingmans Ferry Chapter #623**. Survivors include his daughter, Trina Churchill; his son, Jason Benner; his sister, Barbara Matthews, and; five grandchildren, Kelci, Devin, Tristan, Julia and Annalise. The family received friends at the Stroyan Funeral Home, 405 West Harford Street, Milford, PA on Monday, February 16, 2015 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. A memorial service was held at the funeral home on February 16, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Memorial donations may be made to the Delaware Valley Raptor Center, 416 Cummins Hill Road, Milford, PA 18337 or the Disabled American Veterans (www.dav.org).

STANLEY E. BROWN - Died Friday, October 28, 2016 in Vernon Center, New York at the age of 66 after a long battle with cancer. He was born on August 6, 1950 in Oneida, New York to the late Jesse James Brown and Anna (née Stabb) Brown. Stanley was a 1968 graduate of Clinton High School and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Tampa. He was a twenty-three year veteran of the United States Air Force retiring in 1993 as a Major. After retiring he spent many years working in Retail and the Aircraft Maintenance Industry. Stanley spent many hours on his hobby of old cars, street rods, and attending car shows. He was a life member of the American Legion Post #161 where he served in several positions and also served as a volunteer at the Rome VA. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Utica Chapter #944**. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Leo J. Brown. He is survived by his longtime companion, Mary Ruth Briggs of Holland Patent; four sisters, Demetria Lanz, Janice Cryderman, Mary Adel Anstey, and Hazel Thurston; one brother Thomas E. Brown; and numerous nieces, great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews. Family and friends were invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Vernon Center United Methodist Church, 5815 Youngs Road, Vernon Center, NY 13477. A dinner followed the memorial service at 5207 Youngs Road, Vernon, N.Y. In memory of Stanley please consider donations to Hospice and Palliative Care, 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY 13413 or Saint Joseph's College of Nursing Scholarship Fund, 206 Prospect Avenue, Syracuse, N. 13023. Arrangements were with the Malecki Funeral Home Inc., 23 Front Street, Vernon, NY. Online condolences may be sent to maleckifuneralhome.com.

ZANE LaVERNE BROWN - Died Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at the Saint Francis Hospital in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born September 1, 1950 in Topeka to the late Lester Brown and Penny (née Streff) Brown. He graduated from Topeka High School. Zane proudly served during Vietnam in the United States Navy. He served on the USS Kitty Hawk. He worked as a tire builder at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Topeka, retiring in 1991. He married his childhood sweetheart, Dolly Abrams on December 20, 1969 in

Topeka. Zane attended the Calvary Lutheran Church. He was a *Charter Member* and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604** and served as past president. He was also a member of Phillip Billard VFW Post #1650 and was a member of the Goodyear Union where he served as a former union representative. In 1993, Zane served as a delegate for the VVA Chapter #604 and was sent to Vietnam on a successful fact finding mission. Zane was preceded in death by a sister, Toni Weishaar in 2000. He is survived by his wife, Dolly of over 47 years; a son, Daniel Dale (Jessica) Brown of Auburn; two daughters, Brandy Brown and Vicki Brown, both of Topeka; two brothers, Tom Brown of Blue Springs, MO and Mark Brown of Auburn and five beloved grandchildren, Kaylee, Calvin, Kaden, Ryan and Hunter. Funeral services were on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 10:30 AM at the Davidson Funeral Home. He laid-in-state on Friday from Noon – 7:00 PM with a visitation from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at the Davidson Funeral Home. Interment was at the Penwell Gable Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made the VVA Chapter #604 and sent in care of the Davidson Funeral Home.



JOHN LOUIS BUBELA - Died Friday, October 28, 2016 in Louise, Texas at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 10, 1933 in Wharton, Texas to the late August and Mary (née Filip) Bubela. John was a retired United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He was an honorary member of the Louise Volunteer Fire Department, a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the American Legion 251 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**. He is survived by his sons, Ricky Bubela and wife Sherald of Wharton, David Bubela and wife Johanna of El Campo and Glen Bubela and wife Trudy of El Campo; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothea Marie Bubela; grandson, Benjamin Bell and brother, Adolph Bubela and wife Delores. Visitation hours began at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1st at Triska Funeral Home with a Rosary recited at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Mass began at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 2nd at Assumption Catholic Church in Ganado, Texas with Reverend Father Kirby Hlavaty officiating. Burial was at Assumption Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were Josh Cortez, Matthew Wied, Matthew Millard, Alex Bubela, Jairo Mendoza and Matthew Bubela. The honorary pallbearer was Dustan Bubela. Memorial donations may be made to Assumption Catholic Church, Houston Hospice - El Campo or M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.



PATRICK JAMES CALLAHAN - Died Thursday, June 27, 2013 in Virginia Beach, Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia on April 1, 1948 to the late Lincoln and Lillian F. Callahan. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was a combat veteran during the Vietnam War, and was awarded a Purple Heart. Patrick retired as a Project Manager in a building material business. He was a *Life Member* and *Past-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia Beach Chapter #969**.

He loved playing beach music as a disc jockey and enjoyed time on the beach with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Carolyn (née Gurganus) Callahan; son and daughter-in-law, Brian Patrick Callahan and wife, Heather Miller Callahan; two grandchildren, Kaila and Liam; brothers and sisters-in-law: Daniel and Crystal, Rodney and Sally, Julius and Dottie and Michael and Donna Callahan; numerous nephews and nieces and one great nephew and three great nieces. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Parr Funeral Home and Crematory with Reverend Michael D. Halley officiating. Burial with military honors was at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery. Friends joined the family at the funeral home on Monday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 PM for visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations were to be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, payable to: Virginia Veteran Services Foundation (VWWP), 900 East Main Street, Ground Floor, Richmond, VA 23219.

WILLIAM RUSSELL “Bill” CAMPBELL – Died Saturday, October 1, 2016 in Paris, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1942 in Nashville, Tennessee. He graduated from Hillsboro High School in Nashville. He was married to Martha who survives him. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee*. Arrangements were handled by the Ridgeway Funeral Home 201 Dunlap Street, Paris, Tennessee where a celebration of life visitation was from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Paris Convention Center on Tuesday, October 4 2016 and from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5 2016 at Ridgeway Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5 2016 at LeDon Chapel of Ridgeway Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Vets with a Mission, P.O. Box 202, Newberry, SC 29108.

CHARLES CAMPOS – Died Sunday, November 20, 2016 in Des Plaines, Illinois at the age of 75. The cause of death was adult respiratory syndrome and respiratory pneumonia. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 10, 1941. He served in the United States Army from April 16, 1963 to April 25, 1967 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311*.



BRIAN ROGERS CAPUTO (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Sunday, October 12, 2014 in Belmont, Massachusetts at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 30, 1936 in Washington, DC to the late Mario V. and Doris R. (née McGunnigle) Caputo. He was the husband of Ann (née Flaherty) Caputo and the father of Cathleen Livingstone, Ellen Oliver, Kara Raynor, and Kevin Caputo.

He was the proud grandfather of Kelly Ann, Will, Stephen, Zachary, Kaelyn, Ashley, Courtney, John, Lauren and Brianna; the brother of Louis of California, Lawrence and his wife Donna of California, John and his wife Sandra of Belmont and Virginia Luippold and her husband Stephen of Hatfield, MA, and; also survived by nieces and a nephew. He was a Senior Lecturer at his undergraduate alma mater Northeastern University, Lecturer at Boston University (MBA), and a lifetime member of the VFW and the American Legion. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts*. He played senior hockey in Quincy (Quincy Bald Eagles) and basketball at Hanscom Air Force Base. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War and retired at the rank of

Colonel (O-6). The funeral was from the Stanton Funeral Home, 786 Mount Auburn Street, (Route #16), Watertown on Saturday at 8:00 AM. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph Church, Common Street, Belmont at 9:00 AM followed by interment with Military Honors in Belmont Cemetery. Relatives and friends were respectively invited to attend. Visiting hours were on Friday from 4:00-8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Brian's memory were asked to be made to the Disabled American Veterans.



JOHN A. CARRIGAN – Died Friday, October 21, 2016 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 71. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born February 17, 1945 to the late Bessie and Bernard Carrigan in Peoria, Illinois. John was the youngest of four children. He attended Bradley University before enlisting in the United States Army where he served as a helicopter pilot in the 119th Assault Helicopter Company from 1966 to 1970. For his selfless acts in Vietnam, he received two purple hearts, and was recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross, the nation's fourth-highest award. John was also awarded the Air Medal for his distinguished service during his 12-month tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a loving husband and father, distinguished Vietnam veteran, recipient of two purple hearts, and a thoughtful and insightful leader. John had meticulous attention to detail and a remarkable knack for getting people to work together. Whenever there was a friend in need, he was the first one in line to lend a hand. On March 9, 1969, John married Susan Montgomery and proceeded to raise 3 wonderful children. He worked for AMP/Tyco for 27 years as a Director of Sales & Marketing. Upon retirement in 2010, John and Sue moved to Colorado where they renewed their love for the outdoors by taking up hiking and biking. John continued his hobby of researching history, particularly the Civil War and WWII eras. Never able to stay fully retired, John joined the Pikes Peak Chapter of Military Officers of America (PPC-MOAA), and became chapter president in 2016. He absolutely loved his role as the president and was passionate about helping the returning vets. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Chapter #542**. John is survived by his wife, Susan (née Montgomery) Carrigan; his three children: Amy (Carrigan) Ehm, Bryan Carrigan, and Jennifer Carrigan; son-in-law Ron Ehm; two grandchildren, two brothers and a sister, and several nieces and nephews. He will be terribly missed by family and friends. The visitation was on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (1800–2000) at Swan Law – Dignity Memorial, 501 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 11:00 AM (1100) at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 2605 Parish View, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. A reception followed the Mass where a small lunch was served. A private burial with honors was held at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.



STEVEN ANTHONY "Rambo" CARROZZO - Died Tuesday night, February 16, 2011 in Mays Landing, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born March 8, 1948 in Uniondale, Long Island, New York to Benjamin Carrozzo and the late Antoinette Carrozzo. He graduated from Uniondale High School in 1966 and joined the United States Army in 1967. This brave soldier was a Vietnam Veteran and a Purple Heart combat veteran who loved his country and was a proud American Veteran through and through. "Rambo" was the *President and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope Chapter #327**. He was very devoted to all veterans, his country, and family, with a "big heart of gold." He graduated from Dowling College in the 1970's and worked in retail management during his lifetime. He and his wife Barbara recently moved to Mays Landing, NJ. "Rambo" had made the cut to become an alternate on the TV Show "Survivor" in 2000 and called back again a second time in 2003. He was a loving husband to wife Barbara; a wonderful father to son Steven, Jr., always looking forward to seeing his granddaughter Jordyn Catherine Harper; and a caregiver and loving son to his father Benjamin. He was preceded in death by his mother Antoinette. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 19th at 11:00 AM, at the Boakes Funeral Home, 6050 Main Street, Mays Landing, NJ where friends gathered from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. Interment with military honors was in the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery in Estell Manor.

ERNEST "Ernie" CARTMILL - Died Sunday, March 22, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 73. He was a resident of Auburn, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 31, 1942, in Montgomery County, Kentucky to the late Fred and Mary Frances Cartmill. Ernie served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1972, including two tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the Soldier's Medal, 3 Bronze Stars (2 for valor), and a total of 44 medals and awards during his time in the Army. He was field commissioned in Vietnam from Enlisted to Officer as a 2nd Lieutenant. Ernie ended his service after 12 years at the rank of Captain. Ernie is survived by his children, Jennifer Woodward (James), of Lee's Summit, Adaire Perkins (Casey), of Topeka, and Sam Cartmill (Whitney), of Topeka; three grandchildren, Brandon & JJ Fleming and Josey Perkins; and three siblings, Mary Rogers (Shirley), Anna Cartmill, and Patsy Chaffins, all of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, Rodney Cartmill and Frieda Templin. Ernie retired in 2005 from the State of Kansas. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**, the VFW and the NRA. Ernie was cremated. A graveside celebration of his life was held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, March 28th at West Lawn Memorial Gardens, on 1-70 and Auburn Road in Topeka.



GARY E. CASH - Died Friday, July 1, 2016 in Jackson, Ohio at the age of 71. He was formerly of Richmondale, Ohio. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in

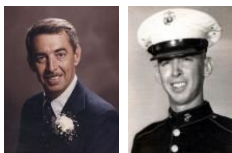
Chillicothe, Ohio on June 22, 1945 to the late Troy “Buck” and Kathleen “Kay” (née Delaney) Cash. He is survived by his wife of almost 46 years, Dale Cash; sons, Eric Cash, Matt Cash, all of Jackson; grandchildren, J.C., Troy, Caleb and Alexis Cash, all of Jackson; and brother, Randy (Rebecca) Cash, of Richmondale. Also surviving are numerous other family members and friends. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Sharon Strausbaugh and an infant son, Jeffery Scott Cash. Gary was a former substitute teacher at numerous local schools for many years. He was a United States Army Vietnam veteran and worked at AutoZone and Chillicothe Correctional Institute. He retired as a school teacher and a veteran’s representative with the Jackson County Job and Family Services. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #634*. He was also a member of other veteran organizations and a member of the Jackson Nazarene Church. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at the Lewis and Gillum Funeral Home of Jackson with Pastor Steve Roach officiating. Burial was in the Little Mound Cemetery with military funeral honors by the Disabled American Veterans - Chapter #45 of Jackson. Friends came calling on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.lewisgillumfuneralhomes.com.

CARL DENNIS “Butch” CASTLE - Died Monday morning June 1, 2015 in Vicksburg, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born April 27, 1947, in Kalamazoo, Michigan to the late Glenn and Irene (née Cothran) Castle. Butch attended Galesburg-Augusta Schools. Shortly after his 17th birthday, Butch made a decision that would define his life. He joined the United States Marine Corps. A few months later, he was on the ground in Vietnam. He was assigned as a teletype/radio operator with the 1st Battalion/9th Marines, 3rd Division, known as the “Walking Dead”. Butch fought in some of the most intense battles of the war. The unit earned the name "The Walking Dead" for its high casualty rate. Less than 10 percent of the Marines who were assigned to the division between 1965 and 1969 returned home. Of those that made it back to the world, their world was never the same. Butch suffered the scars of his battles physically and mentally for the remainder of his days. Butch's name will never be etched in the granite of the Vietnam wall, yet he is one of the countless veterans whose lives were suspended and forever altered by the conflict many couldn't leave behind. Butch suffered from PTSD and the side-effects of Agent Orange exposure. He was victim of multiple cancers and other physical afflictions. Unable to father children, he was a loving uncle to his many nieces and nephews. Butch loved babies, fishing, mushroom hunting, playing pool, and any excuse to party with family and friends. Butch stayed his last 16 months of his life with his brother, Danny, and sister-in-law, Dana, in Vicksburg. On his final night on this earth, he was surrounded by family and friends, who put on a concert for him music and partying were always a favorite pastime. In his final hours as he faded in and out of deep sleep, ever the Marine, Butch found the energy to mouth the words to one of his favorite songs, Sam Stone, about a Marine tortured by his experiences in Vietnam. To the family and friends gathered, it was an appropriate send-off to the next world. Butch served in combat for one and a half years but fought the war his whole life and now his battles are finally over. Throughout his life, Butch remained a proud Marine. He was a life member of the Comstock VFW Post #6252 and an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Michigan*. On better days, he could often be found shooting pool and hanging out with fellow Veterans at the VFW.

His love of family, humor and fighting spirit will be forever remembered by his loving family and friends. Semper Fi, Marine, your war is finally over. Butch was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, William Castle. He is survived by four siblings, Larry Castle of Florida, Susan (Robert) Eaton of Portage, Mary (Bruce) Edmonson of Parchment, and Danny (Dana) Castle of Vicksburg; two sisters-in-law, Janis (John) Castle-Dodge of Mason, MI and Linda Castle of Galesburg; a special nephew, Matthew Millard of Portage; a special cousin, Colleen (Dennis) Ocker of Grand Rapids; and several other nieces, nephews, and cousins as well their families. A memorial gathering was held at Noon on Friday, June 5, 2015 at the Comstock VFW Post #6252, 5990 East Michigan Avenue. Private burial took place in Fort Custer National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorials may be directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America. Please visit Butch's personalized webpage for online guestbook or to leave a condolence. Arrangements were made by the Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 South Burdick Street.



RICHARD EDWIN "Pop" CAUDILL – Died Wednesday, November 2, 2016 in Sparks, Nevada at the age of 68, surrounded by loved ones. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Peoria, Illinois on December 10, 1947 to the late Rollie and Norma Arlene Caudill. He graduated from Limestone High School in Bartonville, Illinois and Nicolet College in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. He moved to Reno in 1985. He was an RN and retired in 2004. Richard served in the United States Army in Vietnam. Locally, he was a member of the DAV, The American Legion and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989**. Richard's hobbies were woodworking, playing pool, fishing and traveling, especially to Hawaii. Richard became known as "Pop" in 2001 when his first grandchild was born. Richard is survived by his wife of 49 years, Susan, his daughter Amy Newman, son-in-law Greg, grandson Ashton, and granddaughter Lily, all of Reno. He is also survived by his mother, two sisters and a brother, numerous extended family members. He was preceded in death by his father, Rollie Caudill. Private services were held on Monday November 7, 2016. The family asked for donations to the DAV Chapter #1 for dedicated scholarships for nursing students.



ALBERT DONALD "Don" CHANDLER - Died Sunday, May 15, 2016 in Harrison, Tennessee at the age of 72. He was formerly of Dalton, Georgia. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Huntsville, Alabama on September 2, 1943. Don was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga area and was a 1961 graduate of Chattanooga Central High School. He served our country during the Vietnam-era in the United States Marine Corps and then continued to serve in the Army National Guard with a combined 35 years of service. Don worked and achieved the rank of Master Patrolman with the City of Chattanooga Police Department where he retired after 26 years. He continued his service to this city and county as a Patrolman with Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for the next 11 years. He was of the Baptist

faith. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Don was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Katherine Dixie Chandler; daughter, Dawn Cheree Chandler. He is survived by his daughter, Donna Chandler Griffin; five grandchildren, Colt Chandler Helton and Savannah Helton, Orry and Tristan Murrey and Skylar Griffin; two great grandchildren, Eli Murrey and Phoenix Coley; brothers, Larry (Donna) Chandler and Gary (Karen) Chandler; brothers-in-law, several nieces and nephews and special friend, Anna Hill. The family received friends from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday and from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM on Thursday at the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home. Graveside services with Military Honors were conducted at 2:30 PM on Thursday at Chattanooga National Cemetery with Chaplain Mark Harwood officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, Tennessee Chapter, P. O. Box 2844, Hendersonville, TN 37077 or Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416 in Don and Dixie's memory. Arrangements were made by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson.



FRANCIS MATTHEW "Frank" CISZEK - Died Tuesday, December 20, 2016 in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Albion, New York on December 11, 1947 to the late Matthew and Angeline Ciszek. He graduated from Boston College with a Master's Degree in Business and Computer Engineering. He worked for Digital Equipment Corporation for 25 years and then moved to Georgia where he was with Nortel, McKesson, KMPG, and Avaya for a total of 15 years. He served in the United States Navy from April 21, 1967 to August 21, 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Saint Brendan Catholic Church, a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and the Patriot Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Frances Ursino Ciszek of Cumming; daughter and son-in-law, Jacquelyn and Jason Cleveland of Jefferson, GA; a goddaughter, Gina Ladner of Maysville, GA. The funeral mass was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Saint Brendan Catholic Church, 4633 Shiloh Road, Cumming, GA 30040. Interment was held on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA. The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday, December 27, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association in his name. Ingram Funeral Home and Crematory, Cumming, Georgia was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be made at www.ingramfuneralhome.com.

ARCHIE BENJAMIN CLARK – Died Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Seal Beach, California at the age of 64. The cause of death was emphysema and heart failure. He was born in Medford, Oregon on May 28, 1946. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a medical assistant assigned to the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Diamond Bar Chapter #785**.



MICHAEL JOSEPH "Mike" CLAYTON – Died Saturday, October 22, 2016 in New Windsor, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born November 30, 1950 in New York City, New York to the late Joseph and Anna (née Cooney) Clayton. He is survived by his loving wife Kelli of New Windsor, whom he married in 2003 at West Point. He was retired from MaBSTOA – New York City Transit TWU Local #100. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Michael had a passion for life that was infectious, a personality all his own, and if you meet him once he left his fingerprints on your soul forever. He gave of himself unconditionally and was deeply devoted to his wife, family, friends, and fellow veterans. He was a man who could fix anything, loved working with his hands, and spent many enjoyable hours building birdhouses. He also had a passion for photography, golf, travel, his dogs, spending time in his Florida home, coins, cars, scuba diving, long walks on the beach, sunsets, and of course the NY Yankees. He loved children and devoted many years of his life to coaching and mentoring kids. Friends would describe him as gentle and kind, while fierce and strong, and he did it all with that distinct southern drawl from the South Bronx. Michael was a true advocate for veterans and served tirelessly on many committees at the VA to give his fellow veterans a voice. He also served as President and was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Martha Raye (New Windsor) Chapter #541*, and was a Life member of: VFW Post #5491, American Legion Post #1080, and Marine Corps League Detachment #242. Michael is survived by his daughters Kelly Clayton of Yonkers, NY; Tracy Potkay, her husband John and their daughter Lily of NY, NY; and Diane DiPietro, her husband Joe and their children Joey and Katie, of Fairfax, VA. Sister Maryellen Merusi and husband George of Somers, NY. Father-in-law John Matuskovic of Ocala, FL; brothers-in-law, John Matuskovic of Fishkill, NY, Michael Matuskovic and his wife, Maryanne of Wappinger Falls, NY; and his sisters-in-law, Linda Danko of Wappinger Falls, NY and Jodi Morrow of Marion, IA. Uncle Mickey is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and a host of long-time friends. He was predeceased by his brothers John, Robert, Richard, Joseph, and late sister Kathy Raftery. Visitation was held from 4:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 26th Brooks Funeral Home, 481 Gidney Avenue, Newburgh. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 27th at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh, NY. Burial was at the Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Goshen, NY. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Michael's memory may be sent to PGA HOPE (Helping our Patriots Everywhere), 49 Knollwood Road, Suite #200, Elmsford, NY 10523.

LARRY CLEMENTS – Died recently in 2016 in Odessa, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas*.



KENNETH F. CLITES - Died Friday, September 16, 2016 in Hyndman, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 11, 1949 in Hyndman to the late Samuel and Idella (née Weimer) Clites. He was also preceded in death by a son, Corey Clites and a brother, Samuel Clites. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Janet (née Shaffer) Clites; a daughter, Joni Miller and husband Todd, sons, Jeff and Cody Clites; grandchildren, Lucas and Layni Miller all of Hyndman; a brother, Robert "Butch" Clites and wife Lettie of Hyndman, sisters, Shirley Pederson and husband Guy of Augusta, WV. Debra Ranker and husband Richard of Hyndman, Carol Henderson and husband John of Cumberland, MD; half-sisters, Elsie Knotts of Meyersdale, Joyce Knotts and husband Sonny of Berlin, Barb Ackerman of Meyersdale and Norma Logsdon and husband Jack of Hyndman, a half-brother, John Leydig and wife Elsie of Meyersdale; and many nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He retired from C. W. Wright where he was a heavy equipment operator. He was a member of the Kennells Mill Sportsmen's Club, the Barrellville Outdoor Club and the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland (Maryland) Chapter #172**. Friends were received at the Harvey H. Zeigler Funeral Home, Inc., 169 Clarence Street, Hyndman on Tuesday September 20th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. A funeral service was at 5:00 PM. Burial was private at the Palo Alto Hilltop Cemetery, Hyndman.



DAVID EDWARD CODERRE, SR. - Died Tuesday, January 3, 2017 in Somerset, Massachusetts, surrounded by his family. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Fall River, Massachusetts to the late Edward A. Coderre, Jr. and Angela E. (née Bird) Coderre. He was the loving husband of Margaret M. (née Evans) Coderre, with whom he shared 40 years of marriage. David was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**, and the American Legion and VFW of Westport. He enjoyed fishing, cake decorating, woodworking and bowling. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife, vacationing in the White Mountains, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving in addition to his wife are his son, David E. Coderre, Jr. and his fiancée, Gretchen Amaral of Somerset; daughters, Rosalie Rivas and her husband Sinoie of Fall River, Michelle Messenger and her husband Manuel of Chelsea and Denise Coderre of Fall River; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and two close friends Louis Garcia and George White. His funeral was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 9:00 AM from the Hathaway Community Home for Funerals, 900 Buffington Street, Somerset, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Saint John of God Church, 996 Brayton Avenue, Somerset. Relatives and friends were invited to attend. Burial was private. Calling Hours were held on Monday, January 9, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers,

donations in his name may be made to a local veteran charity of your choice. To light a candle, sign the guestbook or for directions, visit www.hathawayfunerals.com.

DANNY L. COLEMAN, SR. - Died Friday, October 14, 2016 at his home in Elmira, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 21, 1947 in Elmira to the late Clarence and Esther (née Walker) Coleman Jr. Danny was also predeceased by his sisters, Bonnie and Mary and brother, Ray. He is survived by his sons, Danny (Kathy) Coleman Jr. and Paul (Patti) Coleman; their mother, Sue; grandchildren, Nolan (Bre), Ashley, Hannah, Skylar and Taylor; along with several nieces and nephews. Danny was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He retired from Hardinge Inc. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of the American Legion Post# 443 and the VFW Post# 901 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Danny enjoyed morning card games with friends. He will be deeply missed. Family and friends were invited to call on Wednesday, October 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the James D. Barrett Funeral Home. Interment took place on Thursday, October 20th 1:00 PM in the Woodlawn National Cemetery with full military honors.



BERT K. CONKLIN, JR. - Died Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in Horseheads, New York at the age of 69. He was also a resident of Elmira, New York. The cause of cancer was cancer. He was born May 23, 1947 in Elmira to the late Bert K. and Elizabeth E. (née Townsend) Conklin. Bert is survived by his fiancée, Dianne Layton of Elmira, NY; children, Bert (Christina Ash) Conklin, Brent (Angela) Conklin, Bradley (Shelly) Conklin, Zachary (Beth McLaughlin) Conklin all of Horseheads, NY, Jareth (Annie) Conklin and Alex Conklin both of Elmira, NY; grandchildren, Madison, Connor, Jacie, Zach, Jayden, Brooke, Triton and Shaylyn; sister, Joan Crowley of Horseheads, NY, and niece, Kimberly Weaver of FL; extended family members and a host of caring friends. He was predeceased by his niece Kelly. Bert served his country honorably with the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and was a union meat cutter. Bert belonged to and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803** and was a member of the Amalgamated Meats Cutters Union. His passions included spending time with family, making memories with his grandchildren, cooking, fishing, hunting, and teaching others what he knew. Those wishing to remember Bert please consider contributions to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. The family welcomed relatives and friends to Sullivan's Funeral Home, 365 East Franklin Street, at Route 13, Horseheads, NY on Friday, November 18, 2016 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Bert's Funeral Service was held at the Bethany Lutheran Church, Elmira, NY on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 1:00 PM. He will be laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery with military honors immediately following.



MICHAEL J. "Mike" CONNER - Died Sunday, October 16, 2016 in Greendale, Indiana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 10, 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Edwin and Dorothy (née Calvert) Conner. Mike was a veteran of the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a member of the American Legion and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71*; was a volunteer fireman, EMT, and played softball. He worked as a Boilermaker at Local #105. He is survived by his wife, Barbara "Doc" (née Fugitt) Conner of Greendale, IN; three daughters, Michelle (Jared) Eggleston of Moores Hill, IN, Melissa (Jorge) Vidales of Cincinnati, OH, Mia Conner of Lawrenceburg, IN; and seven grandchildren, Kasey, Kodie, Brad, Chris, Zoe, Alex, and Ava. He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Conner, mother, Dorothy Conner, and sister, Debbie Taylor. Family and friends were received on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Contributions may be made to the Warm the Children.



KENNETH C. COONCE - Died Tuesday, August 23, 2015 at Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 82. He was a resident of Falls City, Nebraska. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1932 at Rulo, Nebraska to the late Noah and Mary (née Steinauer) Coonce. Kenneth enlisted in the United States Army on December 28, 1951 at Omaha, Nebraska. He served in Korea and earned the Korean Service Medal with 3 bronze service stars, United Nations Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was discharged from the Army on September 24, 1953. He then entered the Army Reserves and was honorably discharged on July 31, 1975. On June 12, 1955 he married Mary Lou Haeffele at Falls City, Nebraska. Kenneth was raised in Rulo and Graduated from Rulo High School in 1950. He enlisted in the United States Army and served for 23 years retiring in 1975. Kenny returned to Falls City and worked at Carpet Plus in Hiawatha. He served on the District 56 School Board for 2 terms and drove the Head Start school bus. He owned and operated Falls City Lanes for 20 years, retiring in 2015. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard, VFW, American Legion, DAV and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Falls City Chapter #455**. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Mary Lou of Falls City; his children, Audrey Pedersen and her husband B. J. of Falls City, Kendra Ballagh and her husband Brian of Falls City, Edward and his wife Donna of Topeka, KS, Jill Sumpter and her husband Russell of Sultan, WA; his brothers, William and John and his wife Edna both of Rulo; his sisters, Mary Lou Hill of Falls City, Inez Foster and her husband Kenneth of Dallas, TX, Mary Helen Croxton of Powhattan, KS; fourteen grandchildren, and; twenty great-grandchildren with two on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, James, Robert and Ronald; his sisters, Lula Hall, Bev Simpson, Ramona Eckley and Maxine Dannecker, and; a grandson, Jarod Coonce. Funeral services were held on Thursday,

August 27, 2015 at 10:30 AM at Christ Lutheran Church with the Reverend Daniel Gifford officiating. Interment was in the Rulo Cemetery. Military graveside honors were accorded by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard. The family received friends on Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM at the Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, family preferred memorials to Rulo Cemetery or the choice of the family.

GERALD L. COOPER – Died Friday, December 2, 2016 in Lady Lake, Florida at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 30, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.



JAMES PAUL “Corky” CORCORAN – Died peacefully at home in Camarillo, California on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the age of 71. The cause of death was Stage Four adenocarcinoma of the right lung with metastases to the brain and bones. He also had a craniotomy with resection metastatic lesions and also Agent Orange-related prostate cancer. He was born in Kilnamonagh, Colloney, County Sligo, Ireland on April 28, 1945 to the late Patrick Corcoran and Elizabeth (née Benson) Corcoran, of County Sligo, Ireland. Paul is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Elizabeth Toth, loving daughter, Lisa Marie (Eyal) Erez and adored grandsons, Eli Zvi and Liam Jacob; siblings Martin (Faye) Corcoran of South Africa, Mary Elizabeth (late Patrick) Henry, Pdraig (June) Corcoran, Gerrard (Anne) Corcoran, Anne (Joe) Gilmartin, Thomas Corcoran, Claire (Eugene) Reynolds, Joseph (Chris) Corcoran, Catherine (Don) Brosnan and many nieces and nephews in Ireland. He graduated from high school before moving to the United States at the age of 19 in 1964. Paul entered the United States Air Force in February 1965 and served as an avionics navigation system technician for eight years. He served one tour of duty in Da Nang, Vietnam with the 37th ARRS (Jolly Green Giants) and received an honorable discharge. Prior to that, Paul served at various air force bases in the United States. He continued his education at the University of Buffalo and was a licensed real estate agent. Paul continued his service for another fifteen years with the Army Reserve Unit, 365th Medical Hospital in Niagara Falls, NY. He also served in Desert Storm, Oman. He married Mary Elizabeth Toth in 1970 in Kenmore, NY and began working for Carbide Graphite, Niagara Falls, NY in 1974 until 2003 as an electrical supervisor. Paul and Mary relocated to California in 2013 to be closer to their family. Paul was a life member of the American Legion Post #1451, Wheatfield, NY where he served as Past Commander; life member Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7545, Tonawanda, NY; and life member of AMVETS North Tonawanda, NY Post #0026. Paul was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda (New York) Chapter #77**. He was a generous and dedicated individual who loved his family, fishing and aviation. He was also a docent at the Camarillo Air Force Museum in Camarillo, CA. A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at Padre Serra Parish, Camarillo, Camarillo. Paul’s final resting place will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Kenmore, NY at a later date. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Paul’s life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Oakhurst Hospice Foundation at 910 Hampshire Road (Suite S) Westlake Village,

CA 91361. The family would like to thank all of the hospice caregivers at Oakhurst Hospice for their loving care.



ANDREW THOMAS "Andy" CORRADO, SR. - Died Saturday, October 22, 2016 in Vineland, New Jersey at the age of 82 with loved ones by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Andy was born in Port Chester, New York on March 11, 1934 to the late Jennie (née Falasco) and Carlo Corrado and moved to Vineland where he remained a lifelong resident. He graduated from Vineland High School with the class of 1952, where he played on the football team and wrestling team. He served in the United States Air Force for twenty years. While in the service, he played football and while stationed in Japan he played soccer. While he was in Thailand he taught at a Catholic mission. When he was stationed at Andrew's Air Force base he was a mechanic on the Air Force One and a lifetime member of the American Legion. During his enlistment he received several medals including the Purple Heart. After his retirement from the Air Force, he attended the University of Maryland where he graduated with a degree in special education. He worked for the Pittsgrove school system for many years and retired in 1995. While teaching, he also coached the Schalick High School football team and the girls track team. Andy was a member of the University of Maryland Alumni Association. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey*. He is survived by wife of 32 years, Sandra (née Toscano) Corrado; daughters and sons-in-law, Judith and Terry Kirchman and Carla and Patrick Boyert; son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Carol Corrado; son, Brian Toscano Probst and daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Joseph Babcock; grandchildren, Jennifer, Kyle, Zachary, Shea, Sarah, Carlo, Madalyn and Katelyn and seven great-grandchildren. Andy was also predeceased by his loving godparents, Caesar and Josephine. A funeral home visitation was held on Thursday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM from Rone Funeral Service, 1110 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland. Interment was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Vineland. Arrangements were under the supervision of Rone Funeral Service, 1110 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations in memory of Andy may be made to: Cumberland County SPCA, 1244 North Delsea Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360; Vineland EMS (Park & West Ave), 640 Wood Street, P.O. Box 1508, Vineland, NJ 08362-1508.



JIMMY HARRISON "Jim" CRAWFORD - Died Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the VA Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 27, 1949 in Wilson, Arkansas to the late Aubrey and Charlene (née Springer) Crawford. Jimmy proudly served his country with four years in the United States Marine Corps

during the Vietnam War, six years in the Army National Guard and two years in the reserves. He was an M.P. and retired as a Captain. He was a lifelong military man at heart; he was a patriot who loved his country and served with distinction. After his military career, he worked as an electronic technician for the US Postal Service for 16 years. Jim often said that he was truly blessed that God led him to the Post Office. He loved his job and the men and women he worked with there. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. He was a lifelong member of the Assembly of God and an avid reader. Jimmy loved spending time with his family, but especially loved the time he spent playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed working with his hands whether it was tinkering with cars or working on the many home improvements his wife had him do around the home. Services were at 2:00 PM on Tuesday with the Reverend Dave Hackney officiating. Burial was in the Lee Memorial Park. Lee Memorial Funeral Directors were entrusted with the arrangements. A reception followed the services at the Union Grove Church of God in Mooreville. Jimmy leaves behind his wife of 44 years, Janice Crawford of Mooreville; his children, Douglas Harrison Crawford (Michele), Anthony Warren Crawford (Lourdes), and Charlie Crawford-Stamps (Dennis), all of Mooreville; his father-in-law, Warren Fox; 9 grandchildren, Coree Nichols, Kimberly Ozbirn, Chandler Crawford, Landree Crawford, Jacob Shettles, Devon Stamps, Tanner Stamps, Grace Rubio, and Josie Rubio; 4 great-grandchildren, Colin, Brody and Dalten Ozbirn, and Jade Crawford; and numerous extended family members. The pallbearers were Jason Dolar, Scott Fox, John Fox, Kevin Roberts, James Henson, Marc Cannata, Larry Wayne Henson and Justin Johnson. Rhonda Pierce served as an honorary pallbearer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the cardiac unit of the VA Hospital in Memphis at www.memphisva.gov/giving. Visitation hours were from 5:00-8:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home. For online guest registry, visit www.leememorialonline.com.



DONALD DeWAYNE “Don” CRIPE - Died unexpectedly Monday, November 28, 2016 in New Galilee, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 24, 1954 in Wolf Lake, Maryland to the late John R. and Ila (née Olinghouse) Cripe. He was the sitting Mayor of New Galilee and was also a Major in the Civil Air Patrol. Don was an Endowment Life Member of the NRA, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**, and a Life Member of the DAV. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He was also a founding member of the Ellwood City Amateur Radio Association, a past Commander of CAP Beaver County Composite Squadron #704, and a member of the Ellwood-Wampum Rod & Gun Club. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Sally Jo (Bradfield) Cripe; a daughter, Virginia Marie Cripe, South Bend, IN; a son, Specialist Joshua Cripe, U.S. Army, stationed in Korea; two stepsisters, Goshen, IN; mother and father-in-law, Paul and Marion Bradfield; a brother-in-law, Pete (Linda) Bradfield, of South Bend, IN; two sisters-in-law, Ann (Rev. Dr. Jim) Wilson, Columbus, OH, and Connie (Dan) Dowhower, Lebanon, PA; four nephews, P.W. (Manda) Bradfield of South Bend, IN, Lt.

Commander Jacob (Kelly) Wilson, Rhode Island, Peter (Amanda) Wilson, Columbus, OH, and Jeffrey (Lizzi) Zimmerman, Washington D.C.; great-nephews, Jacob and Grant Wilson; a great-niece, Avery Wilson; and Specialist Daniel Burnside, U.S. Army, stationed in Alaska, who is loved as a son. Don, my heart, you are forever loved. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Lambright. A service was held at Steffin Hill Presbyterian Church, 2000 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010 on Monday, December 5th. The family asks that contributions be made in Donald's name to the following: the Steffin Hill Presbyterian Church, 2000 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010; the NRA-ILA, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030; or Civil Air Patrol - PA Wing, PA Wing CAP Headquarters, Building 3-108, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003.



CHARLES FRANKLIN "Chuck" FRANKLIN, JR. - Died Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, Clarksburg, West Virginia at the age of 68. He was a resident of Grafton, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 22, 1948 in Nashville, Tennessee to the late Charles Franklin Cuffman, Sr. and Marie (née Collins) Cuffman. He is survived by his wife of 15 wonderful years, Sharon (née Shumaker) Cuffman, Grafton. Charles was in the United States Army, serving two terms in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**. He was a prison guard and was a Lieutenant on the sheriff's Dept. for 23 years in Biloxi Miss. He loved to watch movies and going out to eat, old cars. He is survived by; one daughter, Tia Marie Brown and husband Jason, Al. two stepchildren; Robert Whitmeyer and wife Lynette, Beverly Norris and husband Wesley both of Grafton, seven grandchildren; David Carder, Steven Carder, Dakota Norris, Cory Whitmeyer, Angelina Gaito, Marlena Gaito, and Lydia Gaito, and; one special niece and family Pamela Hildreth, all of Grafton and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his grandparents; Arthur Odell and Verna Lou Collins, whom he resided with. Friends were received at the Bartlett Funeral Home in Grafton on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Funeral Services were held at Bartlett Funeral Home at 2:00 PM. Tuesday, September 6, 2016 with the Reverend Bill Moody, officiating. Interment was at the West Virginia National Cemetery on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Military honors were accorded by the VFW Memorial City Post #3081, American Legion Taylor County Post #12, Central West Virginia DAV Chapter #24, and their Auxiliaries, and the West Virginia Army National Honor Guard of Camp Dawson. Online condolences can be sent to the Cuffman family at www.bartlettfuneralhomewv.com.

MARVIN LEE CURLIN - Died Friday, October 14, 2016 in Aurora, Indiana at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 16, 1937 in Switzerland County, Indiana to the late Russell V. Curlin and Florence M. (née Rayals) Curlin. Marvin served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Marvin was a 20-year Army retiree and then worked 11 years for Target Management and 19 years for the Air Force Civil Service. Marvin was a member of the Color Guard for several years, he was

very proud of his service to our country. He was a member of the Aurora American Legion, VFW, Moose, Eagles and AMVETS. He was a life member of the KWVA and the DAV. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71*. Marvin enjoyed being with people. Surviving are children, Irene Curlin, Carol Corpuz, James Curlin and Verena Boswell, step children, Susan Tarvin, Mark Lyons, Cheryl Fussnecker, Sandra Wall and Jeff Lyons; grandchildren, Brian, Erica, James Lee, Ashley, Michelle, Marlena, Anna, Larry, Schawn and Tammy; many great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson; his lady friend, Dorothy. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Doris Curlin. Friends were received on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Rullman Hunger Funeral Home, Aurora, Indiana. Services were held at Funeral Home on Thursday at 11:00 AM with Brother Dave Fogle officiating. Interment was in the Fredonia Cemetery, Vevay, Indiana 47043. Military graveside services were conducted by members of local Veterans Service Organizations. Contributions may be made to the Phi Beta Psi Cancer service Division.



DAVID DANIELS, JR. (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Friday, November 11, 2016 in the Ardmore Veterans Center, Ardmore, Oklahoma at the age of 81. He was formerly of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 13, 1935 in Magnolia, Mississippi to the late David and Ardis T. (née Moore) Daniels. He spent his early years in Magnolia before the family moved to New Orleans, where he attended and graduated from Joseph S. Clark High School in 1955. After high school David received an Associate's Degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1958. He served 24 years in the Field Artillery where he served multiple overseas tours, which included Germany, Korea and Hawaii. He served a combat tour in Vietnam with the 18th Airborne Corps out of Fort Bragg, NC from 1967 to 1968. He married the love of his life Gollie Ann Haynes on December 5, 1964 and they had three sons together, William Anthony Daniels, David Daniels III and Patrick Michael Daniels. After his retirement from active duty David worked 25 years at Fort Sill, OK as a Physical Security Inspector and Platform Instructor for Field Artillery Meteorological crew member course. He retired from civil service in 2008 after 49 total years of dedicated service to the US Army. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751* and Saint John Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors include his sons William A. Daniels, David Daniels III and wife Detreece, Patrick M. Daniels and wife Leslie; sisters, Ardis Marie Turner, Irma Nadine Hunter, Betty Jean Rosemond, Thelma Moore; eight grandchildren, Matrissa Shadley, Alexander Daniels, Christopher Golden, Davida B. Daniels, David A. Daniels, Matthew Daniels, Natasha L. Lopez and Patrick M. Daniels, Jr. He is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Matthew Strickland, Arya Shadley, and; several cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Gollie and his brother Charles Daniels, Sr. Funeral services were at 10:30 AM on Monday, November 21, 2016 at Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, Lawton with the Reverend Dr. J. Weldon Gilbert, Pastor officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends on

Sunday evening from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Lawton Chapter #751. 1004 SW B Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501

CARL J. DANIELSEN – Died in 2014 in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 18, 1938. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**.



HARRY EDWARD DELAWDER, SR. - Died Tuesday, November 22, 2016 in Elkton, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart and multiple other problems. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on April 30, 1950 to the late Harry and Gloria (née Keiper) Delawder. He was a graduate of Avon Grove High School, West Grove, PA, where he met his future wife, Darlene. He enlisted in the United States Army and soon after was deployed to Vietnam. Following his military service, he was employed by P.E. Kramme of Avondale, PA. He and his wife, Darlene, moved to Elkton where he worked for Pirelli Cable Company, Terumo and Majestic. He then went to work for the Christina School District in Newark, DE, where he dearly loved working with the children and teachers. Following retirement, he became involved with veterans, assisting with telephone calls and paperwork to ensure they received their medical benefits. His memberships included VFW Post #8175 and American Legion Cecil Post #15, both in Elkton. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Deposit Chapter #722**. Along with his friend, Ray Russo, they traveled to various schools in Cecil County, educating the students about different wars and the dangers our military personnel are exposed to throughout their time of service to our country. His other interests included antique automobiles and classic car shows, as well as political history. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He loved being with people and helping others in any way they needed. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Darlene (née Shartzler) Delawder; sons, Harry E. Delawder, Jr. and wife, Dana, and their children, Megan Eileen and Daniel Steven; and Steven James Delawder and his fiancée, Carolyn Allen, and her son, Michael Rogers; and siblings, Leona Stugus, Frank Kovach and Trudy Delawder. Visitation hours were from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Monday, November 28, 2016 at the Hicks Home for Funerals, 103 West Stockton Street, Elkton, MD 21921. The funeral service with military honors will begin at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the funeral home, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. Private interment was held in the Union Hill Cemetery, Kennett Square, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Perry Point VA Hospital, in care of the funeral home at the above address.

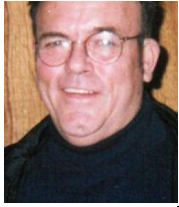


ROCCO RAYMOND "Rocky" DeMAIOLO – Died Thursday, March 3, 2016 in Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 5, 1942 to the late Dominic D. DeMaiolo and Mary F. (née Melenchick) DeMaiolo. Along with the dutiful attention of his parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins who provided firm, fair and consistent supervision, his upbringing was guided by the tenets of the Catholic faith. Rocky found his purpose and passion in working with students to determine their own purpose in life. He was an educator for 38 years, retiring from Penn State University - Beaver Campus as Director of the Division of Undergraduate Studies, where he was able to positively influence the lives of countless numbers of students. He earned both Bachelor and Master Degrees from Edinboro State University, and his Principal Certification from Youngstown State University. Regretfully, Rocky never had the honor of serving in the military. However, he was grateful that his life was forged by the WWII Veterans from the Greatest Generation, guided by the courage of those in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Veterans, whom he considered to be the heroes of his generation. Rocky's avocations were satisfied by wood-working, boating and riding anything on two wheels...with and without motors! He was a music appreciator, varying from the Big Band era to songs heard in the hills of Tuscany. He was also an artist (he had started his career as an art teacher at Aliquippa Jr. High School), having worked with many different mediums, including pen and ink, watercolors, and clay. He served as a Board President for the Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet Troop D; Commodore of the New Brighton Boat Club; was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Chapter #862**, and in earlier years, as a volunteer for Cub Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, and the United Way. One of his life highlights was traveling across the U.S. with his beloved wife in an RV. Spiritually, he became stronger each day and always knew the one book that he could trust to get the most accurate answers. Gratefully, his final travels are to an eternal home where he is living joyfully with fully restored vigor and health. Rocky has left behind his wife of 51 years, Susan (née Burge) DeMaiolo (with whom he fell in love in the 8th grade), their extremely loving and devoted children, Rocco Scott (Lisa) DeMaiolo of Center Township and Kristi (Hugh) Harper of Monaca; and dear grandchildren Corey, Drew, Evan and Morgan DeMaiolo and Abby Harper. He was especially grateful for the time that he had to talk with each grandchild about their future. Rocky is also survived by many wonderful relatives and friends, with whom he appreciated the time he had to reminisce. His favorite saying was "Life is not measured by the number of breaths that we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." Rocco and family were very thankful for the many people involved in caring for Rocky since his journey with cancer began in 2012, especially the superb Sarcoma medical team at Hillman Cancer Center in Pittsburgh and the expertise, comfort and support of Good Samaritan Hospice. Friends and family were received from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Monday, March 7, 2016 in Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Beaver. Memorial donations can be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America on behalf of "Rocco's

Rangers" (please note in the memo line) and mail to: Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma, P.O. Box 194, Gibsonia, PA 15044.



JACK TANDY "Jackie" DeSELMS - Died Thursday, October 10, 2015 in Lebanon, Missouri at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 15, 1949, in Cheyenne, Wyoming to Lyle W. and Anna J. (née Sieggen) DeSelms. Jackie, as he was known to family and friends, made a profession of faith in Christ at a young age and at the time of his passing, was a longtime member of Southern Heights Christian Church. The love and prayers received from his church family was precious to him. Jackie attended Lebanon High School and graduated with the class of 1967. In September of the same year, he entered the United States Navy and proudly served our country during the Vietnam War. He served for eighteen months on board the USS Chicago. He remained dedicated to our country and proud of his fellow soldiers. Jackie was also a member and Past Commander of Disabled American Veterans and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1014**. On October 18, 1969, Jackie was united in marriage with the love of his life and eternal best friend Paula Piercy. They shared nearly forty-six years of love and laughter together. They lived in Kansas City for three years, before returning home to Lebanon, where he and Paula started their family. To this union was born two sons, both surviving. Jackie took great pride in providing for his family. He worked for Missouri Eagle for twenty-two years, retiring in 2007. Those who worked with Jackie through the years appreciated his customer service and attention to detail. He was also a pig, dairy and beef farmer and truck driver. He knew a hard day's work would pay off. Although he worked hard, Jackie took time to enjoy several hobbies too. He enjoyed tinkering with cars, cooking for family and friends, and pestering his pets. He was a wonderful jokester and enjoyed making others laugh. He was also a photographer for a short time. Above all else, Jackie treasured the moments shared with his family. They were his most important life accomplishment. He is survived by his wife Paula; two sons, Miles DeSelms, and Wesley DeSelms and Betsy, all of Lebanon, MO; his parents, Jack and Ann DeSelms, also of Lebanon, MO; one sister, Carrie Henson and her husband Tim of Lebanon, MO; two nephews, Clinton and Joseph Dismang; two grandchildren, Kara and Jenna DeSelms; other relatives and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by one brother, David DeSelms in 1973. Those who knew Jackie will forever cherish the memories they shared. He had a wonderful zest for life and could light up the room with his smile. He loved his family completely and unconditionally. We will miss him here, but our loss was Heaven's gain. The funeral service was at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in Shadel's Colonial Chapel with Clinton Lambeth officiating. The military rites were accorded by the United States Navy. He was interred in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery.



RONALD ELWOOD DeVORE - Died Tuesday, November 8, 2016, as the result of an automobile accident. He was 69 years old and a resident of LaVale, Maryland and formerly of Oldtown, Maryland. He was born in Cumberland, Maryland on August 22, 1947 to the late Franklin E. DeVore and Nedra (née Santmyre) DeVore Hardy, a resident of the Allegany County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Ronnie was a graduate of Oldtown High School, class of 1966. Following high school, he served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed at the Kelly Springfield Tire Company, the APEX Corporation in Winchester, VA, and the Local Labor Union. While residing in Florida, he was employed by Edgewater Machine Fabricators, Inc. By profession, Ronnie was a welder who was an instructor while serving his country in the Army. After retirement, he moved back to the Western Maryland area. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Ronnie is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda J. (née Wigfield) DeVore; daughter, Christie L. Kelly and husband Neil, Kalamazoo, MI; son, Thomas W. DeVore and wife Silvia, Wartmannsroth, Germany; six grandchildren, Mariah Kelly, Makenzie Kelly, Neil Kelly, II, Shane DeVore, Jazlin DeVore, and Lorelai DeVore; four sisters, Symantha Kerns and husband Leon, Hagerstown, Belinda Andrews and husband Nathan, Wiley Ford, WV, Tammy Gish, Cumberland, and E. Denise Pereschuk and husband Harold, Waynesboro, PA; and lifelong friend, Rodney Davis. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland, on Tuesday, November 15th, from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Following the visitation, a memorial service was conducted at the funeral home at 11:00 AM with Pastor Doug Seaman officiating. Military honors were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #172. The family requested that their friends and family refrain from sending flowers. Those wishing to honor Ronnie's memory may do so by making contributions to the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A. to help defray the funeral and travel costs.

ANTON Z. NIKOLAY "Nick" DeZAPARKANSZKY – Died Sunday, August 14, 2016 in Penn Valley, California at the age of 75. He fought a long battle with cancer. He was born in Russia on May 21, 1941. He was born at the beginning of World War II. He spent his early life being raised without his father, who was a Prisoner of War held by the Germans and later by the Russians. In the fifties, he escaped the Iron Curtain with his grandparents. They moved to around Europe from Norway to Switzerland, finally immigrating to Canada with his Mother. Following his Mother's death from cancer, he pursued his dream of moving to the United States. He was advised to enlist in the military so in 1963 he bought a bus ticket that took him to Plattsburg, New York. He knocked on three recruiter doors without response. When he knocked on the United States Marine Corps Office he found all of them playing cards. Needless to say a 6'4" young man was invited to enlist and become a Marine. It took several months before he received his orders, but they did come and Nick was off to Parris Island for basic training. Having been hazed in school because of his hardship background and accent, "Boot Camp" came easy for Nick. His first tour of duty was onboard a Navy ship as a seaborne marine but, it

did not last long because his security clearance was not granted. He soon left the ship and was transferred to Camp Pendleton where he trained and joined a Marine Recon Detachment. After that it wasn't long before he was off to Vietnam for a year. Upon returning to Southern California, Nick applied and was granted US citizenship before heading off to a second tour in Vietnam. He returned to the US in 1967, having served with the 3rd and 5th Marine Recon Detachments that was tasked to operate behind enemy lines and report back. He jokes that it was hard for a man his size to hide. While he easily talks about the hardships in his life, his experiences "in country" are closely guarded. He is the recipient of two Purple Hearts which provides an insight as to the level of combat he experienced. The war had a profound impact on him as it did with many others. Being in his mid-twenties, he was older than most of this fellow Marines and was referred to as "old man" and the "mad Russian". In reality, they were his family. When he left the Marines in 1968, he tried to find a home, but nothing seemed to fit. He then returned to Europe and settled in Switzerland in the hotel industry. There he met his wife, Eve. In 1987, Nick and Eve found Lake Wildwood and bought a home. For many years, Eve would travel to and from Switzerland for employment while Nick worked on improving their house. Finding serenity looking out over Lake Wildwood, the two have watched the community grow and mature. In the 1990's Nick became very involved with the Marine Corps League and has served in roles that include Commandant, Treasurer and Honor Guard Member. Most notable is his initiative to start the Nevada County Veteran Stand Down. They led the annual event for more than ten years. Nick has also been instrumental in getting the Yuba County Stand Down started. He held memberships with the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, DAV and a *Life Membership* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grass Valley Chapter #535**. Close to his heart is also the Museum of the Forgotten Warrior in Marysville, California. In addition to his involvement with veteran organizations, Nick, continued to work once a week as a volunteer for the Nevada County Food Bank – something he has done since 1993. There was a Memorial at the Memorial Walls in Grass Valley Memorial Park at 2:30 PM on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Following the rifle salute, flag presentation and eulogy, the memorial moved to the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building dining room for a dinner hosted by his wife, Eve and the Nevada County Food Bank.

WILLIAM F. DIEFENBACH - Died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 83. He was a resident of Elizabethtown, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1929, a native of Buffalo, New York to the late William Charles and Edith L. (née Storm) Diefenbach. He was a Korean War United States Marine Corps veteran and a life member of VFW, The Chosin Few, American Legion and the Korean War Veterans Association. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport (New York) Chapter #268**. He also was a deputy for the Erie County Sheriff's Department and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (née Shoemaker) Diefenbach; two daughters, Julie (Robert) Meyer of Grand Island, N.Y., and Paula (Charles) Grimm of Radcliff; one son, William (Susan) Diefenbach of Grand Island; six grandchildren, Robert Meyer, Steven Meyer, Jason Grimm, Sarah Grimm, William Diefenbach and Katherine Diefenbach; and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation hours were from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, October 5th, at the Brown Funeral Home in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

LEONARD J. DIX – Died Saturday, July 25, 2015 in Stockton, Kansas at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer of the liver, colon and lungs. He was born in Phillipsburg, Kansas on April 12, 1943. He served in the United States Army from October 20, 1966 to October 30, 1968 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939**. He is survived by his wife, Patricia.



THOMAS B. DORRIAN - Died Thursday, December 8, 2016 at Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, New Jersey, of Mantle Cell Lymphoma, due to exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Jackson, New Jersey. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York on January 27, 1949 to the late Edward and Helen Dorrian and he lived in Manalapan, New Jersey before moving to Jackson 13 years ago. Thomas was a United States Army Vietnam War Veteran, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge. He was a printer for 38 years, retiring in 2005 from GHI in New York City. Thomas was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. He was also predeceased by his brother, Eddie Dorrian in 2007. Thomas is survived by his wife of 44 years, Margie (née Pesce), three daughters and their husbands, Kathleen and Andrew Katz of Manalapan, NJ, Diana and Larry Pullen of Jackson, NJ and Teresa and Chris LaBau of Jackson, NJ, a brother Philip Dorrian of Wester, MA, a sister Mickey Kelly of Crosby, TX, 5 grandchildren Tommy, Tyler, Laura, Gianna, CharleeAnn and one on the way. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family received friends on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals - DeBow Chapel, 150 West Veterans Highway, Jackson, NJ. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Thursday at 9:30 AM at Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, Jackson, NJ. Committal services were at the Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Thomas may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society New Jersey Chapter, 14 Commerce Drive Suite #301, Cranford, NJ 07016.

CHARLES RUSSELL DRAKE – Died Thursday, November 24, 2016 in Elmira, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania on February 5, 1945. He served in the United States Navy in Vietnam in 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**.



COULBY JAMES DUNN - Died Saturday, August 9, 2014 in Greentown, Pennsylvania at 66 years of age, after a valiant battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was born in Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York on January 13, 1948 to the late Joan and John Dunn. Coulby graduated from Saint John's University with a degree in political science and went on to receive a master's degree in public administration from Marywood University. Coulby was a decorated United States Army combat veteran of Vietnam. He received two Bronze Stars, and

was a paratrooper in all three Airborne Divisions. Following his service in the military, Coulby went on to become a professional tennis player, playing with the likes of Rod Laver, John Newcomb and Roy Emerson. Shortly after marrying Lynda, the newlyweds traveled to the Pocono region, and ended up camping on Brink Hill. They fell in love with the peacefulness and beauty, and built their dream home on the very site they camped. Together, they lived and raised their family in that home for 38 years. Of his many achievements, Coulby was the owner/operator of Mountain View Homes and Mountain View Realty for the last 35 years. He was a true civic leader, serving on the American Red Cross, the Wallenpaupack School Board and the Wallenpaupack Watershed Management Board, and was a three-time past president of the Board of Realtors and past president of the Pike County Builders Association. Coulby believed in the greatness of America and the dedication of our warriors. He was a true patriot, who spoke at various veteran ceremonies, and was responsible for multiple veteran memorials around the Pocono region. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dingmans Ferry Chapter #623**. Coulby truly embodied God, service and country. Of his greatest achievements was that of a husband and father. Coulby was a loving husband to Lynda Dunn for 44 years, and together they have three children, Coulby, Matthew and Laura. Matthew, with his wife, Anne-Marie, blessed Coulby with three grandchildren, Brayden, Aston and Shane. For those that knew Coulby well, he had an eternal optimism and zeal for life that was second-to-none. Coulby was a larger-than-life character with a sense of humor that could light up any room. He has left an extraordinary legacy that will last for generations to come. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at www.lls.org. Calling hours were on Wednesday, August 13th, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Teeters' East Chapel, 505 Church Street, Hawley, Pennsylvania, and on Thursday, August 14th, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, at the Wallenpaupack High School Auditorium, 2552 Route 6, Hawley, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM. Cremation was at the Lake Region Crematory in Lake Ariel. For additional information, visit www.teetersfuneralchapel.com. Arrangements were made by the Teeters' Funeral Chapel, 505 Church Street, Hawley, Pennsylvania.

GREGG DANIEL FETTERMAN – Died Saturday, September 24, 2016 in Nescopeck, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 21, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**.

ROBERT EDWARD “Eddie Bob” FINCHUM - Died Wednesday, October 26, 2016 in Smyrna, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus-type II, peripheral vascular disease and carotid stenosis. He was born on July 6, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Leslie Ford and Jean Hansen (née McAdams) Finchum. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 30 years. Before his retirement, he had been assigned two tours of duty in Vietnam and attained the rank of Sergeant Major. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089**. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Elaine Finchum; five children, Pamela Hill of Smyrna, Patti Jacobs and Mike of Nashville, TN, Robert Norris and his wife Tina of Ann Arbor, MI, Richard Norris and his wife Lisa of Prattville, AL, Valerie Peters and her husband Tracy of Greensboro, NC; twelve grandchildren, Jeff Hill, Kristi Batchelor, Christopher Finchum, Cheree

Finchum, Anthony Jacobs, Victoria Norris, Robert Norris, Anthony Norris, Michael Norris, Haley East, Tyler Norris, and Nevin Peters; four great-grandchildren, Kelsi Batchelor, Matthew Batchelor, Christian Hill, and Laura Hill; brother, Donald Finchum; sister Joann Brown and her husband Rickie; and beloved dog, Peppi. Visitation with the family was on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM at Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite #300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.



FRED M. FLICK - Died Saturday, April 2, 2016 in Lake Placid, Florida at the age of 68. He was formerly of Somerset, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 2, 1947 in Somerset to the late Ray and Cora (née Stairs) Flick. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sisters-in-law Barbara Flick and Melody Reese; and mother-in-law Audrey Hawkins. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Betty (née Firestone) Flick; his daughters, Loretta (Phil) Wildermuth, Tina Flick and Michelle (Jake) Fishel; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; brothers Robert Flick and James (Pamla) Flick; sisters-in-law: Sally Snyder, Samantha Keller, Suzanne Jones, Barbara Firestone, and Belinda Firestone; brothers-in-law: Greg and Mark Firestone and Randy Keller; and numerous nieces and nephews. Fred was a 1966 graduate of Somerset High School and a combat wounded Vietnam Veteran having proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966-67. He retired from Highland Tank and Manufacturing. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid. He was a *Life Member* of the VFW, DAV, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. He loved reading and studying his Bible. After moving to Florida his greatest joy was fishing off of his boat. When in Pennsylvania he loved going to his favorite barber shop for coffee and wisdom. Fred was a loving husband, a good friend to everyone and will be missed very much. The family received friends from 10:00 AM until the service at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 27th at Saint Paul United Church of Christ, Somerset with Pastor Sharon Fox officiating. Military Rites were provided by the Somerset County Honor Guard. The arrangements were entrusted to Deaner Funeral Home, Stoystown Pennsylvania.

FREDERICK YASUSHI “Fred” FUKUNAGA - Died Wednesday, July 29, 2016 at home in Honolulu, Hawaii at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii on March 11, 1934. He is survived by sister JoAnn Furukawa and nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Sergeant Major (E-9) in May of 1986 with thirty years of service from July 1956 to May 1986. His tour of duty in Vietnam was from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* off **Vietnam Veterans of America – Honolulu Chapter #858**. He attended Lahainaluna High School and graduated from the University of Hawaii in June 1956. He enlisted into the United States Army the following month. He loved the Army and took great pride in having served his country. A quiet leader, he worked his way up as an enlisted man, achieving the rank of First Sergeant then Sergeant Major, Ammunition Supervisor, retiring from Fort Belvoir, Virginia. A Vietnam Veteran, he was intensely proud of his service, he said, “I was impressed with how the average U.S. soldier performed his duty. Most of the guys I know just wanted to do their duty and go home in one piece. Sure, we had

those moments of sloppy soldiering....but this is where good commanders, first sarges and non-coms cleaned things up...Once I was assigned to a detail at the airport to guard over a dozen body bags on their way to Saigon. Being so close to these soldiers who had been live only a few hours ago brought reality home to all of us...This wake-up call made us better men.” Among his many awards and medals were the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal Silver (4 loops), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (10 Bronze Service Stars) Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation (Palm Device), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (60 Device), Basic Missilemen Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 4), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 1) and the Expert Marksmanship Badge (Rifle and Carbine). The services were private.



ELBIN C. GANDEZA – Died Wednesday, January 6, 2016 in Wahiawa, Hawaii at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the Philippines on August 11, 1940 to the late Maximo L. Gandeza and Virginia B. Gandeza. He is survived by his son, Keoki; two brothers, Raymond L. and Isaac G., and; one sister, Esmeralda G. Kai. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kailua Chapter #858**.



RALPH A. GARCIA - Died Friday morning, December 9, 2016 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, Indiana at the age of 74. He was a resident of Bluffton. The cause of death was renal cancer and diabetes mellitus – type II. He was born on November 14, 1942 in East Chicago, Indiana to the late Peter M. and Emma (née Flores) Garcia. He attended East Chicago Washington High School and completed training at the University of Maryland, Purdue University and graduated from the University of North Carolina. Ralph served our country in the United States Marines Corps from 1959 to 1969 during the Vietnam War, and was discharged as a staff sergeant. He worked as an intelligence officer with the Central Intelligence Agency for 32 years, retiring in 1993. Ralph moved to Bluffton from Washington D.C. in 1992. He was currently serving as the chairman of the Wells County Republicans, a position which he assumed in March of 2011. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluffton Chapter #698**, of which he was a founding member, VFW, American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, M.C.C.A. (Marine Corps Cryptological Association), Bluffton Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and the CIA Retirees Association. Ralph was a former member of the Optimist Club, founder and past chairman of the Wells Community Boys and Girls Club, past president of Citizens Against Drug Abuse of Wells County, Community Corrections Board, past vice-president of Indiana Vietnam Veterans of America State Council

and INSPI. Indiana Governor Mike Pence recently selected Ralph to receive the Sagamore-of-the-Wabash Award. This is the highest and most respected civilian honor in Indiana. Ralph assisted the courts and law enforcement with Spanish language translation services through his ACE Interpretations LLC, which he founded in 2001. He also was a private investigator, offering confidential investigation services as well as security and counterterrorism consulting services. He was the author of an autobiography, "Harbor Knight" which detailed his early years growing up in the harbor areas of northwest Indiana as well as his years of service in the military and with the CIA. On June 21, 1975 Ralph and Sandra (née Vore) were married in Alexandria, Virginia. Survivors include his wife Sandy of Bluffton, along with sons Rene A. (Randi) Garcia of Virginia, Robert J. (Dawna) Garcia of California, and a daughter, Jacquelyn M. Garcia of Indianapolis. He is also survived by his sisters Rachelle (John) Mucha of Texas and Yolanda (Hank) Kazmierczak. Also surviving are grandchildren Chabree Martinez, Robby Garcia, Kandi Richardson, Kara Garcia, Joe Garcia, Bobby Garcia, Julie Garcia and Stormie Sloan. In addition, he is survived by 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Ralph J. Garcia, a brother, Richard S. Garcia and a sister, Kathleen Ortiz. A Patriotic Service to Celebrate Ralph's Life was held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton. Pastors Steve Bard and Jerry Blevins co-officiated. Calling hours were held from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A Masonic Memorial Service took place at 8:00 PM on Friday, at the conclusion of calling hours. Memorials may be made in Ralph's memory to the Wells Community Boys and Girls Club. Ralph's arrangements were entrusted to the care of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

ROBERT WAYNE "Bob" GARDNER – Died Saturday, October 8, 2016 in Vidalia, Georgia at the age of 75. The cause of death was congestive heart failure, systolic cardiomyopathy and coronary artery disease. He was born in Bena, Minnesota on May 7, 1941 to the late Raymond Walter Gardner and Inez (née Stangel) Gardner. He enlisted the United States Army was stationed in Germany and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia*. He was married to Anne who survives him. There was a Rosary on Thursday, October 13th at 6:00 PM in the chapel of Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, October 14th at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville, Georgia.



DALE LEWIS GERRIETS - Died Monday, December 05, 2016 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 72. He was a resident of Waubay, South Dakota. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born June 5, 1944 in Webster, South Dakota to the late Lewis and Gladys (née Hempel) Gerriets. He was baptized and confirmed at American Lutheran Church. He attended Webster School, graduating in 1962. He went on to Northern

State College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education in 1967. In 1963 he joined the South Dakota National Guard until receiving an honorable discharge in 1969. He received his Master's degree in Education in 1974. Dale began his teaching career in Blue Earth, Minnesota, where he met his wife Ann Suchy. Dale and Ann married in Sioux Falls, SD, December 27, 1967. After Blue Earth he taught in Rake, Iowa and Platte, South Dakota, before moving to Waubay in 1970 where he taught industrial arts and math and was computer coordinator. He started the wrestling and cross country programs in Waubay as well as coaching football, track, and girls' basketball. Taking a break from teaching, he owned the Waubay Insurance Agency from 1979-1985. He then returned to the classroom teaching in Gary, SD; Summit, SD; and ending his career at Waubay, retiring in 2004. He also started his own computer repair business. Following retirement, riding motorcycle became his favorite mode of transportation. He and Ann took several cycle trips visiting at least seventeen states as well as a couple Canadian provinces. Dale enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, dancing and playing pinochle. He made many friends calling square dances for many years throughout North and South Dakota, and Minnesota. He was also an amateur radio operator and liked to work on classic cars. Dale belonged to Our Savior's Lutheran Church where he had served on the church council and was its President for several years. He was on the Selective Service Board for Day County for many years. He was a member of the Waubay Senior Citizens, currently serving as President. Dale belonged to American Legion Post #17, American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Watertown Chapter #1054**. He was also a member of Cruisin' Classic car club of Webster. Dale was very proud of his students' accomplishments and liked to think that he had made a small contribution to their successes. He liked challenges and would work to solve problems, especially those with technology. Survivors include his wife, Ann; his sons, Michael of Bryant, SD, and Robert of Milbank, SD; his siblings, Ted (Dawn) Gerriets of Cochrane, AB, Richard (Bonnie) Gerriets of Sioux Falls, SD, William Gerriets of Webster, SD, Steve (Carla) Gerriets of Omaha, NE, and Lois (Don) Kirkegaard of Sturgis, SD; his brother-in-law, Allan (Betty) Suchy of Osage, IA. Dale was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. Memorial services were at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Waubay. Reverend Charles Bunk officiated. Memorial visitation was at the funeral home on Friday from 5:00-7:00 PM ending with a 7:00 PM Prayer Service.



JAMES EDWIN GILMER - Died Wednesday, August 3, 2016 peacefully with his loving family surrounding him on at the age of 70. He was a resident and the sitting Mayor of New Holland, Georgia. He was born on April 27, 1946 in New Holland to the late Harold and Sarah Gilmer. He was a lifelong resident of New Holland and a member of Pleasant Union Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, wonderful brother, and the kindest man anyone could have known. Not only was he loved by his family, but he was loved by many others. "Papa James" was a name not only given to him by his grandkids, but by many other children through the

years that loved him. After serving his country in Vietnam with the United States Army's 9th Infantry Division, Mr. Buck Ward took James under his apprenticeship. For 30 years, Mr. Gilmer worked in the funeral industry as a funeral director and ambulance driver with Wards Funeral Home. Mr. Gilmer was a true advocate for veterans for over 40 years. Mr. Gilmer played a vital role with the Georgia Department of Labor in Gainesville, Georgia as a Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist for 20 years. This position allowed him to help veterans with jobs and counseling. Mr. Gilmer received several awards through the years. However, there are two that were close to his heart. In 2005, Mr. Gilmer received the Vietnam Veterans Member of the Year Award and the National Commander's Award. James was an active member with several veteran organizations and served leadership roles in many of them. Some of the organizations he was part of are: Lanier Lion's Club as the past president, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, AM Vets, Combat Infantry Men, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a charter member and commander of several local, state and national organizations. He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Sarah Gilmer; beloved niece and nephew Leah and Ian Buffington; mother-in-law Ruth Akin; and brother-in-law Rev. James L. Yopp. He is survived by his loving wife Janice Gilmer; brother Dr. Thomas L. Gilmer and his wife Linda; sister Nancy Gilmer Yopp; daughter and son-in-law Celita Gilmer and Pete Allen; daughter and son Angie and Kevin Austin; son and daughter-in-law David and Heidi Brown; grandson and fiancé Chip Allen and Brittany; grandchildren Rassie, Denny Marie, and Julian Brown; nieces and nephews Ruth and Cliff Hammond, Rachel and Ron Ribeiro, Thomas L. Jr. and Luciana Gilmer, Harold Ralph and Lilian Gilmer, James. L Yopp III and Sherri Yopp, Susan and Harry Sailors, Gina Yopp Buffington; great nieces and nephews Jonathon, Sarah, Elisabeth, David, Michelle, Charity, Daniel, and Samuel Hammond, Rochelle and Roxanne Gilmer, Amanda and Matthew Shepard, Karen, Raphael and Danielle Gilmer, Shawn, Andrew, Wyatt Yopp and fiancé Mallory; and Torrie Yopp and fiancé Jesus, Jordan and Christa Sailors, Devin, Trevor, and Avery Buffington. Mr. Gilmer also had 6 great-great-nieces and nephews and a number of loving cousins. During his extended illness, Mr. Gilmer had a loving service dog by the name of Buddy Goode. Buddy Goode stood by Mr. Gilmer's side for four year and was at Mr. Gilmer's bedside during the time of death. Not only was Mr. Gilmer survived by his family, but he is also survived by the many men and women he called his brothers and sisters in arms. Visitation hours were on Sunday August 7, 2016 from 3:00-6:00 PM at the Memorial Park North Riverside Chapel. A memorial service was held on Monday August 8, 2016 at Memorial Park North Riverside Chapel at 11:00 AM. Interment took place on Tuesday August 9, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia, 1080 Veterans Cemetery Road, Canton, GA 30114. In memory of James Edwin Gilmer, donations can be made to Pleasant Union Baptist Church, 509 Wall Street, Gainesville, GA 30501. Memorial park North Riverside Chapel 989 Riverside Drive, Gainesville, Georgia 30501 was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com.

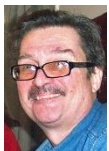
PETER C. GINTER - Died Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in Cropseyville, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death was liver disease. He was born November 17, 1949 in Troy, New York. He honorably served in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Troy Chapter #8**. Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 11,

2016 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the John J. Sanvidge Funeral Home, Inc., 565 Fourth Avenue (Corner of 115th Street in Lansingburgh), Troy, NY 12182 followed by the funeral service at 12:30 PM. Interment was held with full military honors in the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, New York.

BRUCE DAWSON GLANVILLE – Died recently in 2016 in Cooper, Maine at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 23, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine**.

EUGENE GORDON “Gene” GODSHALL - Died Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at the Baylor Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas at the age of 84. He was a resident of Killeen, Texas. The cause of death was a stroke. Gene was born on May 28, 1932 in Newark, New Jersey. Gene met and married his loving wife Elke in 1962, who survives him. Also surviving are his eldest son Michael Godshall, wife Lois, granddaughters Tina and Diane, grandson Ray, 3 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren; middle son Gary Godshall, wife Margaret, granddaughters Kaley and Hope and grandson Dylan, and; youngest son, David Godshall. Gene was a long time resident of Killeen where he lived since retiring from the United States Army and Civil Service duty. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. Burial arrangements were handled by Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home, with internment at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 SH 195 Killeen, Texas 76542 on October 21, 2016 at 9:00 AM. The family requested that in lieu of flowers a contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project be made.

LARRY GOLDSTON – Died recently in 2016 in Lancaster, California at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 14, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Clarita Chapter #355**.



EUGENE WILLIAM “Bud” GOODFLEISCH - Died Monday, October 17, 2016 at the Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, New Hampshire at the age of 67. He was a resident of Piermont, New Hampshire and formerly of Enfield, New Hampshire. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 30, 1948 in Bronx, New York to the late Theodore Joseph (Ted) Goodfleisch and Jean Hume (née Strecker) Goodfleisch. He had worked for Consolidated Edison Company of New York and Entergy Corporation as a Utilities Company Clerk, Including Nuclear. He served in the United States Navy from 1967-1970 having been stationed in Moffett Field in California and Pearl Harbor in Hawaii- FAU CINCPACFLT. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampshire**. Eugene was an avid reader of books and magazines, enjoyed crossword puzzles and was a Trivia expert. He is survived by his brother Theodore Charles “Ted” Goodfleisch of North Weymouth, MA, two sisters, Janice Louise Sommerer of Piermont, NH and Laurel Ann Goodfleisch of Bronx, NY and Wells River, VT; three cousins, Leslie Meserve of Beaverton, Oregon, James F. “Jim” Meddaugh of Woodsville, NH and Edward Bruns of Mebane, NC. Services were private and held at a later date in the

family lot in the South Lawn Cemetery in Piermont, NH. There were no calling hours. The Hale Funeral Homes and Cremation Care of Bradford, VT were in charge of arrangements.

JAY FREDERICK GRAMS - Died Sunday, January 26, 2014 in Luther, Michigan at the age of 67. He was formerly of Rockford, Michigan. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 17, 1948 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to the late George and Gerry Grams. He is survived by his wife, Becke (née Bignall); children, Tobin (Kristie) Foryt of Rochester, NY and Sara (Sachin) Agarwal of Washington D.C.; grandchildren, Kolby, Taidan, Preston, and Bowen Foryt, and Aniket Agarwal; brothers, Jon (partner Nancy) of Clermont, FL and Jac (Georgia) of Billings, MT; Cousin Joe of Stanton, MI; as well as several nieces, great-nieces, many friends, classmates, and military buddies. Jay proudly graduated from GRCC and GVSU then began his public service career at the 63rd District Court of Kent County where he served as a Program Administrator and Probation Officer for 21 years. He was a 20-year member of the National Ski Patrol System with various duties and responsibilities. Jay served his country in the United States Marine Corps for over three years, obtaining the rank of Corporal. Jay continued his interest in the military as a member of the AmVets and a *Life Member* of the VFW, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Association and a three-term Commander of the American Legion. A celebration of Jay's life was held on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at the Pederson Funeral Home located at 127 North Monroe Street, Rockford, MI 49341. The family received visitors from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with the service beginning at 12:00 PM. Lunch followed at the American Legion, 330 Rockford Park Road, Rockford, MI 49341. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the: Susan P. Wheatlake Regional Cancer Center, 4499 220th Avenue, Reed City, MI 49677. The Pederson Funeral Home were in charge of the arrangements.



GARY ROGER GRAY – Died Sunday, July 10, 2016 in Laurel, Maryland at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 1st, 1947 in Camden, New Jersey to the late Percy Lewis Gray and Lucille (née Muse) Fortune. At an early age the family moved to Tappahannock, Virginia where he attended and graduated from Essex County Public Schools class of 1965. On July 27, 1972, Gary Mario Gray (Asar) was born to Gary and Gloria (Redman) Gray. He brought endless joy to his father's life, and as he grew from childhood to manhood he had so many major accomplishments and events that made his father so proud. On December 3, 1988, Roger married the love of his life Wilma Jean Johnson and was blessed with 27 wonderful years of marriage and endless joy. In his early years, Gary worked diligently for several companies in Essex County to include; Taylor Family's Sawmill, Camco Brake Shop, Washington Gas and Light Company, as well as being a substitute teacher in the Essex County School system. Feeling a lack of gratification, Gary felt the need to broaden his horizon and made the decision to join the United States Army; serving honorably from 1967 to 1969. After fulfilling his military commitment as a member of the 1st Cavalry Infantry Division, Gary became gainfully employed by the United Parcel Service while attending classes at the University of the District of Columbia where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree, and furthered his

education by graduating with his Master in Education from the National-Louis University. Gary began his teaching career in the District of Columbia Public School System as a science teacher. He later served in the position of school administrator at the Elementary and Senior High School levels, concluding his career at Cardozo Senior High School in 2007. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Gary had a love for golfing, bowling and gardening and he possessed a sincere love for nurturing children especially the students of Cardozo Senior High School. The students of this school are so very appreciative of Mr. Gray's life-long lessons that they continue to reminisce about them and the impact he made in their lives. He enjoyed engaging in challenging topics of discussions, touching the hearts and minds of so many and spreading knowledge and wisdom to those willing to listen. Gary enjoyed time with fellow Veteran's and was very active when it came to his group at the VA. Gary leaves to carry on his legacy; his loving and devoted wife W. Jean, and his only child, Gary Mario Gray (Asar) of Hampton, VA. His mother Lucille Muse Fortune of Tappahannock, VA; five sisters Theresa Gaines (James) of Cheverly, MD, Claudia Gray of Tappahannock, VA, Pamela Sheppard of Camden, NJ, Ramatha Polite (Ed) and Patricia Davis (Earl) both of Sicklerville, NJ. One brother Barry Johnson (Toris) of North Ridgeville, OH; three grandchildren Brianna and Milani Gray of Milford, Connecticut, Taedon Gray of Tucson, Arizona, fourteen nieces and nephews; Donovan Gray of Philadelphia, Pa, Wanda Smith (Jeffrey) and Wendy Rock of Fredericksburg, VA., Walter Rock of Bowling Green, VA., and Jordan Johnson of Fairview, OH and Jason Gaines of Atlanta, GA. Nikeitha Banguera, Farid and Aaron Gray, Erial, Olivia and Jean –Pierre Polite, Jeanine Mosley, and Destin Davis two Aunts; Barbara Nelson and Jane Roane of Paulsboro, NJ, and; a host of grand nieces and nephews cousins; Nikeitha, Farid, Aaron, Erial, Jeanine, Olivia, and Destin, and many friend and associates.



GEORGE ORAN GREEN, JR. (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Saturday, November 19, 2016 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 25, 1932 in Coleman, Texas to the late George and Collie Green. He graduated from Bangs High School in Bangs, Texas, in 1949 and Purdue University in 1955, served two years in the United States Army and then taught high school at La Paz, Indiana, for five years. In 1962 he rejoined the military and served twenty-seven years, retiring in 1987. His tours included Germany, Korea and Vietnam, as well as many stateside assignments. He was a Battalion Commander at Fort Sill from 1970-72. There he met the love of his life Jane Taylor and they were married August 29, 1970. After retirement, he served as Executive Director for the National Guard Association of Michigan for five years. He returned to Lawton in 1993 and co-owned and operated Courtesy Auto Sales for fourteen years. Colonel Green was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5263, the Disabled Veterans of America and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, which was awarded the 2010 Outstanding Chapter of the Year nationwide. He is a member of Mount Scott Lodge #540, the India Shrine of Oklahoma City, and a Scottish Rite Mason. He served thirteen years on the Board of Directors of the Fort Sill Federal Credit Union and was Chairman of their building committee, as well as 1st Vice-Chairman of the

board. His military decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Valor with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal for Valor with oak leaf cluster, Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal with four battle stars, three Vietnam Cross of Gallantry awards, plus many other service decorations. Additional honors and achievements include the 1997 Outstanding Alumni of Bangs High School, the 2011 VA Wall of Honor recipient, a trustee of the Armed Services YMCA, a volunteer at Fort Sill National Cemetery, VVA Chapter #751 State Delegate and VVA Chapter #751 Director. He was a lifetime member of America's Veterans Supporters. In 2013 he received his 60-year Master Mason pin. Colonel Green is preceded in death by his mother and father, sisters Wilma Green and Nancy Reeves, brother Joe Green, and son Eugene Tomson. Survivors include his wife Jane, daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Richard Capps of Bradenton, Florida, son and daughter-in-law James and Paula Green of Lawton, Oklahoma, son and daughter-in-law Terry and Anna Green of Glencoe, Illinois, son and daughter-in-law Kayle and Tina Green of Southlake, Texas, daughter Denice Tomson of Lawton, Oklahoma, as well as six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was at 10:45 AM on Friday, November 25, 2016 in First Baptist Church with Dr. Patrick Latham and Reverend Tony Christie co-officiating. Burial with full military honors and Masonic rites was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 12:00 Noon-1:30 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the America's Veterans Supporters, P.O. Box 2244, Lawton, OK 73502 or to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1004 SW B Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501.

THOMAS H. "Tom" GRODKIEWICZ – Died Saturday, December 10, 2016 in Bayonne, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 3, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bayonne Chapter #151**.

ED M. HALLIGAN, SR. - Died Saturday, April 13, 2013 peacefully in the presence of his family in South Daytona, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 22, 1947 in Jesup, Georgia to the late Jack and Nell Halligan. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jacky Halligan of Edgewater, Florida. Ed leaves to cherish his memory: a loving wife of 42 years, Mary (née Jillisky) Halligan; two sons, EJ Halligan (Denise) and Eric Walker Halligan and one daughter, Hollie Halligan Hardy (Jeremy). Ed was the best Pop Pop to Logan, Alana, Travis, Riley, Hannah, Madisen, Colby, Ethan, Ava and Bentley. Survivors also include one sister, Ellen Halligan Luciano of Baxley, Georgia. He was a retired sergeant for the South Daytona Police Department, former Florida Highway Patrol trooper, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge #81, Past President of Coastal Florida PBA, Past Camp Commander of the Sons of the Confederacy for the James F. Hall Camp, member of the Bahia Shrine Temple, and Zangi Grotto. Ed was also a United States Marine Corps Veteran and lifetime member of the VFW. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He will always be remembered for being a "True Southern Gentleman" who loved his family and friends with his entire big heart. Ed always greeted his ladies with a "hello darlin" and kissed his family goodbye with a "be sweet and I love you." A Mass to celebrate his wonderful life was held at 11:00 AM on April 20th at

the Catholic Church of the Epiphany, 201 Lafayette Street, Port Orange, Florida. A memorial reception followed at the VFW Post #3282, 5810 South Williamson Boulevard, Port Orange, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ARNI Foundation to help care for all the animals he so dearly loved.



JOHN RICHARD HANWAY - Died Monday, October 31, 2016 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 72. John was surrounded by family at the time of his passing. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 11, 1943 in Rupert, Idaho to the late John Marshall Hanway, Jr. and Ethel (née Martindale) Hanway. After graduating from High School, John enlisted with the United States Army and served with honor and valor in Vietnam. There he was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, Purple Heart and numerous other commendations. John dedicated almost 25 years of his life to the armed forces. During that time, he made and fostered lasting friendships, many of those lasting until his passing. John was an active *Life Member* of the Lucio Moreno Chapter of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. John traveled throughout the United States to reunite with the men he served with in Vietnam. John retired from the Army and began a second career in Civil Service at Fort Bliss and worked there for many years, retiring in 2003. Every Saturday, John looked forward to “his bowl of menudo” and meeting with fellow veterans for breakfast. He also met monthly with a group of veterans/retired Civil Service personnel at Fort Bliss. The members of both groups remained some of his most cherished friends until his passing. Family members that preceded John in death included his parents and brother F.C. “Red” Wallace. He is survived by his spouse, Yoshie; his children Adriane Hanway-Dickenson and her husband James, Tanya Hanway; and his brother, Charles J. “Chuck” Wallace and his wife, Kay. Visitation hours were from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at the Sunset Funeral Home Northeast. The Committal Service was at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 4, 2016 at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with full Military Honors. Services were entrusted to the Sunset Funeral Home Northeast. Please visit our online registry book at www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net.

MICHAEL THOMAS “Mike” HARM - Died Saturday, August 20, 2016 at his home in Colts Neck, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death was hypertensive cardiovascular disease. He was born in Hackensack, New Jersey and was raised in Closter, New Jersey. He was drafted into the United States Army, served in radio reconnaissance on Huey Helicopters in Vietnam, and was honorably discharged. He graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a BS in Electrical Engineering. Mike was employed by The Bell System throughout his career, starting at Western Electric in Kearny, and concluding with Lucent Technology in Holmdel. He was a member of the VFW Post #2179, Port Monmouth and was a *Life Member* of the Jersey Shore Area Chapter of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. He was a Founder and the first President of the Colts Neck Soccer Club and enjoyed coaching soccer as well as watching his sons swim. He was a parishioner of Saint Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church, Lincroft. Surviving is his wife of 31 years, Patricia Harm, two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Julie Harm, Chicago and Martin Harm, Savannah, GA; brothers and sisters-in-law, Raymond and Vickie Harm, Martinsville, VA, Richard and Janine Harm, Northvale, NJ and

David Harm, England. Visitation was on Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Holmdel Funeral Home, 26 South Holmdel Road, Holmdel. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday at 10:00 AM at Saint Leo the Great Church, Lincroft. Interment was in Bay View Cemetery, Middletown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Michael's memory to The Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Foundation, PO Box 35, Holmdel, NJ 07733. To share a memory or messages of condolence please visit www.holmdelfuneralhome.com.

JOHN HARRISON – Died recently in Herndon, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #227**.



LARRY WAYNE HATFIELD - Died Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Bryan Medical Center West in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 66. He was a resident of London, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 13, 1950 to the late John Hatfield and Jinnie Irene Hatfield. He was the husband of Hazel (née Cobb) Hatfield of Barbourville Road, London, Kentucky, father of Patrick Hatfield and wife Jill of Pawnee City, Nebraska; the brother of Johnnie Hatfield, Donnie Hatfield, and Tammy Hatfield all of London, Kentucky, Mike Hatfield of Paw Paw, Michigan, and Wanda Kirby of Decatur, Alabama. He was also blessed with four grandchildren, Josh Hatfield, Amanda Hatfield, Dalton Hatfield, and Joshua Smith; by seven great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, James Elmer Hatfield and Carl Hatfield. He was a Member of Mount Ararat Baptist Church, a veteran of the United States Army, and a truck driver. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #1050**. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the London Funeral Home Chapel with Columbus Hensley and David Lawson co-officiating. Burial was in the Fisher Cemetery, Barbourville, Kentucky with DAV Chapter #158, Keavy in charge of military honors. The family received friends at the London Funeral Home after 6:00 PM on Friday, November 18, 2016. The pallbearers were Gilbert Hammons, Chad Kirby, Paul Hatfield, Dalton Hatfield, Josh Hatfield, and Kevin Hatfield. The Honorary Pallbearer was John Hatfield.

DAVID WILLIAM HAZEN (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Monday, December 29, 2014 in Matamoras, Pennsylvania at the age of 74, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on September 9, 1940 in Matamoras to the late Bill and Ruth Hazen. David graduated from Delaware Valley High School in 1958 and Saint Bonaventure University in 1962, with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. After graduating from Saint Bonaventure, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, Field Artillery, and married his high school sweetheart, Bernice Gilpin of Milford. David went on to have a long, distinguished military career. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, in addition to numerous assignments in Fort Sill, Fort Hood, Fort Campbell, Fort Leavenworth, and Germany. He commanded a Field Artillery battalion on the DMZ in Korea and then went on to teach American History at the United States

Military Academy at West Point. Dave later worked at the Pentagon, and his final assignment was Chair of National Security and Strategy at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, PA. His additional civilian and military education includes a Master of Military Arts and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Master of Arts in History from the University of North Carolina, and a Post Masters Advanced Management program at Harvard University. David's military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2nd award), Bronze Star Medal (2nd award), Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal (2nd award), National Defense Service Medal (with one bronze star), and Vietnam Service Medal (with 1 silver and bronze star). Following his retirement he was elected to the Matamoras Borough Council and served as Council President. Dave also worked as the Transition Coordinator and Deputy Warden at the Pike County Correctional Facility. David was a proud member of the Mamakating Hunting Club since 1976. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dingmans Ferry Chapter #623**. He is survived by Bernice, his wife of 52 years; his sister, Nancy Galanis and her husband, Joseph of Fort Myers, FL; four really cool children, Bill of Lovettsville, VA and his wife, Julie, Mike from Anchorage, Alaska and his wife, Tasha, Dianne from Cranberry Twp., PA, and Carol from Huntington, WV and her husband, Daryl; and his seven grandchildren, Abigayle, Dave, Jessica, Bryce, Megan, Emma Grace and Carly Ann. Viewings were held at the Stroyan Funeral Home, 405 West Hartford Street, Milford, on Friday, January 2nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 3rd, at Saint Patrick Catholic Church, 111 East High Street, Milford. The family asks that in Lieu of flowers donations be given to the Veterans Memorial Park and Education Center, P. O. Box 333, Matamoras PA 18336.

MICHAEL “Mike” HENDRICKS – Died Thursday, September 15, 2016 in Roseburg, Oregon at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 13, 1945 in Igloo, South Dakota. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam in Aviation along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. He served many veterans in various PTSD groups at the VA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseburg Chapter #805**.



JEAN HEPLER - Died Thursday, November 17, 2016 in Powell, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death was lung cancer, brain tumors and congestive heart failure. She was born November 9, 1944. She was a life-long active member of Atlantic Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, American Legion, VFW, DAV, and was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078** and will be missed by many. She was a generous loving woman donating time and materials with handmade crochet and knit blankets, clothing, and stuffed animals to various charities and fundraiser organizations. She was preceded in death by sons, Ronald, Michael, and David; sisters, Nelly and Betty. She is survived by loving husband, Edward Earle Hepler, Sr.; children, Becky, Jenny, Arthella, John, James, Judy, Patty, Janet, Cyndi, Sonja, Ed, Jr., and Jeff; 43 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and

brother, George. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 871 North Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, TN 37909. The family received friends from 4:00–6:00 PM on Thursday at Atlantic Avenue Missionary Baptist Church with the funeral service following with Pastor Eddie Seals officiating. Family and friends met at 11:15 AM on Monday at East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, John Sevier Highway for an 11:30 AM inurnment. Arrangements were made by the Mynatt Funeral Home Halls Chapel.

MARK PHILIP HILL – Died Thursday, April 14, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 20, 1956 in Munising, Michigan. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising (Michigan) Chapter #237**. Arrangements were made under the direction of Palm Downtown Mortuary, Las Vegas, Nevada.



JAMES WAYNE HOWELL - Died Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the North Carolina Veteran's Home surrounded by his family at the age of 81. He was a resident of Canton, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was a native of Haywood County born on May 3, 1935 to the late Harry S. and Zelma (née Jaynes) Howell. He proudly served and retired from the United States Air Force following 22 years of service. Following his military service he retired from the town of Waynesville. He was an active member of the VFW and American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clyde Chapter # 980**. He was a member of the Ridgeway Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Charles Ray Howell. He is survived by Patsy Howell and their children, Jeff Howell and wife Samantha, Alan Howell, Jamie Fuentes and husband, Claudio; sisters, Barbara Williamson, Fran Miller, and Bette Edwards; grandchildren, Donovan, Jackson, Nadia, and Aidan. Memorial Services were held at 12:00 PM on October 7, 2016 at the State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Legion and VFW Posts of Haywood County. A Message of comfort may be left to the family and guest registry may be signed at www.garrettfuneralsandcremations.com.



GILBERT A. "Gil" HUBER - Died Monday, October 17, 2016 at Unity Point Health–Trinity in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 74. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 6, 1942, in Hillsboro, Illinois to the late Carl Gilbert and Kathleen (née Slagel) Huber. He married Carol Hull on December 24, 1986, in Rock Island. He had previously been married to Patricia Young. Gil served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He then served in the Army National Guard in Galva, and in the Army Reserves in Rock Island and Davenport. He was honored recently to travel with the Honor Flight

to Washington D.C. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. He was a machinist for the Rock Island Arsenal, where he also was a reserve police officer. He also worked security several places including Statesville Penitentiary and 17 years at the iWireless Center. He enjoyed genealogy and working with computers, was a member of the Honda Goldwing Club, and loved his many dogs and cats over the years. Gil is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Deborah Huber of Clinton, Iowa, Jennifer (Steven) Meana of Moline, and Jay (Carolyn) Huber of Elgin, Illinois; step-children, Kathleen (Jeffrey) Brands of Moline, Brenda (John) Nelson of Pataskala, Ohio, and Jeremy Hull of Moline; 5 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 4 step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Karen (Ron) Masanz of Neenah, Wisconsin, and a brother, Steven (Phyllis) Huber of Rock Island. He was preceded in death by his parents. Services were at 11:00 AM on Thursday in the Horizon Room at Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12th Street, Moline. Visitation was one hour prior to the services. Memorials may be made to the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. Graveside services were at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 28, 2016, at Rock Island National Cemetery. Those wishing to attend should meet at the Trimble Funeral Home at 9:45 AM. Visit Gil's personal tribute page at www.TrimbleFuneralHomes.com to share stories and condolences, and light a candle in his memory.



DONALD K. HUFF - Died Sunday, August 30, 2015 at Locust Grove Village in LaCrosse, Kansas at the age of 71. He was a resident of Hays, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 13, 1944 in Concordia, Kansas to the late Archie and Alice M. (née Stockham) Huff. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1963 and from Goodland Technical College. He was a Ford mechanic before entering the United States Marine Corps in 1966. He spent a little over 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring in 1986 as a Gunnery Sergeant. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. In 1966 he married Loy D. Gray in Grinnell, Kansas. She died November 16, 2008. On April 30, 2009 he married WillaSue Rupe in Hays. He was a member of the North Oak Community Church, Hays, the Marine Corps League, the Hays American Legion Post #173, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939** and was a big supporter of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. He loved doing puzzles, fishing, Duke basketball, NASCAR, traveling, and spending time with his family and grandchildren. Survivors include his wife WillaSue, of the home, two daughters Tracey Staab and husband Allen and Jennifer Mascarenas and husband Lloyd, all of Hays, a step daughter Jana Hanson and husband Hank of Wisconsin, a stepson Jeremy Rupe and wife Janita of Pratt, two brothers Verle Huff and wife Rose of Scott City, Kansas and Richard Huff and wife Charlene of Laguna Hills, CA, five grandchildren Christin Cantrell of Hays, Jessica Cowley and husband Brent and Nathan Huff, all of San Angelo, TX, James Williams of Concordia and Hank Williams of WaKeeney, nine step-grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 4, 2015 at the North Oak Community Church, 3000 Oak Street. Burial with military honors by the U.S. Marine Corps Funeral Detail, the Marine Corps League, the American Legion Post #173, and the Hays American Legion Riders were in the Fort Hays Memorial Gardens

Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home and from 9:00 AM until service time on Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #939 Scholarship Fund or to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left for the family at www.haysmemorial.com.



RICHARD W. JASLOVSKY - Died Friday, August 12, 2016 in Kearny, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction. He was born to the late William G. Jaslovsky and Anne (née Egel) Jaslovsky in West New York, New Jersey. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Before retiring from Avaya in 2014, Richard was the Exhibit Marketing Technical Manager with whom he was employed for 49 years. Richard was known as “Toolman”, he could fix anything and always had a tool handy; he enjoyed home improvement. He also had his dog “Gizmo” who was his little buddy. Richard was a member of the NRA and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. Richard will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Gail (née Smith) Jaslovsky; his children, Ann Kehoe and her husband Steven and Steven Jaslovsky, and; his grandchildren, Amanda and Steven. Family received friends on Tuesday from 3:00 to 7:00 PM with a 6:30 PM Prayer Service, in the Calhoun-Mania Funeral Home, 19 Lincoln Avenue, Rutherford, NJ.



RONALD CARROLL JOHNSON - Died Thursday, October 27, 2016 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born on October 4, 1945 in Hopewell, Virginia to the late Fons and Shirley Johnson. He moved to the Northside of Jacksonville, Florida in 1957. After graduation from Ribault High School, Mr. Johnson joined the United States Army, serving a tour in Vietnam in 1967. He attended Jones College, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management while working as a supervisor for a local trucking company. After working several years as a consultant in the Middle East, he returned to the Northside and accepted a position at Ranger transportation rising to the post of Operations Manager. After a merger with Landstar, Inc., Mr. Johnson was placed on medical retirement due to many problems incurred as a result of his military service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Atlantic Beach Chapter #1046**. An avid volunteer, he used his EMS training to volunteer with the JFRD and North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts as an Emergency Medical Technician. He served as a Scout leader in many positions for over thirty years, spending thousands of hours and dollars at the local Scout camps, serving on staff for many years during summer camp. He is survived by his wife, Judy; his son, Jeff T. Johnson (Cris Johnson); grandchildren Lilly and Travis, and; his daughter, Joy Murphy (Jimmy Murphy) and grandson, Jacob. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 1st in the chapel of Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home, 1426 Rowe Avenue followed by interment in Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road, with Military Honors. Family and friends gathered at the VFW Post #11406 for memories and good laughs at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, make donations to

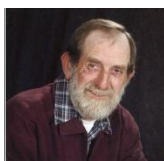
the North Florida Council at 521 South Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32205 or the VFW Post #11406 at 12709 Magnolia Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Quote: "Please show your pride and if possible wear your uniform – any type, Civic, military, or Scout, I will be wearing mine. God Bless America".

JOHN M. JONES – Died in July 2016 in Dunlap, Tennessee at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 9, 1947 in Hudson, New York. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1972. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**.

ROBERT E. JONES – Died Tuesday, September 26, 2016 in Killeen, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 13, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.



JAMES D. "Jim" KALETA - Died Sunday, December 4, 2016 in Seville, Ohio at the age of 69, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 22, 1946. Jim was a long-time resident of Medina County. Jim proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam campaign. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385**. He was married to his soulmate, Karen (née Funai) Kaleta for 42 years. He retired from Pepsi after 43 years of dedicated service and was a member of Local No. 293. After retirement, Jim was involved as a volunteer of Medina Hospice. He was a kind, gentle, thoughtful man who enjoyed his Corvettes, tinkering in his garage, riding his ATV, sitting by a campfire, finding solutions to various challenges, day trips through Ohio, and helping his wife show and care for their many Boxer dogs. Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Kaleta; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Josephine and Edward Funai; and will be deeply missed by his wife, Karen; brothers-in-law, Lawrence (Kim) Funai and Edward (Lorna) Funai; sister-in-law Joan Mayfield; and numerous cousins, friends, and his dogs. The family invited friends to join them for visitation from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM on Friday, December 9, 2016, at the Waite and Son Funeral Home, 765 North Court Street, Medina; and one hour prior to Mass from 10:00-11:00 AM on Saturday at the church. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 10th, at Holy Martyrs Church, 3100 Weymouth Road, Medina, OH 44256. Interment with military honors was held at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, December 13th, at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, kindly meet at the welcome center at 1:20 PM. Jim has requested that, if desired, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14550, Cincinnati, OH 45250. Online condolences may be left at waitefuneralhome.com.



Harry E. "Mush" KENNEL - Died Friday, October 14, 2016 at his home in Kennells Mill, Pennsylvania surrounded by his family. He was 68 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 24, 1948 in Hyndman, Pennsylvania to the late Jesse and Alma (née Boyer) Kennell. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Betty Cook. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ruth (née Reese) Kennell, whom he married December 26, 1969; sons, Brian Kennell and wife Angie of Kennells Mill; April Bruck and husband Scott of Hyndman, Timothy Kennell and wife Tiffany of Hyndman; grandchildren, Jessica Kamp and husband Casey, Cheyenne, Dakota, Reese, and Kameron Kennell, Lucas and Courtney Bruck; brother, Raymond "Buck" Kennell and wife Mabel of Frostburg, Charles Teters and wife Leona of Corriganville, MD; Clyde Kennell of Kennells Mill; sisters, Nancy Murray of Kennells Mill; Anna Lee Neubiser of Wellersburg, Delores Reese and husband Robert of Kennells Mill, Jessie Spiker and Husband Ronnie, JoAnn Shaffer and husband Jeff both of Hyndman; sister and brother in laws, Lu Kennell, Judy and Clark Smith, John and Mary Reese, Bonnie Thompson, Luther Reese, Jr. and wife Joyce, Linda Blough and husband Nick, Kay Walls and husband Dave, Carol Huffman and husband Larry and many nieces and nephews. Mush retired from Carl Belt, Local #616. After retirement he finished concrete for another 20 years. He was a member of the Kennells Mills Sportsmen's Club where he was President for 25 years, also a member of the Barrellville and Piney Mountain Outdoor Clubs. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Mush was an avid hunter who loved to go hunting with his children and specially his grandchildren. He enjoyed working on the farm with his brother Clyde. He never met a stranger. To his family he was the rock that held everyone together. He loved having picnics with his family every holiday. Although he will be sadly missed, it gives us great comfort knowing he was saved and now is in the Lord's hands. Friends were received at the Calvary Bible Church, 13901 Gardner Avenue, Ellerslie, Maryland on Monday, October 17, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the church on Tuesday October 18, 2016 at 11:00 AM with Pastors Ken Kornis and Greg Miller co-officiating. The burial was in the Comps Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lungevity Foundation. Special thanks to Dr. Robert Welik, Dr. Zaman, Dr. Watkins and the Schwab Cancer center and the Conamaugh Regional Hospice.



BRIAN SCOTT KING - Died September 10, 2016 at Huntsville Hospital at the age of 69. He was a resident of Huntsville, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 24, 1947 in Ouray, Colorado to the late William Howard "Bill" and Florence (née Moffat) King who survives him. He attended Joliet West High School in Joliet, Illinois. Mr. King joined the United States Navy Reserves and served on the USS Iwo Jima Aircraft Carrier until September 1968. He went on to college at Joliet Junior College graduating in 1971 with an Associate's degree in agriculture. Mr. King then went to the Illinois Police Academy and served as a police officer. After moving to Huntsville in 1989, he enjoyed attending the Free Will Baptist Church in Huntsville. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. He is survived by his mother, Florence King of

Brantford, Ontario Canada; sister Karen (King) Steinke of Springboro Ohio and her spouse Greg Steinke; nieces and nephewsCarolynne (Steinke) Parker, Michael Steinke, Jennifer (Steinke) Poole and their spouses, Jeff Parker, Stacy Steinke, and Claude Poole, and seven nephews and a niece. Donations in Mr. King's honor can be sent to Southern Care Hospice of Huntsville, Al.



NICHOLAS JOHN "Nick" KLEMM, JR. - Died Friday, November 11, 2016 at Saint Benedict's Health Center in Dickinson, North Dakota at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 16, 1938 in Dickinson to the late Nick and Katherine (née Morel) Klemm. He was baptized Nicholas John Klemm, Jr., at Saint Thomas Catholic Church, Gladstone, North Dakota. He attended eight years at Saint Joseph Grade School, where he was also confirmed. Nick loved to be a server at daily Masses, weddings, funerals, and other liturgical functions. He was one of many servers at the Ordination Mass of Father Michael T. Krank and Father Jacob Schumacher. Nick attended Dickinson High School for a year prior to attending Crosian Seminary, Onomia, Minnesota. He returned home prior to the passing of his dad. He then attended Assumption Abbey before entering the military. He enlisted in the United States Army on June 15, 1955 and served honorably to June 15, 1965 at rank of Specialist 5, with his main job was as a Chaplain's Assistant. Nick discharged from the Army and on September 18, 1965 joined the United States Air Force, serving honorably until November 30, 1975, attaining the rank of Technical Sergeant, having served as Chapel Management Technician. His retirement on December 1, 1975 brought to close a honorable 20 plus year military career. He returned to Dickinson and went to work for Job Service of North Dakota. Following a second heart attack and long recuperation he went to work at Dickinson State College as Office Manager for the School of Business. He decided to attend college as a full time student, in just three years earned a Bachelor of College Studies. Nick went to work at Stark County Social Services and then at the North Dakota Department of Human Services. Due to major health problems, he retired due to disability in 1993. Nick took great pride in his drive to work and do the best that he could. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus, a lifetime member of the DAV, VFW, AmVets, and of the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150**. Nick loved his Catholic Faith and was a wonderful supporter of his church. Nick is survived by three nieces, Diane Vokal, Bismarck, Cheryl Kasper, Mandan, and Laurie Vokal, Bismarck; Cheryl's children, Stacy and Brad Kasper; several cousins, and numerous wonderful and caring friends. He was preceded in death by his dad, Nick, Sr.; mom, Katherine Klemm-Pudil; sister, Cathy Vokal; and his grandparents and great-grandparents. Nick's Mass of Christian Burial was at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Dickinson. Interment was at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Dickinson. Military honors were provided by the Dickinson American Legion Post #3 Honor Guard. Visitation hours were on Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Ladbury Funeral Service, Dickinson with a rosary and vigil at 7:00 PM. Arrangements were made with the Ladbury Funeral Service, Dickinson.

JAMES EUGENE KULCAK - Died Saturday, November 12, 2016 in El Campo, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Louise, Texas on May 2, 1942 in Louise to the late John and Christine (née Merta) Kulcak. He was a United States Air Force Veteran and the owner of Compression Specialties Machine and Repair. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post #2786, American Legion Post #251, DAV and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (née Dornak) Kulcak; daughters, Linda Skow and husband Douglas of El Campo, Teresa Ott of Port Lavaca; sons, David Kulcak and wife Dani of El Campo, Michael Kulcak of San Marcos; grandchildren, Wesley Kulcak and wife Megan, Clayton Ott, Chelsey Ott, Reagan Skow, Allysa Kulcak and brothers, John Kulcak, Frank Kulcak and wife Charla, Edwin Kulcak wife Tradinda and Alvin Kulcak and wife Janice. James was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Lorine Ermis. Memorial services began at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 16th at the Triska Funeral Home with Pastor Jessica Korenek officiating. Memorial donations in memory of James may be made to Houston Hospice - El Campo or donor's choice.



JOHN PAUL LAMANNA - Died peacefully on Saturday, July 4, 2015 in East Syracuse, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Herkimer, New York on July 21, 1938 and graduated from Herkimer High School. He retired in 1996 after 33 years with New Process Gear. John was a member of Toastmasters International and enjoyed baseball, football and ballroom dancing. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103**. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Marian E. (née Alden) Lamanna; children, Susan Marie Milana, Linda Joyce Lamanna, Janet Alden, Robert (Jennifer) Alden and Richard (Laurie) Alden; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, two sisters; and several nieces and nephews. Family and friends came calling from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at R. H. Schepp and Son Minoa Chapel, 6530 Schepp's Corners Road, Minoa. A service followed the calling hours. Burial was at 2:30 PM Friday at Collamer Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Collamer United Church, 6865 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057. For a guest book, please visit: www.scheppfamily.com - R.H. Schepp and Son, Minoa.



WARREN LEE LaQUEUE - Died unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at his home in Adams, Wisconsin at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born October 24, 1947 in Richland Center, Wisconsin to the late Harry Charles and Freida Alice (née Nicks) LaQueue. He graduated from Adams-Friendship High School in 1966, and later that year entered the United States Marine Corps. Warren served two tours in Vietnam from 1968 –

1970. He married Mary Paepke and was blessed with two children before this marriage ended in divorce. Warren worked for Castle Rock Container for 33 years, retiring in 2009. He married Marie Winchester Robinson on July 27, 1991. Warren served as a City of Adams Alderman for 14 years and was serving as the Mayor of Adams. Warren enjoyed working in the yard and his fish pond, woodworking, watching the Packers, riding his motorcycle, taking trips to historical sites and was an avid student of the Civil War. Warren was a member of Adams VFW #6279 and the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston Chapter #729**. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to his family. Warren was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Frieda LaQueue; sisters: Martha, Joanne (Kenny), Florence; and granddaughter, Ashlynn Cavanaugh. Survivors are: Wife: Marie Ellen LaQueue of Adams, Wisconsin; Son: Joshua LaQueue of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Daughter: Jessica (Brad) Brogley of Platteville, Wisconsin; Stepson: Robert (Keisa) Winchester of Richmond, Virginia; Stepdaughter: Cathy Cavanaugh of Adams, Wisconsin; Stepson: Matthew Robinson of Adams, Wisconsin; Sister: Donna Henry of Madison, Wisconsin; Sister: Doris (Gale) Roberts of Clyman, Wisconsin; Brother: Merrill LaQue of Hamilton, Montana; Sister: Lynette Earsel of Janesville, Wisconsin; Sister: Connie (Tony) Martin of Janesville, Wisconsin; Sister: Melvina Roberts of Necedah, Wisconsin; grandchildren: Jenna, Matthew, Bryanna, Trevor, Kasey, Alexis, Robert, Jana, Destene, Ian, and; further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at the Roseberry's Funeral Home in Friendship, Wisconsin with the Reverend Richard Eberly officiated. Interment was at the Easton Cemetery, Town of Easton, Wisconsin. Visitation was at Roseberry's Funeral Home on Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and again on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Roseberry's Funeral Home assisted the family.



WILLIAM M. "Bill" LARMON - Died Thursday, April 3, 2014 at his home in Lake Luzerne, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 14, 1943 in Brooklyn, New York to the late William K. and Mary (née Stevenson) Larmon. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1960 - 1964. He was a graduate of SUNY New Paltz where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**. Bill retired from the New York State Department of Corrections in 1990. However, he will be most fondly remembered as a folk singer, poet, and philosopher. Bill published a book of prose, poems, and quips entitled "About Time," and released an album of Folk music entitled "All These Years." Bill was a lover of music, especially folk and bluegrass. He also enjoyed studying nature, including human nature, and spending time with his many canine companions throughout the years. Bill was also a member of the NRA. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Dorothy (née Barry) Larmon; two daughters, Jennifer Hicks and her husband Patrick of Morrisonville and Amy Larmon of Keeseville; one granddaughter, Arianna Hicks; one sister, Mary Reilly and her husband Walter of Clifton Park. In accordance with Bill's wishes, there were no calling hours or funeral services scheduled. Contribution in his memory may be directed to Hudson Sacandaga VFW Post #5836,

Hadley, or to the William Varney American Legion Post #862, Lake Luzerne, where Bill was a member.

ELTON A. LEWIS – Died recently in 2016 in Coldwater, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 22, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* off **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**.

JOSHUA MICHAEL “Josh” LIEBL - Died Thursday, December 8, 2016 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 22, 1957 to the late Clitus and Janet (née Behrens) Liebl in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Joshua served his country in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224**. Visitation hours were on Monday, December 19, 2016 from 11:00 AM until the Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 PM at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 1772 Oakwood Drive with the Reverend Father Paul Demuth officiating. Online condolences may be expressed at www.lyndahl.com.



GARY CONRAD LYSNE - Died Monday, October 17, 2016 in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 68. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Bremerton, Washington on November 24, 1947 to the late Johan and Lucile Lysne. He graduated from Rainier Beach High School and earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Puget Sound. On December 23, 1966, he married Cristi McCullom. He is survived by Cristi, daughters Tonya Lysne and Heidi Lysne Evatt, son-in-law Patrick Evatt, and three grandchildren, Laurel, Vivienne and Landon Evatt. Gary was a Veteran, serving in Vietnam in the United States Army Combat Infantry Division and Reserves. He was a *Life Member* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. Gary served the public as a Seattle Police Officer for 27 years, as a Patrol Officer, Officer Friendly, Detective, Police Academy Instructor, and Harbor Patrol Diver. Throughout life, Gary enjoyed every day to the fullest. He was an adventurous spirit who loved to explore. He always chose the scenic route, the back road, the remote river or the hidden cove. Many people were touched by Gary's love of water activities on his beloved Lake Whatcom in Bellingham. He was happiest there, playing with his family and friends. The Memorial Service was held on October 29th, at 12:00 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 119 Texas Street, Bellingham. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to the scholarship fund for Vietnam Veterans of Whatcom County, Chapter 165, P.O. Box 29885, Bellingham, WA 98228.



LARRY E. MACY - Died Monday, June 29, 2015 at the Trego County Long Term Care Center, WaKeeney, Kansas at the age of 67. He was a resident of Hays, Kansas and formerly of Victoria, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 13, 1948, in Portis, Kansas to the late Gordon and Irene (née Teselle) Macy. He was raised in Portis and was a 1966 graduate of Portis High School. He married Kate (née Strickert) Macy. He later married Glenda

Macy. He was an over-the-road truck driver for many years. He lived in Scott City, Portis and moved to Victoria in 1999. He has lived the last three-and-a-half years at the Trego County Long Term Care Center. He was a United States Army veteran during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939**. Survivors include a daughter, Amy Schaffer and husband, Greg, Hays; a step-daughter, Jo Renee Jurey, Colby; a brother, Roger Macy and wife, Donna, Portis; a grandson, Jacob Schaffer; and his former wife, Kate Macy, Scott City. He was preceded in death by his parents and a former wife, Glenda Macy. Graveside services were at 1:00 PM on July 17th in the Kansas Veterans Cemetery, WaKeeney, with military honors by Hays Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9076. Memorials were suggested to Disabled American Veterans or Trego County Long Term Care Center. Cline's Mortuary of Hays, 1919 East 22nd, Hays, KS 67601 was in charge of arrangements.

MICHAEL WARREN MALOTT – Died Sunday, August 28, 2016 in Petaluma, California at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Petaluma on January 2, 1946. A Bay Area native, most recently living in Petaluma, Michael worked as an entrepreneur since retiring from USS POSCO after many years of employment. He was a United States Army Veteran and Purple Heart recipient (Vietnam). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Petaluma Chapter #563**. Michael was a creative and generous person that lived life to the fullest. Michael's passions included playing the drums, art, and dancing. He is survived by his daughter Laura and son Randy. A celebration of life was held on Monday, September 19th at 5:00 PM at Ouimet Brothers Funeral Chapel, 4125 Clayton Road, Concord, California.



OMER LEE MANNING, JR. - Died Friday, October 28, 2016, in his residence in DeRidder, Louisiana at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He lived most of his life in DeRidder. He was born July 25, 1944, to Omer Lee and Hazel (née Willis) Manning, Sr. in DeRidder, Louisiana. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and enjoyed photography. He was a retired project manager with Civil Service at Fort Polk, LA and also served as a part-time sheriff's deputy for the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Department and was a security guard. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Diane Muller Manning of DeRidder; three daughters, Becky Collins (Tony of Lake Charles, LA, Angela Manning and Heather Manning, both of DeRidder; one brother, Keith Manning (Bonnie) of Alexandria, LA; one sister, Carol Hauser of Longville, LA; five grandchildren, Daelun Lopez, Mason Lopez, Tait Collins, Mika Collins, and Tyler Collins and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services with full military honors were held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, DeRidder with the Reverend Danny Wilson and the Reverend Alan Knuckles as co-officiants. Burial was in the Beauregard Cemetery, DeRidder, under the direction of the Labby Memorial Funeral Home in DeRidder. Visitation hours were held Tuesday, November 1,

2016 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM and 9:00 AM until the time of the service on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 all at the church.



JOHN CHARLES MAYO - Died Friday, November 4, 2016 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center due to GI Stromal Tumor complications of cancer. He was 70 years of age and was a resident of Kingsport, Tennessee. He fought a strong, courageous battle with cancer for over four years. He was born August 14, 1946, in Rogersville, Tennessee to the late John Russell and Grace (née Leeper) Mayo. He graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School in 1964 and attended ETSU. He joined the United States Army in 1966. John served his country in Vietnam in the 1st Battalion, 13th Brigade of the 1st Armor Division and was a recipient of the Bronze Service Star. On September 24, 1966, John married Sandra (née Marsh) Mayo who preceded him in death on December 5, 2015. He worked at Kingsport Armature & Electric and the City of Kingsport as a building inspector retiring in 1991. John had a lifelong interest in local history centered on Indian relics, the Civil War, and genealogy. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. He was preceded in death by his loving and faithful wife, Sandra, his parents and brother, James Edward (Jimmy) Mayo. Those left to cherish his memory are sisters-and brothers-in-law Karen and Jerry Salyer, Brenda & Jerry Jessee, Judy Kiser and John (Randy) Marsh, brother Robert H. Mayo, nephews Robert R. Mayo, Greg Jessee, Halley Harper, & John Kiser and nieces Sandy Williams, Patricia Flores, Aimee Morelock, & Megan Templeton. The family received friends from 4:00-6:00 PM on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at Hamlett-Dobson Downtown with a Veterans Appreciation Service at 4:00 PM conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #979. A Celebration of Life Service followed at 6:00 PM on Sunday in the chapel with Pastor Karl Berndt officiating. Special Music was provided by Holly Berndt. The burial with graveside services was at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 7, 2016 in Ross Camp Ground Cemetery. Pallbearers were members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #979, escorted by Robert R. Mayo. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Houser, Fred Sturgill and John Ward. Military Honors were accorded by The American Legion, Hammond Post #3 and Gate City Post #265. Those attending services were asked to assemble at the funeral home by 1:00 PM on Monday and then proceed to the cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Ross Camp Ground Cemetery, c/o Janie Kincheloe, 107 Ivy Lane, Gray, TN 37615. Please visit www.hamlettdobson.com to leave an on-line condolence for the family. Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Homes, Kingsport were in charge of the services.



LAWRENCE PHILLIP "Larry" MAZZIE - Died peacefully at his home in Riley, Michigan, on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 15, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. On December 5, 1964, Larry married, Gail Sagal at Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Saint Clair Shores, they recently celebrated 52 years of marriage. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**

of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154. Larry loved spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, fishing, playing guitar, and music in general. Larry will be greatly missed by his loving family and dear friends. Larry is survived by his loving wife, Gail; children, Christine (Benjamin) Andrews, John (Karen) Mazzie, Donna (Roland) Hausherr; grandchildren, Miranda, Amber, and Alex Mazzie, Kurtis and Randy Hausherr, and Darringer Andrews; and great-grandson, Eli Paxton. Larry was predeceased by his parents, John and Theresa Mazzie. Visitation hours were held from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, December 9, 2016 at Tiffany-Young and Hauss Funeral Home Modetz Chapel, 73919 South Fulton Street, Armada 48005. Burial took place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations would be appreciated to Vietnam Veterans Chapter #154 or the National Kidney Foundation.



DENNIS DALE McDOUGALL - Died Monday, 28 July 2014 in Orlando, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1947 in Albany, New York, traveled with a military family, and graduated from Frankfurt American High School in Frankfurt, Germany. He joined the United States Army in 1966, attended Officer Candidate School and commissioned in 1967. Dennis was a proud Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta. As a platoon leader he received the Silver Star for heroism, the Purple Heart for wounds received and the Vietnam Cross for Gallantry as well as other decorations. He left the service as a Captain. During a time of national apathy towards returning veterans, Dennis joined and became a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville (Wisconsin) Chapter #236**. As his chapter's president, he worked tirelessly to change the lack of recognition and respect vets then received. His passion was the Vietnam Memorial in Washington. When "The Wall" was finally dedicated, Dennis was there. Although his name will not be inscribed on the black granite, his spirit will remain a part of those that are. In 2010 Dennis was reacquainted with Joyce Bates of Orlando, Florida at an annual Frankfurt American High School reunion and they married on Saint Patrick's Day in 2012. Dennis and Joyce enjoyed traveling to various military and high school reunions around the country, cooking and just spending time together. Dennis is survived by his wife Joyce of Orlando, FL and his brother William (Nancy) of Stamford, CT. Dennis was interred in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, not far from "The Wall", a soldier amongst his brethren.



PERCY JAMES McELROY, SR. - Died Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at his home in Providence, Kentucky at the age 77. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related prostate cancer. He was born on September 4, 1938 to the late William Hudson McElroy and Flora (née Borlow) Dixon. He is survived by his wife Carolina Due McElroy; sons Anthony McElroy, Percy Jr. McElroy, Stephen McElroy, William McElroy, Joseph McElroy, Manuel McElroy, Michael McElroy, and Jason McElroy; daughters Vetres Statum, Shirley McElroy, Deanna McElroy, and Christina Higgins; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kentucky**. Visitation hours and the Service was on Saturday, August 6, 2016 in the chapel at the Jones and Kirby Funeral Home from 10:30 AM until the Service at 1:00 PM. Interment was in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

RONALD E. “Ron” McGONIGAL - Died Saturday, November 12, 2016 in Surfside Beach, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield, Ohio on July 29, 1939 and was the youngest of two children to the late Erma and Robert McGonigal. After graduating from Springfield High School in 1957, he married Joyce McGonigal in 1958 and then received degrees from Wittenberg University and the Ohio State University. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyce, brother, Richard, mother and father. He is survived by three children, Randy McGonigal, Sandy Martin and Beth Goddard; their spouses: Suzy, Rich; and Jeff and eight grandchildren: Patrick McGonigal, Maggie McGonigal, Jaclyn Jones, Brandon Jones, Jennifer Christopher, Blaine Jones, Danielle Goddard and Jenna Goddard. Also surviving is his travel buddy and constant companion, Daisy, the Great Pyrenées. McGonigal retired from International Harvester (aka Navistar), was a longtime Master Mason in Clark Lodge #101, Grand Lodge of Ohio F&AM and was also active in the Thrice Illustrious Master's Council of South Carolina. His faith was Protestant-Methodist; he played the drums, was a loyal Buckeye fan and liked to participate in Revolutionary and Civil War reenactment groups. Viewing was at the Littleton and Rue Funeral Home, at 830 North Limestone Street, Springfield on Friday, November 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, and the funeral was on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 AM. Burial was in the Ferncliff Cemetery.



EDWARD LEE “Ed” McKESSON, JR. (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Saturday, November 12, 2016 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 26, 1936, in Dearborn, Michigan to the late Edward Lee McKesson, Sr. and Anna McKesson. He grew up in Michigan and was a graduate of Flat Rock High School, where he played and lettered in all sports. Following graduation, Ed was drafted into the United States Army. He was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and Korea. His awards include the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal (20 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Aviator Badge, Four Overseas Service Bars, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Bronze Star Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster and the Vietnam Service Medal with Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster. Perhaps his most treasured award was the Distinguished Flying Cross and his photo is to be hung in a new museum being built in Washington, DC. Ed married Mary Helen Nottingham on February 7, 1958, in Lawton. She preceded him in death on March 29, 2014. Following his retirement from the Army, Ed worked with his wife in her furniture and decorating business and soon learned he wanted to pursue other endeavors. He sold insurance for a short time and then obtained his real estate license. He worked for Parks-Jones Realty for several years as well as Keller-Williams and Lair Realty. Ed served as the executive vice president for the Lawton Board of Realtors for

more than 22 years, retiring in May 2016. Ed was a member of Faith Bible Church, where he served as treasurer for over 40 years. He was a member of the National and Oklahoma Board of Realtors, the Military Order of World Wars, the Fires Patriots, the Lawton Country Club and had been active with the Elks Lodge. Ed continued to teach classes at the Lawton Board of Realtors following his retirement. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He enjoyed going to the casino, trips to Destin, Florida, his poker group and especially his grandkids. He is survived by two daughters: Connie McKesson and Robert, and Linda McKesson-Rabin and Richard; a son, Michael McKesson and Misty; eight grandchildren: Andrew Jenkins and Mandy, Matthew Jenkins, Kyle Harrison, Kyndall Barber and Melvin, Kallie Hunter and Zach, Lauren Mifflin and Brandon, Michael McKesson Jr. and Jordan and Molly McKesson; 15 great-grandchildren: Jacob, Raiden, Davyn, Karley, Katelyn, Kash, Lillian, Braydon, Brayli, Terrell, Hallie, Jayden, Tristen, Bryson and Adrian; two brothers: Stephan McKesson and Bill McKesson and wife Peedee. He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, Pearl Snuggs; and a sister, Ruth Ann. The funeral was at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in Faith Bible Church with the Reverend Leonard Reimer, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Fort Sill Post Cemetery. Arrangements were under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Mexican Mission Ministries, P.O. Box 636, Pharr, Texas 78577.

DARRELL G. McKNIGHT - Died Sunday, May 10, 2015 in Hamilton, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Centre, Alabama on February 16, 1948 to the late Bud and Virginia (née Ray) McKnight. He was also predeceased by his son, Shane McKnight. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmore Chapter #190**. Survivors include sons, Jonathan McKnight of Centre and Kevin McKnight of Centre; sister, Janet (Randy) Tucker of Centre; grandchildren, Jake, Tyler, Justin, Jenna and Jace McKnight and Ashlyn Montgomery; great-granddaughter, Aubrey McKnight. Graveside services were held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Howell Cemetery with Reverend Melvyn Salter officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Howell Cemetery Fund. Perry Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

TERRY MICHAEL MEDLEY - Died Thursday, September 15, 2016 in New Market, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 23, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Marie Medley; two stepdaughters, April Clutts (Darryl) and Kelly Yates (Michael); son, Sean Medley (Misty); five grandchildren; a number of aunts, uncles, cousins, and one niece. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. Visitation was on Tuesday from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at the Berryhill Funeral Home. A Chapel service followed at 11:00 AM with Pastor Christy Noren-Hentz officiating. Burial was at the Valhalla Memory Gardens.

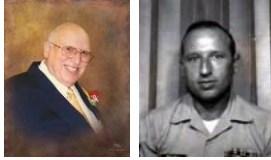
CHARLES RONALD “Ronnie” MILLER - Died Thursday, December 1, 2016 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ohio on October 23, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.



FRANK T. MILONE - Died Sunday, February 14, 2016 at Lyons Veterans Affairs – Long Term Care Facility in Bernards Township, New Jersey. He was 65 years of age and a resident of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hackensack, New Jersey on November 11, 1950. Frank resided in Jersey City prior to becoming a resident of Lake Hopatcong over 35 years ago. Frank was a proud Vietnam War Veteran, serving in the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army from 1969-1973. He was a recipient of a Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Medal and the Marksman Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar. Frank was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope Chapter #327**, Purple Hearts Association Kearny Chapter, American Legion Post of Lake Hopatcong and the Disabled American Veterans Netcong Chapter. Survivors include his mother Angelina Boyd, three sisters, Linda, Roseann and Theresa and a brother, Kenneth. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Frank's Life Celebration included visiting hours on Monday, February 22nd from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Leber-Lakeside Funeral Home, 150 Landing Road, Landing, NJ. A funeral prayer service was offered on Tuesday, February 23rd beginning at 10:30 AM at the funeral home. Friends and family were invited to gather at the funeral home on Tuesday morning beginning at 9:00 AM prior to services. Frank was laid to rest at Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, Pennsylvania following the prayers. For memorial donations, please consider Vietnam Veterans of America, Robert E. Wheelock Memorial Chapter 327, Post Office Box 9, Stanhope, NJ 07874. For further information, and to share a fond memory, please visit www.leberlakeside.com.



LOUIE CRAIG MINNICK – Died Saturday, April 16, 2016 in Roanoke, Virginia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 31, 1941 to the late John C. and Ella Virginia (née Johnson) Minnick. He was also predeceased by his sister, Neda Minnick and a brother, Calvin Minnick. He was married to Cindy. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. Surviving to cherish his memory is his wife of 15 years, Cindy A. Minnick; children, Tony Minnick and his wife, Amy, Misty Rice and her husband, Jimmy, and Troy Minnick; sister, Nancy Williams and her husband, Bobby; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The family received friends on Tuesday April 19, 2016 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. The funeral service was conducted at Noon on Wednesday April 20, 2016 at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Pastor Allen Woodie officiating. The burial was in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens with full military honors.



ALONZO F. MITCHELL - Died Saturday, December 6, 2014 in his home in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 20, 1934 in Waldron, Arkansas to the late James W. and Sarah E. Mitchell. He was retired from the United States Air Force and the United State Postal Service. He was a member of Unity Missionary Baptist Church, VFW Post #8845, American Legion Post #31, DAV and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Forth Smith Chapter #467**. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Elsie Mae Mitchell, two daughters Pamela Barron and husband Donnie of Muldrow, OK and Theresa Mitchell of Fort Smith, one son Dennis Franklin Mitchell and wife Kimberly of Alexander, AR, one sister Cora McGinnis and husband Buddy of Bella Vista, AR, four brothers Johnie Mitchell and wife Eleanor of Washburn, MO, Joe Mitchell of Stigler, OK, Clarence (Gene) Mitchell and wife Retta of Grove, OK and Leroy Mitchell and wife Donna of Ridgecrest, CA, four grandchildren Tonya Deel and husband Stephen of Sallisaw, OK, Amy Blakley and husband Tim of Benton, AR, Christen Butler and husband Gary of Benton, AR, Stacey Barron of Austin, TX and six great-grandchildren. The funeral service was at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at Edwards Funeral Home with burial at Mountain View Cemetery with full Military Honors under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. The pallbearers were members of the United States Air Force Honor Guard. The family visited with friends on Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM at the funeral home.

TERRALL J. MOBBERLEY - Died Saturday, October 15, 2016 in Golf Manor, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is liver failure. He was born November 18, 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Gertrude S. and Robert J. Mobberley. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**. He was a member of the Roselawn Community Baptist Church and the Reading Kiwanis Club. He donated his body to U.C. College of Medicine. Donations were asked to be made to Vietnam Veterans of America or Hospice of Cincinnati.



EDWARD J. "Ed" MOLINA - Died Sunday, November 13, 2016 in El Paso, Texas at 91 years of age, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 16, 1925 to the late Miguel Omena Molina and Amalia (née Clark) Molina and was raised in Oakland, California. His journey would later lead him to become a lifelong resident of El Paso, Texas. Ed was a proud veteran of the United States Army, where he served his country for 26

years in 3 foreign wars, World War II, the Korean War and 3 tours of the Vietnam War. Over his expansive military career, Ed was honored with the Bronze Star Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, the Medal of Good Conduct, and the National Defense Service Medal to name a few. Upon retiring from the military Ed would dedicate the next 40 years to a life of volunteer service to his fellow veterans through the VFW Post #8550, DAV Post #10, American Legion Post #58, the United American Veterans Organization of El Paso and was honored to be a dedicated volunteer at the VA Clinic to include 14,387 volunteer hours where he was awarded the 12,500 hour Outstanding Service Pyramid Award in 2011. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. He is preceded in death by his late wife Emilia Molina, 2 daughters Margaret Gray and Renae Molina, and 5 siblings Barbara, Jenny, Rupert, Freddy and Helen. Ed is survived by his 4 grandsons Michael Molina Sr. (Joanna), Robert Heady Jr. (Cassandra) (Berkly), Zachariah Gray and Caine Gray (Shanda); ten great-grandchildren, Nichole (Kyle), Nathan, Robert III, Renae, Santana, Seth, River, Michael Jr., Marlee, and Braycen; five great-great-grandchildren (late Silas), Ivy, Kai, Nia, (late Rayshon) and many nieces and nephews that loved and adored him. The family would like to extend a very special thank you to Eddie's lifelong friend and companion Mrs. Connie Parker, her daughters Patricia Bryant, Nora Servin (David) and their families for their unconditional love and support that they have showed him and our family. Visitation hours were on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 5:00-9:00 PM with the rosary at 7:00 PM at the Kaster-Maxon and Futrell Funeral Home. Graveside service was on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 9:30 AM at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with full Military Honors. A wake followed the services at VFW Post #8550 at 4714 Titanic Avenue, for all to gather in his memory. Service arrangements were entrusted to the care of Kaster-Maxon and Futrell Funeral Home, 8817 Dyer Street, El Paso, Texas 79904.

WILLIAM V. H. MOORE II – Died recently in 2016 in Escondido, California at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 27, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Escondido Chapter #1031**. He is survived by his wife.

CHESTER LOUIS MORRIS, JR. - Died Sunday, May 15, 2005 at his residence in Adamstown, Maryland at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 4, 1943 in Grant County, Kentucky to Mary Jane (née Coleman) Morris Haubner of Kentucky and the late Chester Louis Morris, Sr. He was the husband of Veda Darlene Smith Morris, his wife of 39 years. He was a signal technician for the Department of Transportation in Washington, DC, retiring in 1984 after 10 years of service, and was a former DC policeman. Mr. Morris served in the United States Army during Vietnam and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**. He was a member of Flint Hill United Methodist Church in Adamstown and a former member of the Urbana Lions Club. Mr. Morris loved horses and enjoyed riding. He was a Washington Redskins fan, did leather working and was proud that he built his own home and enjoyed helping others. Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are a son, Robert Michael Morris of Adamstown; and a cousin, Nora Lee Trent of Ohio. Mr. Morris was preceded in death by a son, Alan Wayne Morris. The family received friends from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17th at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, where

services were held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 18th, with his pastor, the Reverend R. Lynn Wilson, officiating. Interment with military honors took place in the Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702 or Flint Hill United Methodist Church, 2731 Park Mills Road, Adamstown, MD 21710.



LINWOOD "Jake" MULLIGAN - Died Friday, October 28, 2016 in Garland, Maine at the age of 69. He was a resident of Saco, Maine. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born in Kingman, Maine on April 1, 1947 to the late Herman and Daisy (née Lancaster) Mulligan. He graduated from Lee Academy in Lee, Maine. Jake served his country in the United States Navy from 1964-1968. He graduated from Husson College in 1977 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Accounting. Jake was employed as an accountant for many years, most recently proprietor of Mulligan and Company in Biddeford, Maine. He was passionate about his country and veteran's affairs. Jake was District Commander of York County American Legion Post #26 and was on the Board of Directors and a *Life Member* for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044**. He also served as a judge advocate for AMVETS. He was predeceased by his brother Robert Mulligan and by his sister Darlene St. Peter. He is survived by his wife of 12 years Sharon (née Ringdahl) Mulligan, his daughter Susan J. Mooers and her husband Jeff, and his two grandchildren Cameron and Alyson. He is also survived by his brother Terrence Mulligan and his wife Marion, his brother Richard Mulligan, his sister Verdene Thompson and her husband Cyrus, and by several nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 with American Legion Prayer Service was at 5:00 PM and VVA Honor Guard to follow, at the Cote Funeral Home Chapel, 87 James Street, Saco. A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 3, 2016, at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale, Maine. To view Jake's memorial page or leave an online condolence please visit www.cotefuneralhome.com. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider donations to the American Legion Post #26, PO Box 185, Biddeford, ME 04005.

DENNIS B. MURPHY – Died recently in 2016 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224**.



GALE JOSEPH MUSSEY - Died Friday, November 18, 2016 in the VA Medical Center in Oakland, after a courageous fight with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Franklin Township, Pennsylvania. He was born on July 23, 1950, in New Brighton, Pennsylvania to the late Ethelberta (née Smith) Mussey and Glenn M. Mussey of East Palestine, Pennsylvania and the stepson of Beatrice Mussey. He had attended

the Concord United Methodist Church, and was a proud member of the Big Beaver Big Dawgs Running Club. He was a loving husband and father with a deep devotion to God and country. He enjoyed cooking and finishing beer lists at the Backdoor Tavern and was an Eagle Scout. Through this ever happy and fun loving nature, he never let a good joke slip by, earning him the nickname 'Uncle Poison.' He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a steamfitter for 40 years, joining Local #115 as an apprentice, was a Union Trustee for the pension fund with Local #47, and the Union Site Representative at the Beaver Valley Nuclear Plant until he retired as a member of Steamfitters #449 in July of 2012. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his sister, Glenna J. Dripps. In addition to his father and stepmother, he is survived by his wife of 32 years, Katherine DeSanzo Mussey; three children, Theresa Master of White Township, Joseph and Annie Mussey of Reston, Va., and Kimberly and Jesse Smith of Brentwood; a granddaughter, Callie Master; great-granddaughter, Myla Curry; his brothers and sisters, Guy and Barb Mussey, Gary and Kelly Mussey, Greg and Lynn Mussi, Garth and Joanne Mussey, Gerald and Jocelynn Mussey, Gretchen Wickline, Ginger Geizura, and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends were received on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Hill and Kunselman Funeral Home, www.hillandkunselman.com, 3801 Fourth Avenue, College Hill, Beaver Falls, where a service was held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM with the Reverend John Phipps officiating. Interment was private. The family would like to thank John Manos 'brother' and friend, and Tina Arritt from Personal Touch who became like family and supported him through his disease progression, Ethel Harris from Home Instead who acted as a guardian angel through his final weeks, Three Rivers Hospice, the Veterans Administration and the ALS Association for all of their loving support and care for Gale during his illness. We would also like to thank the many friends who visited and also provided food. Memorial contributions may be made, if desired, to Habitat for Humanity, 47 Bridge Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. The Veterans Honor Guard conducted military rites at the funeral home on Wednesday at 10:40 AM.

STEPHEN H. NASH - Died Monday, December 19, 2016 at his home in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bakersfield, Oregon on July 2, 1949 and was preceded in death by his wife, Janice L. Nash. He was a member of Central Christian Church. He retired from the United States Army after 20 years of service, and then later retired from Coastal State Prison after 20 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Harvey D. and Donna Nash; grandsons, Johnathan, Steven, and Michael Nash; sisters-in-law, Sarah Harris and Judy Kersey; brother-in-law, Horace and Marie Lewis, and several nieces and nephews. The visitation was on Friday from 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM at the funeral home with the funeral to follow at 1:30 PM in the chapel of the funeral home. The burial was in Hillcrest Abbey West Cemetery. Thomas C. Strickland and Sons Funeral Homes – West Chatham Chapel – 901 West Highway 80 – Pooler, GA 31322 were in charge of the arrangements.



FRANCIS STANLEY "Frank" NELC - Died unexpectedly at his home in Neenah, Wisconsin on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. Frank was born in Munising, Michigan on February 12, 1951 to the late Frank and Genevieve (née Erochinski) Nelc, and raised in Christmas, Michigan. From the humble walls of his Kindergarten class in a two-story, two-room schoolhouse in AuTrain, Michigan, lifelong friendships were born with his classmates that remain strong yet today. He attended William G. Mather High School, Munising, Michigan and completed his education at the 4th Army NCO Academy, Fort Hood, Texas. Born with a wrench in one hand, Frank began a long career with snowmobile racing at 14 years of age. At the spry age of 17 years, he was hired by Arctic Cat in Thief River Falls, MN, where he worked until he volunteered to serve his country in the United States Army in Wheel and Track Vehicle Maintenance with the 632nd HEM USARV in Chu Lai, Vietnam from August 18, 1970 to March 6, 1972. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Stars, and Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device. Upon his return from 'Nam, Frank continued his career with snowmobile racing at Polaris, and worked for them in both Minnesota and Colorado. He worked with Marvin Windows (Warroad, MN) and on the oil rigs in Oklahoma. He developed the first hill climbing cleats with Simmons. Frank earned a degree in Aviation Technology and worked on the 727 Refab Project with Kalitta and several projects with Basler. He then joined Tecumseh where he worked with engineering and dyno-lab testing until the plant closed. Frank was more at home in the outdoors, and most loved his days spent hunting and fishing whether with his comrades or his children. He especially loved teaching. He was as phenomenal a down-home cook as he was a story-teller. He touched the lives of family and friends with support, friendship and caring. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**. Frank is survived by his loving wife of twenty-two years, Jodi (née Golisek) Nelc of Neenah; his first family's children including Misti (Michael) Nelc Okerlund of Minneapolis, Minnesota and their twin sons, Anders and Charlie; Jeremy (Hajnal) Nelc of Cincinnati, Ohio and their daughter, Sofia; his second family's children including Nicholas (Rose Hermsen) Davis of Freedom, Wisconsin, their daughter, Matilda, and Nick's son, Landon; Melissa (Michael) Van der Burgt of Little Chute, Wisconsin, and their sons, Mason and Madden; and Victoria Nelc Frank's children, Maxwell and Hunter. He is also survived by his sister Ruth (Dennis) Kasubowski's children Joanna (Makato) Abe of Cambridge, Massachusetts and their daughter, Haruka; Katherine (Jason) Leonard of Charlotte, North Carolina, and their daughter, Sadie and their son, Jacob; Laura Kasubowski of Charlotte, North Carolina; sister Diane Nelc of Tumwater, Washington and her daughter, Eva Burnett, and her granddaughter, Layla; sister Rosemary (Ed) Balko of Wetmore, Michigan and their son, William and his daughter, Siera, and son, Dimetri, their daughter Natasha (Jamin) Wonch and their daughter, Quinley and son, David. Frank is preceded in death by his parents, Genevieve "Jenny" (October, 2011) and Frank Nelc (August, 1996); Jodi's parents, Theodore and Cibble Golisek; his sister, Ruth Nelc Kasubowski (September, 1999); brother-in-law, Leland Golisek; daughter, Victoria Ann Davis Nelc Frank (March, 2014); and Rosemary and Ed's son, nephew Ryan Balko (March,

2016). On Saturday, November 19, 2016, family and friends were invited to share in a luncheon and fellowship at the American Legion from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. A celebration of Frank's life was held at Bowerman Funeral Home, 302 East Superior Street, Munising, Michigan. Visiting time with family and friends was from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The American Legion and Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard conducted military honors at 7:00 PM followed by a Catholic service officiated by Father Chris Gardiner. Inurnment is planned for July 2017.



CRAIG L. NORRIS - Died Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the Genesis Medical Center, East Campus, Davenport, Iowa at the age of 62. He was a resident of Davenport. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born November 12, 1953 in Ottumwa, Iowa to the late Cecil and Mamie (née Cook) Norris. He married Kathleen Hawkins-Woods on September 24, 2005, in Bloomfield, Iowa. Previously, he had been married to Joanne Waller. He served over 20 years in the United States Navy, retiring in 1992. He went on to work for the Iowa Workforce Development, serving as a Veterans Representative. He retired October 31, 2016, after 24 years. Craig was a strong advocate for veterans, especially those in need. He helped with several campaigns including Stand Down for Homeless Veterans, a food drive at work for homeless veterans, and a toy drive at work for Toys for Tots. He received a liver transplant in 2013, and was always thankful to the Iowa Donor Network for their assistance. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776*. He enjoyed fishing and camping, the St. Louis Cardinals, and loved decorating for Christmas and dressing up as Santa. Above all else, family was the most important thing to Craig, especially his grandchildren. Craig is survived by his beloved wife, Kathy; a daughter, Amy (Himar) Norris-Hernandez, of Ottumwa; a step-daughter, Stephanie (John) Van Roekel of West Des Moines, Iowa; four grandchildren, Belen and Noelia Hernandez-Norris, and Holland and Heide Van Roekel; a brother, Cecil (Sandra) Norris of Florida, and their family; a foster-brother, Joseph Troxel of Ottumwa; and brothers-in-law, Kevin Hawkins of Oelwein, Iowa, and Keith (Judy) Hawkins of Anamosa, Iowa, and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Thomas Norris; and a granddaughter, Pino Hernandez-Norris. Services were at 1:00 PM on Friday in the Horizon Room at Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12th Street, Moline. The family requested those attending to wear Red, White, and Blue for Veterans Day. Visitation was from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday. Following services, cremation took place at the Trimble Crematory with burial at Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shoes for Vets or the Iowa Donor Network.



EDMOND FRANCIS O'CONNELL, JR. - Died Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at NMS Healthcare of Hagerstown, Maryland at the age of 74. He was a resident of Hagerstown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Wednesday, November 5, 1941 in Massapequa,

New York to the late Edmund Francis O'Connell, Sr. and the late Margrieth Mildred (née Spoden) O'Connell. He was a 1959 graduate of Xavier High School in New York, and a 1963 graduate of Mount Saint Mary's College. Edmund was veteran of the United States Army Reserve, serving during the Vietnam War with the 357th Transport Company. He retired in 1993 after 30 years of employment as a sales representative with IBM, and then worked as a realtor with Coldwell Banker. Edmund was a member of Saint Ann Catholic Church in Hagerstown, and also a member of the National Association of Realtors, American Legion, VFW, and a previous member of the Board of Directors at Saint Maria Goretti High School. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. He is survived by his wife, Claire Hartman O'Connell; two sons, Michael Hartman O'Connell and Melissa Sampson of Arvada, Colo., and Matthew Spoden O'Connell of Hagerstown; and sister, Elsbeth Sharon O'Connell of Hagerstown. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Saint Ann Catholic Church, 1525 Oak Hill Avenue, Hagerstown, with Reverend Father George Limmer officiating. Family received friends at the Douglas A. Fiery Funeral Home, 1331 Eastern Boulevard North, Hagerstown, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Interment was at the Greenmount Cemetery, Arendtsville, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Maria Goretti High School, 1535 Oak Hill Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742 or Saint Ann Catholic Church, 1525 Oak Hill Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742, or the Hospice of Washington County, 747 Northern Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742. Online condolences may be expressed at www.douglasfiery.com.

JOHN CHARLES O'GRADY – Died Saturday, October 15, 2016 in Virginia Beach, Virginia at the age of 75, surrounded by the love of his family after a brave kick butt fight with pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on November 6, 1941 to the late Charles and Elynor O'Grady. John served in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1989 and retired as a Master Chief. While in the Navy he served with VRC-40, VF-41, VF-84, and with CAG-8, being outstanding shipmate. John will be remembered by his love for the F-14 (Jet), his love of music, fast cars, fast women, and riding his BMW K-1600 GTL with the wind in his face on winding, curving, and twisting roads. He was a member of the American Legion Post #327, VFW Post #1211, FRA Branch #99, the Red Knights Chapter 4, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tidewater (Virginia Beach) Chapter #48**, and a member of the Wednesday morning Veterans breakfast group at Beach Pub. John was part of the Three Musketeers and leaves behind Chach Ciaccio and Paul Davis. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his sister, Maryellen O'Grady and Karen Clemens (mother of Michael Vinsend). He is survived by his angel, Becky Wentworth; his sons, Scott O'Grady and Michael Vinsend and his wife, Bobbie; two grandsons, Tyler and Kyle; his daughter, Shannon Hilbert and her husband, Keith; his sister, Patricia S. Daley and her husband, Leo; his brothers, Kevin O'Grady and his wife, Elvira, Michael J. O'Grady and his wife, Shelley, and Christopher B. O'Grady and his wife, Alison J. Prata; and his God daughter, Kathi Abreu; and many more nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind many friends and shipmates. The family would like to say thank you to the team of Westminster Canterbury for their Hospice team and the excellent care and support they gave to John. The family received friends at the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Lynnhaven Chapel on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A Celebration of John's Life was conducted at 1:00 PM on Saturday in the funeral home chapel by Chaplain Greg Dalla-Tezze. A gathering was

held at FRA Branch #99, 357 Edwin Drive, Virginia Beach after the service for a light lunch and meeting of the family. John was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with full Navy Honors. Per John's request, in lieu of flowers, please donate to Hearts and Home in memory of John and in honor of his sister, Maryellen O'Grady, P.O. Box 61657, Virginia Beach, VA 23466. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.hollomon-brown.com.



LAWRENCE EDWARD "Larry" OLDS - Died Tuesday, November 8, 2016 while at the Good Samaritan care facility after a long battle with multiple myeloma. He was 72 years of age and a resident of Harbor, Oregon. He was born October 9, 1944 in Eugene, Oregon to the late Delmer and Connie Olds, and graduated from Grants Pass High School in 1963. Larry was employed in locations around the Rogue Valley until 1974. He moved to Brookings and became a shareholder in the Brookings plywood mill, working there until after the mill was purchased by South Coast Lumber Co. After that, Larry went into real estate sales. His next life adventure was easily one of his favorites. His brother, Lloyd, gave him two shares in the Bonanza Opal Mine; Larry became a true "opal-holic" spending the next 20 years helping others enjoy the thrill of finding their first opal. Larry immensely loved deer and elk hunting trips in Eastern Oregon, enjoying the companionship of family and friends as much or more than getting an elk or deer. Larry was not in the military, but his respect for our country's vets led him to support them in any way he could. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooking Chapter #757** and spent countless hours collecting funds for the VFW fireworks show. Survivors include his two brothers and their wives: Lloyd Olds and Bonnie Olds of Brookings, and Robert and Marcia Olds of Grants Pass. He is also survived by his two sons: Daniel "Danny" Olds of Brookings and Byron and his wife Shannon and their children Andrew, Christina, Anjelica and Emily all of Kenai, Alaska. Larry was preceded in death by his parents Delmer and Connie Olds and brother Delbert "Roy" Olds. Our family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Good Samaritan for their sincere kindness and care Larry received while there. Also, the family thanks Coastal Home Health and Hospice. Larry believed in the salvation message of Jesus and especially liked John 3:16-18 and Romans 10:9-13. A memorial service was held at Christian Community Church in Harbor. Redwood Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be expressed online at www.redwoodmemorial.net.

DWIGHT "Ike" ORRELL – Died Tuesday, August 23, 2016 in Jupiter, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 23, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam as a Lance Corporal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Palm Beach Chapter #25**.



CLEMENTE ALVARADO "Chec" PACHECO, SR. - Died Friday, November 21, 2014 in Springfield, Oregon at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 9, 1947 in King City, California to the late Connie Escareno. Throughout his lifetime, Chec was a great husband, dad, son, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend to many who will dearly miss him as he was always present with his wit, humor and support. Chec graduated from King City High School in King City in 1969. He attended Hartnell College before entering the military. On January 30, 1970, Chec enlisted in the United States Army. Following training as a Supply Clerk, he posted to Chu Lai, Vietnam to serve with the 723rd Maintenance Battalion, 23rd Infantry Division (Americal). He served in-country Vietnam from June 23, 1970 to May 20, 1971. Following his tour of duty, he was transferred to the 172nd Ordnance Platoon in Germany for 18 months. During his honorable service, Clemente earned several awards and decorations. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon**. Chec joined the California Department of Corrections in 1976. His first assignment was at Soledad State Prison, California. Then he moved on to the Deuel Vocational Institution (DVI) in Tracy; California State Prison, Corcoran; back to DVI; and then he retired from the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi in 2004, as a Correctional Officer. He married Cristen Chrysler on May 18, 1990 - they meant the world to each other. To Chec, family was the most important thing, and his grandchildren were the light of his life. He was an avid swimmer and would go to the YMCA, to swim a mile, as often as possible, every day if he could. He also enjoyed long walks. He is survived by his wife, Cristen; daughter, Sonia (George) and their children, Clarissa, Emily and Daniela; son, Clemente Alvarado Pacheco, Jr. and his daughter, Alissia; son, Thomas Pacheco; son, Kyle (Sheena) Chrysler; as well his five sisters and four brothers and their families. Chec was preceded in death by his mother, Connie Escareno, in 2013 and his mother-in-law, Chloe Chrysler in 2010. A Veteran's Memorial was held in North Bend, Oregon in the Spring of 2015.



LIVIO R. PAGANI - Died Sunday, November 20, 2016 at the age of 75, following a brief illness at Heritage Valley Beaver. He was a resident of New Brighton, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 6, 1941 to the late James and Margaret (née Gaz) Pagani. Livio led an active life. Up until a month ago, Livio worked part-time as a vendor for AVI, and part-time at the American Legion Post #19. Livio was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Army from January 1964 to January 1966 receiving the Vietnam Presidential Medal. He had been a member of the New Brighton American Legion Post #19 for the past 50 years. He was a veteran who proudly served his country and continued to serve his community. He remained actively involved in the American Legion until a brief illness took over him during his last month of life. For the American Legion Post #19, he was currently the Vice Commander, and had been the Commander for the past eight years prior to this year, and served on the New Brighton Memorial Day Association. Other services he was involved in to

help assist veterans through the American Legion include his role as the Financial Officer of the American Legion 26th District and the *Beaver County Council of the American Legion (*also past-Commander). He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Upper Beaver Valley and had been appointed to serve on the Beaver County Veterans Advisory Board/Beaver County Veterans office. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Mr. Pagani had been the Mayor of Fallston, Pennsylvania since May of 1984 and a member of the Fallston council from 1967-1970 and 1978-1984. He was a member of the Executive Committee for the Beaver County Democratic Party. Livio joined the Fallston Volunteer Fire Department in May of 1967 and had been the Secretary since October 1980. He was a member of the Saints Peter and Paul Church in Beaver, where he was an usher for many years. Livio was known as a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. The family of Livio Pagani has been proud of all his kind and selfless service and care he gave to the veterans, community, and the family. Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Barbara (Emery) Pagani; two daughters and their husbands, Renee (James) Moeller and Diane (Brian) Haffey; six grandchildren, Allen Moeller, Matthew Moeller, Katelyn Haffey, Abigail Haffey, Connor Haffey and Tristan Haffey; one sister and two brothers, Irma (John) Smakosz, Biagio (Alice) Pagani and Eugene (Jackie) Pagani; two sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law, Suzan (Thomas) Holaren, Cindy (Walter) Piontek, Andrew (Sandy) Emery and Michael Emery, in addition, there are numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Zita Pagani, and a nephew, John Smakosz. Friends were received on Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the J and J Spratt Funeral Home, 1612 Third Avenue, New Brighton, www.jjsprattfh.com, where a prayer service was held on Wednesday at 10:30 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11:00 AM in Saints Peter and Paul Church, Beaver, with Reverend Father Tom Kredel officiating. Interment was in Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery, New Brighton, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, the family ask donations in Livio Pagani's name be made to the Angel Fund at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School or a veteran's program of their choice. Members of the VVA #862 met on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the cemetery to provide military honors.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON – Died Tuesday, September 20, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 27, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nevada**.



TOMMY "Max" PERKINS - Died at home in Janesville, Wisconsin on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the age of 69, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 13, 1946 in Richland Center, Wisconsin to the late Floyd and Agnes (née Hadley) Perkins. Max attended Viola Schools graduating in 1965. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served from 1966 through 1970. He married Carol L. Hoium on January 21, 1967. Max worked for General Motors and retired in 2003. He was a member of the Roxbury Church of Christ, and he belonged to the UAW Local #95, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236**. Max loved to hunt, fish, golf, hunt

morels and was an avid Packer Fan. Max is survived by his loving wife, Carol; three sons: Brad (Karla) Perkins, Steve (Rebecca) Perkins and Chad Perkins all of Janesville; eight grandchildren: Meghan, Mitchell, Ethan, Bradan, Connor, Tyler, Ian, Maxem; great granddaughter, Kenadee; four siblings: Shirley, Peggy, Bruce, and Fritz; and many nieces, nephews other extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Doris; and three brothers: Floyd, Gerald, and Robert. A Funeral Service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at the Roxbury Church of Christ. Interment was in the Viola Cemetery in Viola, WI. A visitation was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Schneider Funeral Home and Crematory and again on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the Church. For on-line condolences and registry: www.schneiderfuneraldirectors.com.



WILLIAM JAMES "Bill" PETIT, JR. - Died Friday, November 18, 2016 at home in Ridgeley, West Virginia at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 16, 1928, in Bronx, New York to the late William James Petit, Sr. and Marjorie F. (née Hall) Petit. He was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Allen Petit; and five sisters. Bill served his country in the United States Navy for 20 years and then went to work at the United States Post Office for 10 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Police, the American Legion, the VFW, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, as well as many other local organizations. Bill enjoyed working on small projects and fixing things. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen L. Petit, of Ridgely; his granddaughter, Katherine "Toots" Petit; his great-grandson, Ry Petit; his sister, Joan Petit; stepgrandchildren, Isa McGann and husband, Scott, and Brandon Harden and wife, Stephanie; and step-great-grandchildren, Evan Harden, Morgan, Caleb, Landry, and Karson. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland on Sunday, November 20, 2016, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 10:00 AM with Deacon Dave Conley officiating. Interment was in the Fort Ashby Cemetery. Military Honors were accorded by the Post #13 Veteran's Honor Guard. Condolences for the family may be left at www.ScarpelliFH.com.

JAMES QUINN – Died recently in Apollo Beach, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 26, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Sherry, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862**.



VELMA A. RAYHILL – Died Saturday, September 10, 2016 at The Golden Living Center in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 79. She was a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The cause of

death is unknown. She was born on May 28, 1937 in Moberly, Missouri to the late Otto and Lottie (née Larrick) Butner. Velma married Frank Rayhill on March 10, 1956. She worked as a freezer attendant for the Campbell Soup Company for 15 years, retiring in 1994. Velma was of the Baptist faith. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**. She was a member of VFW Post #737 Ladies Auxiliary, Cooties, Navy Mothers, DAV Chapter #5 Ladies Auxiliary (Past Commander), 1st District of Iowa DAV Past Commander, American Legion Rainbow Post #2 Ladies Auxiliary, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and the Purple Heart Association of Nebraska. Velma was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. She is survived by husband, Frank Rayhill of Council Bluffs; daughters, Arzelia Morgan of Fort Collins, Colorado, Nora Clark of Council Bluffs, Gladys Rayhill of Belt, Montana, Joyce Rayhill of Omaha; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives. Visitation hours were on Wednesday 14 September from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Cutler-O'Neill Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home Crematory, 545 Willow Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. The funeral service was on Thursday, 15 September at 11:00 AM at the Cutler-O'Neill Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home Crematory, 545 Willow Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family and they will direct memorials.



TIMOTHY J. "Tim" REIDY II - Died passed away peacefully at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the age of 70. He was a resident of Elmira, New York. Tim was born in Elmira on May 8, 1946 to the late Timothy J. and Mary (née Arnold) Reidy. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, JoAnn (née Guthrie) Reidy; children, Timothy J. Reidy III and wife Tracy of Big Flats with their son, Trevor; Michael Reidy and wife Jennifer of Lancaster NY with son Justis; Jill Reidy-Liddy with husband Matthew of Horseheads and children, Katrina and Kyle; sister Kathleen Carrier and husband James of Elmira; brother-in-law Charles Guthrie of Washington State; sister-in-law Maureen Guthrie of Florida; special aunts, Gerry (John) Miles and Joan Mosher; several nieces, nephews and special friends. While growing up Tim was a Boy Scout and earned his Eagle Scout badge. He was a graduate of Southside High School. Tim was a United States Air Force veteran and served in Vietnam. He was a service technician at Coca Cola for many years and also was the owner of Reidy's Refrigeration. Tim was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America Elmira Chapter #803** and also belonged to Gideon's International. In earlier years he was an avid fisherman. Most important to Tim was his family. He was a loving husband, father, "papa" and brother. Family and friends were invited to call at the McInerney Funeral Home, 502 West Water Street, Elmira on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A funeral service was held at Westside United Methodist Church, 743 West First Street, Elmira on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM, officiated by Reverend Dr. Vincent W. Howell. Committal prayers and interment, with military honors, were conducted at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Horseheads. Those wishing may honor Tim's memory with a donation to a charity of their choice.



THOMAS JOSEPH "Tom" REIF - Died Saturday, September 19, 2015 in Alexandria, Minnesota at the age of 71. After an eight-month battle with lung cancer, he peacefully entered into eternal life at his home with his wife and four children holding his hand. He was born on March 4, 1944 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota to the late Jane (née Litcher) Reif and Myles Reif. Tom was the third of seven children. He graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1962, participating in numerous athletic and extra-curricular activities. Tom attended Saint John's University in Collegeville, graduating in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. While at Saint John's, Tom was a member of ROTC, and upon graduation, Tom enlisted in the United States Army. As a first lieutenant in the military police, Tom served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. After fulfilling his commitment, Tom was honorably discharged and enrolled at William Mitchell College of Law. While in law school, Tom was a deputy sheriff in Hennepin County. Tom graduated with his Juris Doctorate in 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235**. On June 26, 1971, Tom married Mary Jane Bina in Owatonna. Upon graduation from law school, the couple moved to Alexandria, where Tom practiced law and served as the Douglas County Attorney from 1974 to 1984. Tom was a partner at the Thornton Law Office in Alexandria until his retirement in 2014. He served on the Alexandria School Board from 1986-1992 and had the honor of serving as chairman of the School Board for his final two-year term. Tom and Mary Jane raised their four children in Alexandria, and were avid Cardinal athletic fans and supporters of the community. Tom was an active member of Saint Mary Parish for over 40 years, serving on Parish Council. Tom will be missed by many. His physical presence was not the reason he commanded a room. He was respected for his dedication to law, his pride for his family and his quick wit with his friends. Tom was an honest, fair man who believed in hard work, family, his faith in God and serving his community. Tom is preceded in death by his parents; his brother, John W. Reif; and his in-laws, Harold and Jane (Kelly) Bina. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; children, Gretchen (Shane) Kray of Wausau, WI, Katie (Rick) Sansted of Alexandria, Molly (Brent) Vigen of Laramie, WY, and Edward (Sarah) Reif of Alexandria; 11 grandchildren, Peter, Myles, Jake, Sam, Kelly, Ellen, Grant, Teddy, Luke, Hazel and Alexander; brothers, William (Mary Nell) Reif of Wausau, WI, and Jim (Diane) Reif of Naperville, IL; sisters, Mary (Doug) Heiken of Grand Rapids, Anne (Terry) Finlay of Arden Hills, and Jean (Mike) Geurts of Belleview, IL. He is also survived by Robert (Patricia) Bina of Kempner, TX, Mark (Nancy) Bina of New Brighton, Nancy (John) Schnese of Maple Grove, Michael Bina of Owatonna, and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, September 25th at 11:00 AM at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Alexandria. A visitation was held on Thursday, September 24th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Saint Mary Catholic Church with Parish Prayers beginning at 7:00 PM and also for one hour prior to the Mass on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to be given in Thomas J. Reif's name either to the Cardinal Athletic Foundation, Douglas Health Care Foundation or the Thomas J. Reif Memorial Scholarship. "Give thanks for all we've been given and march on with a smile in your heart." – TJR. Arrangements were made with the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria.

WILLIAM R. "Bill" REJMANIAK - Died Wednesday, September 14, 2016 in Middletown, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 31, 1941 in Middletown, New York to the late Joseph Rejmaniak and Olive (née Briard) Rejmaniak. Bill proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corps, dedicating 20 years of his life to the service. He continued his career as a correctional officer for the Orange County Sheriff's Office until his retirement. In his free time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and photography. He was a member of the American Legion Post #151, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Middletown Chapter #140**, Polish Legion of American Vets Post #6 and a member of the Marine Corps League. He was a loving brother and friend, he will be deeply missed. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his twin brother Robert Rejmaniak; as well as many cousins and extended family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's name can be made to your local Toys for Tots. Visitation hours were held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Ralston-Lippincott-Hasbrouck-Ingrassia Funeral Home, 72 West Main Street, Middletown, NY 10940. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, September 19th at the funeral home. Interment was in the Orange County Veterans Cemetery, Goshen, NY with full military honors.



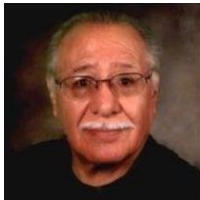
GUY CARLIN "Hoppy" RIDGELY - Died Monday, August 29, 2016, Port Sainte Lucie, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Alexandria, Virginia on December 8, 1948, grew up in West Palm Beach and graduated from Palm Beach High School 1967. Guy served proudly in the United States Navy, three tours of duty in Vietnam as a "River Rat", including Mobile Riverine Force Mekong Delta, and was a *Life Member* and very active with **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Palm Beach Chapter #25**; as well as American Legion Post #18. Guy worked many years for FP&L and enjoyed his retirement with many friends in South Florida, California, and Indiana. He took pride in all that he did including his many Harley rides "Run for the Wall". Guy leaves behind his friend and soulmate Cathy Cothran, brothers Steve Ridgely (Brenda), Scott (Sheila), sisters Daphne Ridgely (Michael Gilliam), Ellen Ridgely; son Darren Ridgely, and many loving nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Services were on Wednesday, September 7th, at 11:00 AM at the South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 South State Route 7, Lake Worth, Florida.

ROBERT RILEY – Died recently in 2016 in Laona, Wisconsin at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 24, 1948. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**.



JASON TODD RIMEIK - Died Sunday, December 18, 2016 in Gainesville, Georgia following a sudden illness. He was 43 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hiawassee, Georgia on May 23, 1973 to Judy Rimeik-Brookshire. He was employed with

the Hall County Sheriff's Office for a number of years. He was a member of the Stone Lodge #715, where he was currently the Senior Warden, Sons of the American Legion Post #7 and a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**, and of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He is survived by his mother, Judy Brookshire of Gainesville; aunt, Roberta Shirley of Flowery Branch; cousins, William and Lissa Shirley, Jacob and John William Shirley of Flowery Branch and a number of other family members. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 22, 2016 in the Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home. Pastor Zach Hoffman officiated. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery. The family received friends on Wednesday December 21, 2016 from 6:00 PM -8:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial Park Funeral Home, 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, GA 30504 was in charge of the arrangements.



BENNIE MICHAEL RIVERA - Died Saturday, October 1, 2016 in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the age of 72 after a short illness. The cause of death was end-stage liver disease and recurrent hepatocellular carcinoma . He was born in Santa Fe on March 29, 1944 to the late Frank and Sally Rivera. He was also predeceased by his brother Rudy and his wife, Mary Louise and close friend, Robert Ortiz. Shortly after graduating from Santa Fe High School, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Vietnam War. Upon his return to Santa Fe, he was employed at State Securities and the Game and Fish, but ultimately joined the Santa Fe Fire Department from which he retired as an EMT/Fire Fighter in 1987. He is a proud veteran, a member of the American Legion, and a lifetime member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Fe Chapter #996**. He was also a member of the BPOE and Fraternal Order of Eagles. Bennie was a great husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. He leaves behind his wife, Orlanda and children City Councilor, Chris (Angela) and Therese. He was most proud of his six grandchildren, Gabrielle, Samantha, Emmaleigh, Rebekah, Sophia, Isaac; and one great-grandson, Aaron. Bennie is also survived by his sisters, Mary “Peppy” Griswold (Howard), and Linda McGaw (Tom), sister-in-law Marina Ochoa (Robert), brother-in-law Raymond Leyba (Rebecca); nieces, Kathy and Christella; nephews, Ronnie, Mark and Scott and many other friends and relatives. He was extremely involved in his grandchildren’s lives, often attending volleyball, basketball, and soccer games, rocket launches, field trips, as well as band performances and various recitals. One of his passions was volunteering at Carlos Gilbert Elementary. He volunteered in the cafeteria where he was fondly known as “grandpa”. While at the school he engaged the children in all things related to Veterans, America, and the American Flag. He arranged to have the Pledge of Allegiance translated into brail for a blind student and coordinated an event where the children painted a mailbox red, white and blue for proper disposal of the American Flag. That mailbox is still located outside the American Legion. He was one of the most sincere, honest, friendly, and funny men. Most of all, he was a proud Marine, proud to have served his country, and proud of his children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed and he is leaving a huge hole in the hearts and lives of many. Semper Fi, Bennie. Visitation and Rosary began at 6:15 PM on

Monday, October 10th, and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, October 12th at 10:30 AM, both were held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis. Interment was in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. Serving as honorary pall bearers were the students and staff of Carlos Gilbert Elementary and “the plebe,” Jim Perez, Arcy Pena, Tim Martinez, Philip Roibal, Rudy Montano, Anthony Kloeppel, Morris Vieira and Cal Baca and the Santa Fe Fire Department.

BARBARA ROBERTS – Died Tuesday, February 23, 2016 Plymouth, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on June 30, 1953. She is survived by her husband, Loren. Barb was a member of the first graduating class of Salem High School. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. Visitation hours were on Friday February 26th from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Saturday from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Her Funeral Service was on Sunday, February 28th at 12:30 PM with visitation before beginning at 10:30 AM.

MICHAEL H. “Mike” ROBERTSON - Died Friday, November 4, 2016 in McCalla, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on November 1, 1949 to the late Sammie and Etoyle Robertson. He was a United States Army Veteran during the Vietnam War. Mike was a member of the VFW and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. He was a longtime builder and property manager. In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by his brother, Sammie Jack. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Susan Robertson; two sons, Ben Robertson (Nadia) and Matt Robertson; three brothers, James A. Robertson (Marie), Curtis Robertson, and Larry Robertson (Darlene); one sister, Nancy Wallace (John); numerous nieces and nephews and other family members; and his lifelong co-workers and friends, Tony, Phillip, and Yolanda.



RICHARD HAROLD ROILAND - Died Saturday, October 4, 2008 in Wasilla, Alaska at the age of 61. The cause of death was an airplane crash he was flying as the pilot. He was born in Kensington, Minnesota on July 19, 1947 to the late Harold St. Clair Roiland and Arlene Leone (née Paulson) Roiland. He was also predeceased by his sister, Ramon Lee Roiland. He served in the United States Army as a Sergeant in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wasilla Chapter #891**. Authorities identify the airplane crash victim according to the Anchorage Daily News, October 6, 2008 in Eklutna, Alaska -- Anchorage police on Monday identified the body of a man killed when his experimental aircraft crashed in the woods near a gravel pit last week. Wasilla resident Richard Roiland, 61, died after his Challenger 2 aircraft suddenly took a nose dive in the area along the Alaska Railroad tracks at about 3:00 PM on Friday, police said. The home-built aircraft was traveling west several hundred feet above the tree tops when it went down, according to the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the crash. Federal investigators say Roiland

did not make a radio distress call before the crash and that the aircraft appears to have gone down too quickly for him to deploy a rocket-propelled parachute it was equipped with. Weather does not appear to have been a factor. The investigation is continuing. Police on Monday identified the victim as 61-year-old Richard Roiland of Wasilla. He was the sole occupant. The plane crashed Friday afternoon in a wooded area near the village of Eklutna, about 20 miles north of Anchorage. Roiland was declared dead at the scene. (Juneau Empire). A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, Kensington, Minnesota. He was interred in the First Lutheran Cemetery in Kensington, Douglas County, Minnesota.

MALCOLM M. SALISBURY, JR. - Died Thursday, November 10, 2016 at his residence in Beaufort, South Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born May 12, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston Chapter #780**. He was the husband of Mrs. Doris Salisbury. Allen Funeral Home of Beaufort was in charge of the arrangements.



PATRICIO MANIBUSAN “Pat” “Palao/Kadi” SAN AGUSTIN – Died Monday, December 5, 2016 in Manenggon, Yona, Guam at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 29, 1950 in Guam to the late Pedro Manibusan San Agustin and Maria Manibusan San Agustin. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Mesa San Agustin and many sons and daughters and daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, children and grandchildren. Mass of Intention and Rosary was offered at Santa Barbara Church (lower level), in Dededo, with the following schedule: Monday - Friday, Mass at 7:00 PM, rosary follows; Saturday, Mass at 5:00 PM, rosary follows; Sunday, Mass at 5:00 PM, rosary follows. Last respects for Patricio was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Santa Barbara Catholic Church (lower level) in Dededo beginning at 9:00 AM. Mass for a Christian burial was offered at 1:00 PM. Interment services were in the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, where we they bid him farewell and a peaceful rest.



PERRY L. SAPP, JR. - Died Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at his home in Port Wentworth, Georgia at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Savannah, Georgia on November 1, 1956 to the late Perry L. Sapp, Sr. and Betty Louise (née Morris) Sapp. Perry was a

graduate of Herschel V. Jenkins High School. A veteran of the United States Navy, he served as a Corpsman during the Vietnam-era for four years and then continued his service in the Naval Reserve. Perry later worked in maintenance at the old Chatham County Jail before retiring with a medical disability. An avid collector, Perry was fascinated by anything nautical, antique "talking machines" and the 78 RPM records that they played, matchbook covers, antique toys, and several other things. He was also an ardent fan of the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. He was a member of the IBEW Local #508, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**, and the American Legion Post #135. He was preceded in death by his father, his mother, and his daddy James C. Sapp, and his beloved sister Julie Sapp Reynolds. Perry is survived by his loving wife of twenty-seven years, Ellen Neesmith Sapp of Port Wentworth; his daughter Michelle Laurente of Santa Ysabel, California; sons, Michael J. Sapp (Lindsay) of Savannah and James L. Garland of Garden City; a brother, Terry "Denny" Sapp (Gail) of Eastanollee, Georgia; two sisters, Barbara "Bobbie" Souls (Kenny) of Faulkville and Ruby Sapp of Rincon; brother-in-law Sam Reynolds of Bloomingdale; granddaughter, Hannah Marlow of Garden City; several very special nieces and nephews. Perry was greatly loved and will be missed by all of his family and friends. The family received friends on Thursday, June 30th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Port Wentworth Alliance Church. Funeral Services were held Friday, July 1st at 10:00 AM in the Port Wentworth Alliance Church with the Reverend John Smith officiating. The interment was at 12:00 PM in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Pallbearers for the service were Sam Reynolds, Kenny Souls, Jimmy Garland, Walter Sapp, Sr., Daniel Morgan, Lamar Parrish, and Ike Marchant. Honorary Pallbearers were his fellow members of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

FRANCISCO LUIS SCHMIDT-TORRES – Died recently in 2016 in Ponce, Puerto Rico at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 1, 1949 in Puerto Rico. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponce Chapter #556**.



ROGER ALAN SEIBER - Died Friday, November 18, 2016 in Dover, Ohio at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 21, 1951 in Dennison, Ohio to the late Herbert "Sonny" Seiber and Ann B. (née Campbell) Kreinbihl. Roger graduated from New Philadelphia High School and enlisted in the United States Navy. He was employed as a heavy machine operator and welder. Roger was a lifelong resident of the area, a member of the Dover Moose, Dover Fraternal Order of the Eagles, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857** and the Area Honor Guard Group. Roger enjoyed fishing, shooting pool and carpentry work. Roger is survived by his sons Doug (Malissa) Seiber of Tallmage, and Chad Seiber of Columbus; his siblings Randy (Marie) Seiber of Gnadenhutten, Billie Joann (Alex) Raducz of Horsehead, NY, Ray Dean Mise and Robert Jay Seiber; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Roger was preceded in death by his brother Rick Seiber and his wife Debra (née Hall) Seiber. Funeral

services for Roger were held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the Uhrich-Hostettler English Funeral Home, Inc. at Uhrichsville, with the Pastor Alex Raducz officiating. Calling hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, (two hours prior to services) on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veteran's Organization of one's choice.

TOMMIE LEONARD SEWARD – Died Saturday, July 9, 2016 in Rossville Georgia at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Van Buren, Arkansas on April 13, 1950 to the late Faye Cordell and Mary Smith. He was also predeceased by his brother Jimmy Seward and his sister, Jewell Smith. He has lived in the North Georgia area for most of his life and was of the Baptist faith. He was a United States Army Veteran having served two tours in Vietnam and retired from Heilig Meyers in 2000 after more than 32 years of service as the Warehouse Manager. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He had a passion for raising goats. He was married to Brenda, who survives; and was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 13 2016 in the Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Burial was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family received friends after 5:00 PM on Monday all day Tuesday and prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

LYLE HARRISON SHEPARD - Died Monday, October 24, 2016 at Olathe Hospice House, Olathe, Kansas at the age of 69. He was a resident of Wellsville, Kansas. The cause of death was squamous cell lung cancer. He was born February 15, 1947 in Mound Valley, Kansas to the late Richard Harrison and Bea (née Bohannon) Shepard. He was a 1965 graduate of Neodesha High School, Neodesha, Kansas. He was inducted in the United States Navy Seabees in 1966 attaining the rank of E-3. He earned the National Defense Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service medal with fleet force combat operations insignia and three bronze stars before his honorable discharge in 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**. Lyle was a lifelong carpenter and worked various jobs for commercial construction companies in the area. He attended the North Baptist Church, Ottawa. On April 1, 1973, Lyle was united in marriage with Vicki Jones at the Christian Church in Olathe, Kansas. They shared over 43 years of marriage together. Lyle is also survived by his sister, Louise Williams, Mound Valley, KS; a niece, Cynthia deVinna, Tampa, FL.; great niece, Kalyn Rochester, Tampa, FL.; and a best friend, Madison Christian. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister Linda Walters, and brother, Larry Shepard. Memorial services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday November 12, 2016 at the Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, Ottawa. Memorial contributions were suggested to Veteran's Corner II sent in c/o Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 14, Ottawa, KS 66067. Condolences may be sent to family through www.lamb-roberts.com.

JAMES KENNETH "Jim" SHILLING – Died Thursday, November 10, 2016 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Ohio on January 21, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson**

Chapter #106. He was a past vice-president, board member, Chapter historian and long member of the PTSD group. Arrangements were under the direction of Desert Rose Heather Cremation and Burial, Tucson, AZ.



DONALD KENT SHOCKEY (Lt.Col., USMC-Ret.) - Died peacefully Saturday, November 5, 2016 in his home on Wilmington Island, Georgia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Savannah, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 23, 1939 in Atchison, Kansas. He graduated from the University of Arkansas and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1958. After retiring in Savannah, Georgia he taught Navy ROTC at Jenkins High School, and was an active member of the Marine Corps League, Navy League, American Legion Post #184, VFW Post #4392, Retired Officers Association, Military Order of World Wars, and Coast Guard Auxiliary and Division Captain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. He was honored Veteran-of-the-Year in 2008. Surviving are his son and daughter, Lamar Kent Mauri Shockey and Shannon Shockey Lambert, and his grandson, Brian Lambert. The family received friends from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Islands Christian Church on US-80, and the funeral service was at the same location at approximately 11:00 AM.



ALVIN E. SHOOK – Died Sunday, November 6, 2016 in Levittown, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Trenton, New Jersey on May 15, 1949 to the late Abner and Leona (née Sinclair) Shook. Alvin honorably served our country as a United States Marine and proudly fought in the Vietnam War. He also retired from the Mauser Corp. after 23 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. Preceded in death by his brother, Boyd Shook, Alvin is survived by his loving wife, Robin (née Richardson); his children, Luke Shook (Dawn), Clayton Shook, Shawn Shook, Chad Norman (Annie), and Jamie Petteway; and nine grandchildren. He also is survived by his siblings, A. Jaceson Shook (Barb) and Lori Reed (Jerry); and several nieces and nephews. Family and friends were invited to Alvin's life celebration from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 15th, at the Beck Givnish Life Celebration Home, 7400 New Falls Road, Levittown, PA 19055, followed by his memorial service at 11:00 AM. Inurnment was in Columbus Cemetery, 24 Cherry Lane, Columbus, NJ 08022. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Alvin's honor may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Association, P.O. Box 263, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

PAUL G. SIMLEY - Died Sunday, October 16, 2016 in the Sanford Palliative Care Center at the age of 66. He was a resident of Fargo, North Dakota. The cause of death was aspiration of the lungs. He was born December 24, 1949 in Mayville, North Dakota, the seventh child of the late Ingolf and Judith (née Lee) Simley. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. Visitation hours were from 10:00-11:00 AM, followed by a

celebration of life at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Mayville (N.D.) Lutheran Church.



JAMES E. "Jim" SINOR, JR. - Died Friday, April 26, 2013 at Hospice Care Center in Akron, Ohio at the age of 63. He was a resident of Akron. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 29, 1949 in Akron to the late James "Moon" and Geneva (née Parsons) Sinor. Jim graduated from East High School where he played football and served in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and later served in the United States Navy. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. He enjoyed his involvement with various veterans' groups, shooting, gardening and playing with his grandson. He is survived by his son, Cory M. (Cherelle Blanton) Sinor, of Akron, Ohio; grandson, Jeremiah T. Sinor, grandson-on-the-way, James E. Sinor; and brothers, Michael and Thomas Sinor. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Newcomer Funeral Home, 131 North Canton Road, Akron, OH 44305. The funeral service was held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. The burial took place at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.



JAMES WOODY SMITH - Died Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina at the age of 66. He was a resident of Maxton, North Carolina. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born Sunday, July 17, 1949 in Robeson County, North Carolina to the late John Paul Smith and Claudius (née Peterson) Ikner. He was also predeceased by his stepfather, Bobby Ikner; a step-son, Daniel Bullard and two brothers, Edward Smith and Jimmie Smith. He served in the United States Army from August 20, 1968 to January 3, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from May 2, 1968 to November 9, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fayetteville Chapter #1033**. He is survived by his wife: Marcie Lee Smith of home; two sons: Jason R. Smith (Brandy) and James A. "Jamie" Smith, both of Hartsville, SC; a step-son: Samuel Bullard of Fairmont; a step-daughter: Jennifer Brewer of Red Springs; two brothers: John Smith (Patricia) of Laurinburg and Donald R. "Tink" Smith (Teresa) of Laurel Hill; 6 grandchildren; 9 step-grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; 5 step great-grandchildren; a special sister-in-law: Eunice Bullard; and a host of relatives and friends. The visitation hours were on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at the Boles Funeral Home in Red Springs, North Carolina from 7:00-9:00 PM. The funeral was on Friday, July 8, 2016 at 3:00 PM at the Boles Funeral Home in Red Springs with the Reverends Hedrick Jones and Jimmy Locklear co-officiating. Burial was at the Cherokee Holiness Methodist Church.

RALPH JAMES SMOCK - Died Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in Tazewell, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 1, 1944 to the late Irving and Hazel Smock. He was a member of New Beginning Baptist Church and was a proud veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by

his brothers, Jeffery Dean, Wayne E., Jack D., Charles L. and Gerald I. Smock. He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Nadine Smock; his son, Jeffery D. Smock; his daughters, Justina Gering and husband Ron, and Jennifer Smock; his brothers, Leland Smock, Kenneth R. Smock and wife Darlene; his sisters, Marilyn Williams and husband Will, JoAnn Crisp, Kathy Costigan, Sharlene Combs and husband David, Peggy Mullendore, and Denise Owens; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and a host of other loving relatives and friends. The family received friends on Friday, July 15, 2016 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Claiborne-Overholt Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 17, 2016 in the Claiborne-Overholt Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Donnie Bannister officiating. The burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery with full military honors. Claiborne-Overholt Funeral Home was honored to serve the family.



NAAMON SPRY, SR. - Died Friday, March 11, 2016 at his residence in Chapmanville, West Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 7, 1946 in Harts, West Virginia to the late Clifford Spry, Sr. and Mae (née Hall) Spry. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charlie Spry, Betty Ann (née Workman) Spry, Mander Hall and Martha Hall, one brother who passed away on February 17, 2016, Clifford Spry, Jr. and his father-in-law, Howard Farmer. Naamon was a Charter Member of Gospel Truth Baptist Church, a deacon since 1980, treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher. He sang in the Bright Star Trio which became Gospel Truth Singers. Naamon was a Vietnam Veteran serving one tour of duty in the United States Army from 1965 – 1967 as a helicopter door gunner. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Henlawson Chapter #308**. Naamon was employed by Logan Concrete for over 22 years before he was disabled. He enjoyed flea markets, auctions, riding his four-wheeler and playing with his two grandchildren who were the light of his life. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Kathy (née Farmer) Spry; one daughter, Leah (Dwayne) Adkins of Chapmanville; one son, Naamon, Jr. (Christy) Spry of Chapmanville; two sisters, Ellie (Rocky) Gross of High Shoals, NC and Dorothy (Major) Vance of Chapmanville; four brothers, Cecil (Judy) Spry of Lincolnton, NC, Clarence (Carol) Spry of Holden, WV, Orville (Sarah) Spry of Chapmanville and Charlie (Karen) Spry of McConnell; two grandchildren, Rachel Spry and Elijah Adkins both of Chapmanville; mother-in-law, Rose Farmer of Henlawson; sisters-in-law, JoAnna Farmer, Juanita McKinney, Kay Hager all of Henlawson, Glenna Stidem of Delbarton, Karen Spry of Cornelia, GA; brother-in-law, Eugene (Bonnie) Farmer of Mt. Gay, WV; two special grandchildren, Olivia and Sydnee Rice of Chapmanville; a host of nieces, nephews and church family. Services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Freeman Funeral Home with Elders Cecil Spry and Chester Osborne officiating, and assisting ministers, Wayne Miller, Homer Hensley, Wayne Runyon and Delmer Adkins co-officiating. Burial was at the Baisden Cemetery, Mud Fork, WV. Visitation hours were on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 6:00 – 10:00 PM at the funeral home. Pallbearers were Cecil Spry, Clarence Spry, Orville Spry, Charlie Spry, Rocky Gross, Major Vance, Darrell Fillinger, David Fillinger, Dennis Fillinger and Donald Fillinger. Honorary pallbearers

consisted of family and friends. Freeman Funeral Home, Chapmanville, WV was in charge of the arrangements.

GLENN R. STAAB - Died Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at his home in Hays, Kansas at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 23, 1950 in Hays, Kansas to the late Celestine and Helen (née Younger) Staab. He had worked at Cross Manufacturing as a machinist. Glenn was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939**. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Gerald Staab. Private graveside services were held today, Tuesday, August 30th at the Kansas Veteran's Cemetery in WaKeeney, Kansas. Keithley Funeral Homes and Crematory was in charge of the arrangements.



CONRAD F. "Connie" STEERS – Died Tuesday, December 27, 2016 in Hicksville, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 26, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Cherie, of the home. He was the beloved brother of Victoria Mooney and the late Virginia Camara. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and grand-nieces, grand-nephews. He was the Past Commander of William Gouse Post #3211, Past Commander of the Military Purple Heart, Chapter #417, Past Department Commander, Past President of the United Veteran's Organization of Nassau, Past President of Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization of Farmingdale. He served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War with the Americal Division, 11th Brigade. He was Past President and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He attended the very first National Convention of VVA. Visitation hours were on Saturday, December 31st from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and on Sunday, January 1st from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and on Monday, January 2nd from 9:45 AM to 1030 AM at the Vernon C. Wagner Funeral Home, 125 West Old Country Road, Hicksville, New York 11801. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, January 2nd at Saint Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church in Hicksville, New York. Interment was in the Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY.

ARNE EDWARD SUOMINEN, JR. - Died Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 69. He was formerly of Mount Marion, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 21, 1946 in Queens, New York to the late Arne Edward Suominen, Sr. and Mabel Suominen. Arne was a United States Army veteran, an active VFW Honor Guard member, and attended Sunday services at the Dek. He did construction for many years and was active with The American Legion, VFW and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Myers Chapter #594**. He is survived by his loving daughter, Lisa M. Suominen of Albany, NY; four siblings, Sophia Weiss of NY, Charles Suominen (Diane) of KS, Miriam "Babs" Kellerhouse (Cliff) of NY, and Bernie Suominen (Patty) of Cape Coral, FL; as well as several aunts and uncles. Arne was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy Suominen. Memorial Services were held at 1:00

PM on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Harney Point VFW, 4709 SE 11th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904 with military honors presented. Memorial contributions in memory of Arne E. Suominen, Jr. were suggested to: SWFL Military Museum, 4820 Leonard Street, Cape Coral, FL 33904 or ARC, 18011 Old Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33917. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Cape Coral, was entrusted with final care.

DAVID P. SWAN – Died recently in 2016 in Santa Maria, California at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 11, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Shelby. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Guadalupe Chapter #982**.

CHARLIE TAYLOR – Died recently in 2016 in Prescott, Arizona at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 22, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Prescott Chapter #95**.

RICHARD W. “Rick” TAYLOR - Died at the Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at the age of 68. He was a resident of Houghton Lake, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. Rick was born September 29, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan to the late John and Zola (née Detmer) Taylor. He retired from the United States Air Force where he served for more than 20 years. Rick married Cheryl Herringshaw on April 26, 1997, in Fairbanks, Alaska and the couple moved to Houghton Lake in 2004. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of the Houghton Lake American Legion, Houghton Lake VFW, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Alaska**, NRA, DAV, and Air Force Sergeants Association. Rick is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl Taylor, of Houghton Lake; son, Richard Taylor, of Fairbanks; stepson, Matthew Herringshaw, of Fairbanks; brother, Jock (Margie) Taylor, of Alanson; and numerous nieces and nephews. Rick was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorials may be directed the Wounded Warriors. You may express your condolences to the family at www.christler-holdship.com.



CARZELL THOMAS, SR. - Died Friday, September 9, 2016 at the Norland Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 29, 1941 in Crawford, Mississippi to the late Carrie (née Jennings) and Christopher Columbus Thomas. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**. He was previously employed as a machine operator and a unit leader at United Technologies. He was previously Pastor of Martin Chapel, Friendship Chapel and Orrs Chapel. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Poindexter and Mildred Cohen; and brothers, J.D. Thomas and Walter C. Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Mary Thomas; children, Carzell Thomas Jr., Brenda Jackson and Cedricka Sanders, all of Columbus; four grandchildren; and six great-

grandchildren. Services were at Noon on Saturday at the Trinity CME Church. Burial was in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 1:00-6:00 PM at the Century Hairston Funeral Home.

EDWARD J. "Ed" TOMOSIESKI – Died Thursday, April 14, 2016 at his home in Bloomfield, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death was colorectal cancer, Diabetes Mellitus Type II, Hypertension and Hyperlipidemia. He was born on March 4, 1946, in Montclair, New Jersey to the late John and Edna (née Davis) Tomosieski. Edward was a lifelong resident of Bloomfield. A graduate of Bloomfield Technical School, Ed worked for many years as an automotive machinist for West Hudson Auto Parts, retiring in 1996. A proud United States Army veteran of Vietnam, he was an active member of the VFW of Bloomfield and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Grove Chapter #510**. He was a soldier in Vietnam and a model train buff. He enjoyed collecting model trains (American Flyers) and was a member of the Train Collectors Association. He also had a passion for Buick Rivieras and as such, was a member of the Riviera Owners Association. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, John and James. He was the cherished husband of Rachel (née Barrett); beloved father of Edward D., and loving brother of Kathleen. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation hours were held on Sunday, April 17th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Levandoski-Grillo Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 44 Bay Avenue, Bloomfield, N.J. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the funeral on Monday morning beginning at 9:00 AM at the funeral home and then to Saint Valentine Church for a 10:00 AM Funeral Mass. Interment was at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Bloomfield. For more information or online tributes, please visit: LevandoskiGrillo.com. Donations may also be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America at VVA.org.



LOUISE G. TUNSETH - Died Monday, October 10, 2016 at the Sanford Palliative Care, Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 65. She was a resident of Mayville, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. She was born April 21, 1951 to the late Louis J. and Ramona (née Lies) Klocke in New Rockford, North Dakota. She attended school in New Rockford and Sykeston before graduating from Fessenden High School in 1969. She went on to attend Mayville State College, graduating with a degree in business administration in 1975. While attending MSC she met Wayne Tunseth, and they married in 1975. They lived in and raised their three children in Mayville, except 1986-1988 when the family lived in Harvey, ND. Louise worked at several businesses, including in-home daycare, Union Hospital, Red Owl, and bartending in Mayville, and Coast-to-Coast in Harvey. In 1988 she began working at Luther Memorial Home in Mayville, where she stayed until her retirement in 2014. While there, she did a variety of jobs and touched the lives of many residents and co-workers. She brought a great sense of humor and sass to every job she did. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. Louise was also extremely creative. At any given time, she had several craft projects in the works including calligraphy, photography, cross-stitch, scrapbooking, and quilting. She was also the best cook around, known for a number of special dishes requested by family and friends for get-togethers. Her creativity was never more evident than in the celebration of her favorite holiday, Halloween. Her house was a favorite stop for

kids and adults alike. She was well-known as “The Witch” of Mayville. In the last several years, Louise was an avid camper, spending much quality time with her family at various campgrounds in ND, SD, and MN. Her dogs Toby and Buster accompanied her on many journeys, camping and otherwise. She loved spending time with family and friends, whether in-person or connecting via the internet. She was also a member of VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Louise is survived by her mother, Ramona Klocke of Fessenden, ND; Children: Christine (Lamar Noriega) Tunseth, Aurora, CO; Kathryn Tunseth, Fargo, ND; Daniel Tunseth, Springville, UT; Grandchildren: Bailee (Jordan Brennehan) Noriega, Minneapolis, MN and Zach Noriega, Fargo; Brothers: Louis A. (Kathy) Klocke, Fessenden; Lee (Rose) Klocke, Huron, SD; Leon (Jean Gross) Klocke, Fessenden; Lowell (Stacey) Klocke, Missoula, MT; mother-in-law: Caroline Tunseth of Mayville, ND and many loving brothers/sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Tunseth; father, Louis J. Klocke; father-in-law, Lester Tunseth; and sister-in-law, Rozann Tunseth. Memorials may be given to Vietnam Veterans of America, North Central Plains Chapter, 339 Center Ave S, Mayville ND. A celebration of Louise’s life was held at the Baker Funeral Home Chapel in Mayville on Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM with prayers at 7:00 PM followed by a time to share your favorite memories of Louise. Burial will take place in the Mayville Cemetery in Mayville, ND.



CASANDRA G. TVRDIK - Died at home in San Marcos, Texas on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the age of 71, with her family by her side. The cause of death is unknown. She was born June 7, 1945 in Junction City, Kansas to the late Vernon E. and Mildred (née Burleigh) Gregory. Casandra taught medical terminology at Southwest Texas State University (now called Texas State University). An avid reader and a keen traveler, Casandra traveled through all 50 States, including Alaska. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #144 and Saint Mark Episcopal Church in San Marcos. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Marcos Chapter #923**. Casandra’s family will miss her dearly and especially the personal medical advice she gave them! She is survived by her husband, Thomas “Tom” Tvrdiv; sons, Gregory T. Tvrdiv and wife, Gennifer and James E. Tvrdiv and wife, Christina; brother, Gene Gregory and wife, Sue; sisters, Terry Sewell and husband, Bill and Cilla Gregory. She is also survived by three grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Saint Mark Episcopal Church in San Marcos with the Reverend Fr. Ben Nelson officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #144, 126 East Holland Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666 or Kindred Hospice, 1911 Corporate Dr. Suite #104, San Marcos, Texas 78666. Arrangements were under the care and guidance of Pennington Funeral Home, 323 North Comanche, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

MARTIN J. TWYFORD - Died Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at The Toledo Hospital in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 3, 1950 to the late Richard and Teresa (née Flower) Twyford. As a young man, Martin proudly served in the

United States Army in Vietnam. He was employed at the Chrysler/Jeep Corporation before retiring. Martin was a life member of the VFW Erie Post and of the Disabled American Veterans and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe (Michigan) Chapter #142**. He is survived by his brother, Richard Twyford; sister, Teresa (Jim) Runyon; special cousin, Dave (Patricia) Bird; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Arrangements were entrusted to David R. Jasin-Hoening Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made in Martin's memory to the donor's choice. Online expressions of sympathy, fond memories or photos may be shared by visiting.

DONALD LEE “Don” UPDIKE - Died Monday, October 24, 2016 at the JFK Hospital Haven Hospice, Edison, New Jersey with his loving family by his side. He was 68 years of age and a resident of Carteret, New Jersey. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He was born in Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania on April 10, 1948 to the late Mary Frances and Carl Mayberry Updike. He was educated in local schools and moved to New Jersey in 1966. In February of 1968 Don enlisted in the United States Army was trained as a wireman and served in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive. He was honorably discharged as a Specialist 4 in February of 1970. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Leaf, 2 O/S Bars and a Marksmanship Badge. Don was employed by Con Lux Coatings, in Edison, for many years. He also worked for the Metuchen Edison Woodbridge South Amboy YMCA and retired from the Woodbridge Community Center, Township of Woodbridge, in 2014. He is a Past All State Commander of the Fords VFW Memorial Post 6090, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233** and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge. Don is predeceased by his first wife Kathleen Ondar Updike, his parents, his sisters Jessie, Dora and Dolly and his brothers Carl Jr. and James. He is survived by and will be greatly missed by his friend and companion of 24 years Suzan Kelleher of Carteret; his daughters Rochelle (Dennis) McNulty of Fords, Suzanne (Lewis) Green of Sayreville, and Captain Amy Updike, US Army, currently stationed in Seattle, WA. He is also survived by his grandchildren Jackie and Carley Green and Jake McNulty, his brothers Frank and Ronald, and several nieces, nephews and many friends. The funeral took place on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Costello-Koyen Funeral Home (www.Costello-Koyen.com) 399 Svenel Street, Avenel, New Jersey. Interment was in Our Lady of Hungary Cemetery, Fords, New Jersey. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked donations to be made to Adopt A Soldier Platoon, Inc. PO Box 1111, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.



ADRIAN HOLTON VAALER, JR. – Died Friday, October 28, 2016 in Eugene, Oregon at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 14, 1944 in Eugene to the late Adrian Holton Vaaler, Sr. and Pauline Vaaler. Adrian attended all Eugene grade schools with high marks. He graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics and in June of 1968, another Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University. Adrian was employed with the firm of Arvad Grant and Associates designing and inspecting the construction of one of the first cable stayed bridges in the world in Kennewick, Washington. He also designed the first steel arch span bridge in West Virginia. Inducted into the United States Army in November of

1968 and after basic training deployed to the Republic of Vietnam to serve his country in that conflict. He was forward deployed with the Black Horse Battalion, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment where he served with distinction earning the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in a combat zone, Purple Heart Medal of wounds sustained while in a combat zone and the Vietnam Campaign service medals. He returned to the United States in March of 1970 and began working for Adrian W. Vaaler and Associates, performing land surveying and engineering construction, retiring in the spring of 2009. Adrian loved music and freely shared this love with others. He grew up in a musical family where his parents Adrian senior and mother Pauline encouraged their children to play and grow their gifts. He went on to perform regularly with the Eugene Polka Pipers and with the Eugene Symphony Orchestra. His brief service in Vietnam figured significantly in Adrian's life. Upon returning to the United States he assisted with, and was a charter member of the local Vietnam Veterans against the war, where he once again fought for our country to bring peace and dignity to those that served. His service continued throughout his life with the Blackhorse Battalion, 11th Armored Cavalry Association of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia Association where he held numerous positions including Treasurer and President. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #1077**. His fellow veterans adored Adrian for his great sense of humor and devotion to his friends. But it was through his bugle and the playing of TAPS throughout Oregon that brought Adrian into many lives. His full uniform rendition of TAPS could be heard every Veteran's Day and Memorial Day at numerous locations across Eugene and led him to champion veteran's issues including the dedication of a fallen heroes' Vietnam memorial at South Eugene High School. His pure sound and inspiring demeanor will echo in our lives for years to come. Adrian enjoyed singing, whistling. He was an active parishioner at the First Congregation United Church of Christ and an avid Ducks fan attending decades of track and field competitions and basketball games. He was also predeceased by his sister, Caroline M. Vaaler of Eugene. He is survived by his sister, Miriam A. Vaaler of Eugene; brother, John A. Vaaler and his wife, Barbara of Portland, OR; and his nephew, Jonathan Schafner and his family of Elkins, West Virginia. A gift in memory of Adrian Vaaler can be made to the University of Oregon Foundation: Adrian and Pauline Vaaler Scholarship fund at 1720 East 13th Avenue, Suite #410, Eugene, Oregon 97403.

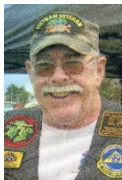
JAMES DALE "Jim" VALENTINE - Died Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at his home in Hope Mills, North Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was from Ridgeley, West Virginia and born on December 24, 1946 to the late Marshall and Colene Valentine. He was also preceded in death by his brother, David Valentine. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After his time in the service he worked at Kelly Springfield for 27 years. He was a devoted family man who attended Destiny Now Hope Mills. He had a knack for finding humor in every situation. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fayetteville Chapter #1033**. Jim is survived by his wife, Dolly; Sons, Jimmy Valentine and wife Connie of Fayetteville, Eric Valentine and wife Debbie of Hope Mills; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. The family received friends from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM on December 10, 2016 at Sullivan's Highland Funeral Service. A funeral service was at 12:00 PM in the chapel. Online condolences may be made at sullivanshighland.com. Services were entrusted to Sullivan's Highland Funeral Service & Crematory.



STEPHEN ANDREW "Steve" VIRTUE - Died at home in West Palm Beach, Florida on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hopedale, Ohio on January 2, 1944. He was predeceased by his wife, Carla Elaine Virtue. He served in the United States Army from August 4, 1969 to May 5, 1974 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 15, 1970 to March 15, 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg (Virginia) Chapter #1061**. There were no local services for Mr. Virtue at the Tillman Funeral Home. All services were under the care of Grandle Funeral Home, 148 East Lee Street, Broadway, Virginia 22815.



VERNON WALDEN (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, November 17, 2016 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 89. He was formerly from Greenville, South Carolina. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Greenville, South Carolina on February 25, 1927. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He served over 25 years in the United States Army with the Airborne Units and the Special Forces Green Berets. He was wounded in the Korean War. He served three tours in Vietnam with the Special Forces Green Berets. He was a member of El Maida Shrine Temple, El Paso Scottish Rite of Freemasonry 32nd degree, York Rite Bodies El Paso, BPOE Lodge #856, Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge #749, Veteran of Foreign Wars #10330, Empire Lodge #213 A.F.M., The American Legion Post #3, and was a *Life Member* of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the 82nd Airborne Division Association (Benavidez Patterson) Chapter El Paso, Texas. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. He is survived by his two daughters, Polly and Carol. Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children , 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, South Carolina, 29605 or to one's choice.



DALE LYNN "Smiley" WALTERS - Died Friday, November 11, 2016 at his home in Iola, Kansas at the age of 68. The cause of death was respiratory failure and congestive heart failure. He was born June 8, 1948, in Iola to the late Herman and Ramona (née Reno) Walters. He grew up in Iola and graduated from Iola High School. He entered the United States Air Force on June 1, 1966 and served in Vietnam as an Air Policeman. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant March 6, 1970. He returned to Iola taking over his father's roofing company operating it as Dale Walter's Roofing. He later worked as a truck driver and at P C Boards in Chanute for many years. His memberships include Iola Elks, American Legion, 40 Et 8, VFW, Mirza Temple Shrine, and Iola Optimists. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter**

#912. Survivors include his companion, Margaret Robb of Iola; children Dale Lynn Walters, Jr. and wife, Mary of Gladstone, MO, Cheri Irvin and husband, Jarrod of Yelm, WA, Michael Gillespie of Yates Center, KS, and Eric Walters of Iola; two siblings, Darrell Walters of Humboldt and Diana Baker and husband, Carl of Iola; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, sister Deloris "Dee" Atzbach and brother Quinten Walters. Memorial services were at 3:00 PM on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the Bible Fellowship Church, 329 South First, Iola, Kansas. Inurnment was in the American Legion Lot in the Highland Cemetery in Iola, at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Wounded Warriors Project. Feuerborn Family Funeral Service of Iola, assisted the family. Go to www.feuerbornfuneral.com to leave a condolence online.

TOBIAS WARREN WANNER, JR. – Died Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in Jonesborough, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death was multi-system organ failure, shock, respiratory failure and CVA. He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on July 5, 1942 to the late Tobias Warren Wanner, Sr. and Ethel (née Kuct) Wanner. He is survived by his wife, Irene of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethtown Chapter #824**. Graveside services took place at the VA National Cemetery in Mountain Home, Tennessee.

DAN MONROE WARD - Died at Mountain Home VA Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at the age of 70. He was a resident of Johnson City. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. He was the son of the late Thomas S. and Clara L. Ward of Johnson City. In addition to his parents, an infant brother, Thomas, and his three sisters Nell, Sandra, and Louise preceded him in death. Mr. Ward is survived by his loving wife Carolyn and their son Gantt, brother-in-law Billy Van Dyke (Linda), sister-in-law, Sandra Vest (Allen), and special cousin, Nancy Snipes (Cecil), nephews: Paul Kerr, and Randy Hall; nieces: Jane Bottom, and Kathy Hall. He was a lifetime resident of Johnson City. He was an honor graduate from the first graduating class of the new Science Hill High School in 1964 and graduated from ETSU in 1968 with a bachelor in mathematics, and was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Upon graduation from ETSU, Mr. Ward was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Field Artillery. In January 1969 he was an honor graduate from the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He then served as a range safety officer with B Battery, 4th Battalion, 14th Infantry at Fort Sill through July 1969. In September 1969 he was deployed to Vietnam where he served until September 1970 first as the Fire Direction Officer and then as the Executive Officer of C Battery, 5th Battalion, 4th Artillery in northern Quang Tri Province near the DMZ. Mr. Ward was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Bronze Star Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster for his service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824**. After his military service, Mr. Ward was a real estate broker and President of All American Reality, Inc. in Johnson City until his retirement in 2008. In 1984 he became the first certified property manager in northeast Tennessee. He was a charter executive member of the National Assisted Housing Management Association. In 1985 he became a charter member of the Resident Property Management Advisory Board at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, and in 2010, they

presented Mr. Ward an award for his loyalty and commitment to their program. That award now bears his name as the Ward Award and is given annually. He opened the first free computer lab in Section 8 government assisted rental housing in Northeast Tennessee in August 1998 at Lakewood Village Apartments in Johnson City. Mr. Ward was an active member of the Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church where he served on the Administrative Board and as an usher for many years. In his youth he was a member of Boy Scout Troup #37, which was sponsored by Munsey Church, and he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He also served on the Washington County Families First Advisory Board for several years. In 1984 Mr. Ward was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Over the years the disease progressed and in October 2005 he underwent successful deep brain stimulation surgery at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. The stimulator allowed him to continue working until 2008. After retirement, he volunteered his time at the Mountain Home VA Medical Center in the diabetes clinic. In 2009 he was honored with the Special Recognition Award for his efforts. The family received friends to share memories from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at Tetrick Funeral & Cremation Services, Johnson City. A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held at 2:30 PM at Roselawn Memorial Park. Active pallbearers will be Gantt Ward, Jed Seehorn, John Seehorn, Jim Cooper, Kent Rowland, Billy Van Dyke, and Allen Vest. The PTSD Veterans Group will serve as honorary pallbearers along with Roger Keys, Joe Wiseman, Ret. Sessions Judge John Kiener, Parnell Freeman, and Wayne Anderson. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that a donation be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite #1509, New York, NY 10018 or to the charity of your choice. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.tetrickfuneralhome.com. Tetrick Funeral & Cremation Services, 3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City TN 37604 (423-610-7171) was honored to serve the Ward family during this difficult time.



RICHARD G. "Rich" WARREN - Died Wednesday, October 12, 2016, after battling Multiple Myeloma, an Agent Orange disease contracted in Vietnam. He was 72 years of age and a resident of Fairfax, Vermont and Brooksville, Florida. He was born September 27, 1944 in Fairfax to the late George and Mildred Warren. He served in the United States Marine Corps from September, 1963 to October, 1966. He proudly received a "Purple Heart", "Vietnam Service Medal", "National Defense Service Medal", and the "Good Conduct Medal". Richard worked for IBM for 20 plus years, then found his calling when he started managing Bob's Gun Shop, in Georgia, Vermont for another 20 years. Whenever asked how his job was going, he would happily reply, "It's like working for my 2nd father, how could anyone not like it. Neither realized that eventually, both would retire in Brooksville, FL. As a former President and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**, Rich also was a member of the VFW, the Marine Corps League, plus the American Legion. He leaves his wife of 49 years Susan, a son Todd, daughter-in-law Juanita, and three grandchildren, Nicki, Brittany and Michael; three beautiful great-grandchildren, Carter, Chloe Sue, and Anabella. Richard was predeceased by one brother, Bruce Allen, and both parents, George and Mildred Warren. *A

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday October 19th at Ascension Catholic Church, 3157 Ethan Allen Hwy, Georgia, Vermont at 11:00 AM. A graveside service was conducted at the Fairfax Plains Cemetery, followed by a Celebration of Life at the American Legion, 100 Parah Drive, Saint Albans, Vermont. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's name may be sent to the VVA Chapter #753, In care of Jim Lavoie, 433 Sheldon Road, Saint Albans, VT 05478.



THOMAS ARTHUR "Tom" WATSON - Died at his home in Howell, Michigan on Monday, May 25, 2015 at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 7, 1946 to the late Arthur E. and Alice (née Eddington) Watson. He was formerly of Redford, Michigan and a Howell area resident for the past 25 years. Tom was a proud United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a retired repairman for AT&T (Michigan Bell) and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Howell American Legion Devereaux Post #141, and was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Michigan**. Tom was known as someone that never turned his back on someone in need and his word was his bond. He was so proud of his family, especially his grandchildren. Tom cared for people and showed it by donating to community organizations anonymously. He liked keeping the family together with family gatherings, camping trips or just working together. Humor was his best trait. Tom was a man of integrity, dedication and determination which was obvious in everything he did and accomplished. He was always up for some fun. He was the beloved husband of Connie (née Griffith) Watson whom he married in Redford on October 1, 1966; loving father of Thomas (Karen) Watson, Jr. of Howell and Nicole (Raymond) Ridge of Howell; proud grandfather of Thomas Watson III of Holly, Sean Ridge of Howell and Hollie Ridge of Howell. He is also survived by his siblings, Toni Ann (Tony) Matier of Fowlerville, Helen Thomas of Hartland and Glen Watson of Texas. Visitation hours were on Sunday, from 2:00 to 8:00 PM. Funeral services were on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 11:00 AM at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell. Interment with military honors was at the VanKeuren Cemetery. Memorial contributions were suggested to UNICEF.



VERNE H. WELCH, JR. - Died Saturday, August 13, 2016 at his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Council Bluffs on October 2, 1937 to the late Verne H. Welch, Sr. and Doris (née Odenwalder) Welch. He grew up on the west side of the city where his mother ran Rite-Way Cleaners and his father was a boilermaker for the Union Pacific Railroad. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1955. Shortly following his graduation, he left Council Bluffs to join the United States Navy. As he did with every endeavor, he gave it his all and soon became a naval intelligence expert, serving until 1968. As he transitioned from his military career, he moved from Los Angeles to Reno,

Nev., where he joined the management team at Harrah's Casino. After spending 15 years in various Harrah's locations from Lake Tahoe to Atlantic City and Las Vegas, he felt it was time to come home to Council Bluffs. He brought his knowledge and expertise of casino infrastructure to his home town where he worked with local leadership and legislators to eventually bring Harvey's Casino to Council Bluffs. He played a key role in laying the foundation for how the casinos would operate as well as organizing their involvement in local philanthropy through the formation of the Iowa West Foundation. Over the past few decades the Iowa West Foundation has donated more than \$300 million to the community. As senior vice-president and general manager of Harrah's, he was instrumental in organizing the event that became known as Spirit of Courage. In 2001, Verne was nominated as the first Spirit of Courage Award recipient in recognition of his courageous battle with prostate cancer 1999. He was preceded in death by his parents, Verne H. Welch, Sr. and Doris (Odenwalder) Welch; brother, E. Dusty Welch. He is survived by his son, Verne H. Welch III and his wife, Susan; daughter, Debbie L. Welch and her husband, Mitch Miller; grandchildren, Mark Welch, Jeff Markow, Christopher Welch and Sean Welch; and a host of other family and friends. He was a past president and active member of the Council Bluffs Noon Rotary Club and a member of American Legion Rainbow Post #2. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Thursday at the Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home with burial in the Garner Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials were requested to the Jennie Edmundson Foundation, Children's Square or First Christian Church.



PATRICK DEEHAN "Pat" WELLS - Died Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in Manassas, Virginia at the age of 69, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related end stage liver and renal disease, sepsis and acute respiratory failure. He was born March 17, 1947 in Radford, Virginia to the late Harry and Kathleen Wells. He graduated from Bishop O'Connell Catholic High School in Arlington, VA in 1965 and he earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY in 1969. He also received his Master of Arts in Education from Virginia Tech in 1977. Patrick leaves behind his cherished, devoted wife of 44 years, Nancy, and his three children, Ryan (Corrie) Wells of Media, PA, Erin (Brian) Kline of Manassas, VA and Nathan (Bonnie) Wells of San Diego, CA as well as seven grandchildren; Joseph, Brady, Zoe, Sydney, Keegan, Jackson and Hazel. He is also survived by three sisters, Nan (John) Alcott of Woodstock, VA, Maggie (David) Schwind of Falls Church, VA, Ruth Porter of Springfield, VA, and two brothers, Mike (Nereza) Wells of New Milford, NJ and Harry Victor Wells of Fairfax, VA and several nieces and nephews. He proudly served in the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross for his service. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. After leaving the Army, Patrick became a physical education teacher in 1971 at Mount Eagle Elementary School in Alexandria, VA, a position he held for 30 years until he retired in 2001. The gymnasium at Mount Eagle was named in his honor in 1986. A former high school and

college basketball standout, Patrick was an avid fan of college basketball especially his alma mater, Saint Bonaventure. He was also a passionate fan of the Washington Redskins and the Washington Nationals. Patrick loved his three children and cherished being "Poppa" to his grandkids. He also took pride in watching his "Mt. Eagle kids" grow and reconnecting with them throughout the years. Visitation with family was from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, June 22nd at the Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Boulevard, Woodbridge, VA. A funeral mass was held on Thursday, June 23rd at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 12975 Purcell Road, Manassas, VA with burial at 1:00 PM at the Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the following organizations in loving memory of Patrick Deehan Wells: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund www.vvmf.org; The Research and Recognition Project (research and treatment for PTSD) www.theroadbackptsd.com or Saint Bonaventure University www.sbu.edu.



FREDERICK H. "Fred" WESSOLEK - Died Monday, December 16, 2013 in Brunswick, Ohio with his wife and family by his side. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 20, 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Howard and Vala (née Cutlip) Wessolek. Fred proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Cleveland Post Office as a supervisor. Fred loved to volunteer his time at the Salvation Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385**. Frederick will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 33 years Judy (née Spence); loving dad to his furry friends Huey and Nikki and feathered friend Rambo; special goddaughters Valerie Wilson Sesock, Ashlie Sutcliffe Carey; cherished sisters Peggy (Brad) Wingrove of Cleveland, Rita Wilson of Cleveland and Lori Woodman of AZ; brother and sisters-in-law, Pat (Mary) Varney of Brunswick, Billy (Sally) Smith of Brunswick, Jeff (Sally) Spence of Willowood, OH, Joe (Renee) Spence of Cleveland, TN, Nora White of Omar, WVA and Meredith Spence of Man, WVA; special nieces and nephews Tammy (Chris) and son Kyle Wingrove, Kevin (Jessica) and son Mason Graves, Howard Sutcliffe, Eddie and daughter Erin Straka, Crystal (Patrick) and sons Conlan and Baylen Beumler, Daniel Sutcliffe and fiancé Nancy, Randal (Michelle) Hutson, John Hutson, Sarah Corbin, Melissa and Shiloh Spence, Kara, William, Tyler and Kalee Vernatter, Opal and sons Jacob and Logan Roden, Cleatus (Cheryl) and son Josh and special, special nephew Keegan Varney. He will also be missed by his Vietnam brothers Leon Heaton of the Valley City VFW and the 173rd "The Herd" Walt Carkhuff, Joe Miller, Dean Black, Ernest Poole, Russ Faulkner, Cliff Myer and Walter Bradley. He is preceded in death by his parents and all of his comrades that went before him. The family received friends on Sunday, December 22, 2013 from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM at Waite and Son Funeral Home (3300 Center Road, Brunswick 44212). The service was held on Monday at 11:30 AM at the funeral home. Burial was at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman. Contributions may be made in Fred's memory to the Salvation Army or Animal Protective League where his father Howard worked for many years. Online condolences may be left at www.waitefuneralhome.com.

STEVEN J. "Steve" WHALIN - Died unexpectedly Thursday, December 11, 2014 in Holley, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1947 in Brockport, New York to the late Thurman and Ruth (née Schreib) Whalin and was a life-long resident of this area. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War where he was wounded and received a Purple Heart Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. Being a person who loved tinkering around the house, Steve also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and old cars...especially his '57 Chevy. He was predeceased by his brother Michael Whalin. He is survived by his wife of almost 45 years Carol, his daughters: Lisa (Daniel) Douglas of Gasport, Becky (David) Gagne of Holley, his brothers: Ronald (Diane) Whalin of Holley, Jay (Teresa) Whalin of Bergen, his sisters: Margaret Smith of Batavia, Sandra (Thomas) Elder of AL, his grandchildren: Sydney, Tatum, Delaney, Steven, Colin, Hadley, two step-sisters as well as several nieces and nephews. There were no calling hours. Services and interment were private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the VA Medical Center in Batavia, New York.



CHARLES BERNARD WHITEHURST, SR. - Died Saturday, June 4, 2016 at his home in Chesapeake, Virginia at the age of 73, surrounded by his family and loved ones. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. He was born on June 4, 1938 in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late John and Bernice Whitehurst. Charles was a product of the Portsmouth Public School system where he attended Chestnut Street School, Riddick Weaver Elementary, SH Clarke and in June 1956 was graduated from the I C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, VA. He then enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. Possessing superior skills necessary for an unrestricted officer assignment throughout the Marine Corps, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain and Major. He served three separate duty assignments with the Republic of South Vietnam - retiring in September 1976. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tidewater (Virginia Beach) Chapter #48**. He was elected as the Portsmouth Treasurer, member of the Portsmouth City Council and as the Vice Mayor retiring in 2012. He was preceded in death by his siblings John Whitehurst Jr., Jeanette Whitehurst, Marian Archie Person-Russell, and Walter Edward Person. He leaves his wife Dollise Howard- Whitehurst who resides Chesapeake; a daughter Lisa Whitehurst Pretlow (Roscoe) of Portsmouth; a son Charles B. Whitehurst Jr. of California; a brother Leon Whitehurst (Sandra) of Portsmouth, a sister Jaris Whitehurst Roberts (Joseph) of Portsmouth and a sister Janette McGrady (Anthony) of Lady Smith, Va. He also leaves three step daughters Deneita Howard-Williams (Donald) of Virginia Beach, Lisa Boyd of Portsmouth, Mimi Simmons of Baltimore, MD; a stepson D' Angel Correa-Howard of FL and a special friend Elsie Whitehurst of Portsmouth. He also leaves several grandchildren, three great-grandchildren along with several cousins, nieces and nephews and many special friends. Charles fought a courageous battle - transitioning as how he lived, with dignity, strength and honor. Our beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather will be missed and will remain unforgettable in our hearts forever. Semper Fidelis [Always Faithful]. A visitation was held on Wednesday, June 8th from 2:00-5:00 PM and a Wake Service at 6:00 PM at JT Fisher Funeral Services, 1248 North George Washington Highway. A Life Celebration

Service was held on Thursday, June 9th at 11:00 AM at Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 2714 Frederick Boulevard, Portsmouth, VA. In lieu of flowers the family would like donations made to Parkinson's research. The family entrusted J.T. Fisher Funeral Services to handle the final care arrangements. Condolences can be offered to the family at www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com.



CLARENCE EDWARD "Bro" WHITFIELD - Died Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, North Carolina at the age of 71. He was a resident of Kinston. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 21, 1945 to the late Ralph Whitfield and Alice (née Harper) Whitfield. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sisters-in-law, Linda S. Whitfield, Jeanette Hardee, Helen Hoell; his brother-in-law, Bud Hinson, William Hinson, Grover Hinson; and a nephew Scott Whitfield. Clarence Whitfield was a Past Master at the Richard Caswell Masonic Lodge in Kinston, and a member of Lenoir County Shrine Club, a Past Captain of the Sudan Motor Patrol, a member of the Sudan Temple in New Bern. He was also the owner and operator of Neuse Appliance Parts of Kinston. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892**. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Frances (née Hinson) Whitfield; sons, David Whitfield and wife Bonnie of LaGrange, Lee Minton and wife Lisa of Kinston, Lin Johnson and wife Glenda also of Kinston; brothers, James Whitfield and wife Mary Ann of Beaufort, Ralph "Lonnie" Whitfield of Snow Hill; three grandchildren, Waylon Minton, David Whitfield, Jr., Skyler Whitfield; two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Ann Dail and husband Ray of Snow Hill; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Garner Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Mondell officiating and visitation followed. A Graveside Service was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Pinelawn Memorial Park with Masonic Rites. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children at 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605. Garner Funeral Home assisted the family and online condolences may be sent to garner-funeralhome.com.



GORDON W. WHITSITT – DIED Wednesday, November 23, 2016 in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Jersey on January 1, 1950. He served in the United States Air Force from March 1969 to November 1975 with service in the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Thurnhurst Chapter #1035**. Relatives and friends were invited to Gordon's Celebration of Life on Monday, December 5, 2016 from 8:30 AM until time of services at 9:00 AM at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 6634 Saint Barnabas Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745. The interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD.



DEACON LEPOLIA W. WIGGINS II - Died Friday, October 21, 2016 at his residence in Blackshear, Georgia at the age of 73, with his wife, Betty, and his brother at his bedside. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born October 29, 1942 in Pinehurst, Georgia to the late Lepolia W. Wiggins, Sr. and Claudia Wiggins. He served in the United States Army from October 14, 1964-January 11, 1967, where he completed one tour in Vietnam with B Battery, 7th Battalion, 11th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division. He worked for CSX Transportation for 24 years where he moved around from Jacksonville, FL, Louisville, KY, Huntington, WV and Blackshear, Engineering and Equipment Company in Waycross and Coley Electric and Plumbing, Waycross. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070**. He met his wife of 44 years, Betty Jean Walker, in Columbus, where they were later married, moved to Jacksonville, FL and had two children. He was an active member in the community, where he was on the Pierce County Recreation Department board, the Housing Authority board, Department of Family and Children Services board, and was a mentor to children at the local schools. His life was dedicated to serving the Lord, working to provide for his family, enjoying life, and helping others whenever he could. “He was a very well-known man in the church, community, and city, was beloved by all that he came in contact with, and left a lasting impression. He will be sorely missed, but not forgotten,” said his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lepolia W. Wiggins and Claudia Wiggins; two brothers, Daniel Taylor and Johnny Wiggins; and one sister, Johnnie Mae Wiggins. He leaves to mourn, his wife Betty Jean Wiggins (Walker); daughter Latoya Tameshi Wiggins, Willie Green (husband), Connor Walker Green (son); son Lepolia W. Wiggins III, Sandra Dawn Wiggins (wife), Hallee Elizabeth Campanile (step-daughter), Katlin Lynn Campanile (step-daughter); two brothers James Wiggins, Esther Wiggins (wife), Otis Wiggins, Minnie Wiggins (wife); one sister, Thelma Erving; brothers-in-law, Roger Walker, Bernice Walker (wife), Randolph Walker, Glory Walker (wife), Bobby Walker, James Walker, Dorothy Walker (wife); sisters-in-law, Pearlie Jordan, Thomas Jordan (husband), Brenda Walker; Angelia Walker and god-daughter Juantez Jones, Sa-Myiah Finney (daughter); and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. Visitation hours took place from 6:30-8:00 PM on Friday, October 28th, at the funeral home, 505 Ware Street, Blackshear. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 29th, at the Lee Street Resource Center, Blackshear. Pastor Claude Ray James of Athens brought words of comfort. Interment services were held on Monday, October 31st, from the Georgia Veterans Military Cemetery in Glennville, Georgia. Rainge Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Blackshear was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT WAYNE WIGLEY – Died Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in Columbus, Mississippi at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 5, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**.



CLARENCE "Buck" WILLIAMS - Died Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Alvin C. York VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the age of 80. He was a resident of Murfreesboro. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Murfreesboro on April 13, 1936. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089**. He was the loving and devoted husband of 35 years to Gladys Williams; father of Trina (Wayne) Walker, Rosalind, Joslyn, James (Tina) Talley, Kevin (Samantha), and Louis Ricco Williams; one preceding him in death Patrick Talley; grandfather of, Dr. LaQuia (Andrew) Vinson, Antonio Crouse, Kevin and Tyler Talley, Ariana Chavella, Briana Clemons, William and Linda Williams, Devin and Keyshawn Talley, Adrian Avent, devoted grandson Dr. Rashawn (Cynthia) Ray; caring goddaughter, Aliyah Watkins; one preceding him in death, Kevin S. Barbee; seven great-grandchildren; devoted cousin, Jesse Neal McKnight, and; a myriad of relatives and friends. He laid-in-honor on Saturday November 19, 2016 from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon with funeral to follow at Bethel M.B. Church, 762 Holly Grove Road, Lascassas, TN, with the Reverend Freddie B. Carpenter, Jr., as the eulogist; and the Reverend Tolbert Randolph as the officiant. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery. Please keep the Williams family in your thoughts and prayers. The arrangements were entrusted to the Hellum Funeral Home, 611 South Highland Avenue, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

CHARLES LOYD "Charlie" WILSON - Died Monday, October 10, 2016 in Spring City, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 2, 1948 to the late Jim and Bonnie Wilson. He was a Veteran of the United States Army serving in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the National Defense medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal, as well as a badge for Marksman Rifle M14. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was a former member of the musical group Country Gold and had a great passion for music, as he continued to play until his health issues recently prevented so. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife, JR Wilson and his brother, Eddie Wilson. Survivors include his sister, Joyce Spivey of Georgia; sons Jimi (Laura) Wilson, Justin Wilson and his girlfriend Megan Ward, Cameron Wilson, Charlie Wilson, and Allen Fitzgerald; daughter, Jessica Wilson; and grandchildren, Nicholas, Kyra, Kaiden, Austin and Krista. He is also survived by his longtime friends Pete Smith and Jerry Smith. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to your local music education charity. Services were held in the funeral home chapel on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 3:30 PM with the Reverend Cleon Sneed presiding. The family received friends and loved ones from 2:00-3:30 PM the same day. 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.

GREGORY L. "Greg" WILSON – Died Monday, October 24, 2016 in Arnold, Missouri at the age of 69. The cause of death was diabetes mellitus. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on October 21, 1947. He served in the United States Army in the Battle of Hamburger Hill in Vietnam. He

was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. He was the beloved husband of Betty J. Wilson (formerly Radick); loving father of Bryan (Angela) and Scott (Cindy) Wilson, Lynda (Bob) McCann, Lori Bobrowski, Joe (Kelly), Jerry and Jeff (Laura) Radick; cherished grandfather of Sebastian, Elise, Mya, Parker and Nora; dearest son of Louis and the late Laura Wilson; dearest brother of Vicki (Robert) Hoogveld and Debbie (Ron) Robinett; our dear nephew, uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend to many. The funeral was at the Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road, on Thursday, October 27th at 12:00 Noon. Interment was in the J. B. National Cemetery. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM.



HASKELL EDMOND WRIGHT, JR. - Died Sunday, August 28, 2016 at the Terrace of Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related anoxic encephalopathy. He was born on November 5, 1944 in Texarkana, Arkansas to the late Margie Ruth (née Cooper) and Haskell Wright, Sr. He was a graduate of Texarkana High School, Texas A&M University and the University of Texas where he completed a Master's Degree in Structural Engineering. He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy serving during the Vietnam War as an Engineering Officer with the U.S. Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 133. During his time in service, he met his loving wife, Margaret E. Sunkel who was stationed in Guam, MI as a navy nurse. They married in January of 1971. Haskell transferred from the Army Corps of Engineering in Sherwood, AR to the Jacksonville, FL branch in 1992. One of his first duties was traveling to South Florida following Hurricane Andrew with a team to evaluate and recommend structural repairs. His team helped rewrite building codes for improving future structures. He had an extensive career before retiring in 2005. He was awarded Engineer of the Year on two occasions and was sent to the Caribbean after natural disasters. He was a structural engineer for the Intercoastal Bridge and other corps projects. He was well respected and remembered by his co-workers and friends. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Margaret Wright; children, Josh E Wright (Becky) and Wendy M Wright of Jacksonville; sisters, Mary Stuaert and Pat Powers of Texarkana, TX; many nieces and nephews. Mr. Wright was honorably laid to rest at 1:00 PM on Friday, November 4, 2016 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery with a Celebration of his life to be announced. A special thanks to the nurses, doctors, and caregivers of the Terrace and Vitas Hospice who lovingly cared for Haskell during his last days. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to Vitas Hospice or the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1046 Jacksonville, FL.



FRANCIS XAVIER "Frank" YOUNG, SR. - Died Sunday, November 6, 2016 in Magnolia, Delaware at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 24, 1934 in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late William J. and Mary Ann Young of Ireland. Frank retired from the United States Air Force in 1974. His military career took him to Sampson AFB, NY; Keesler AFB, MS; Kusan AB, Korea; Tyndall AFB, FL; DaNang AB, Vietnam; Maron AB, Spain; Zweibrücken AB, Germany and finally to Dover AFB, DE. Frank then worked for the Social Security Administration, retiring again in 1996. Frank was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, a life member of the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, and a member of the American Legion. Frank is survived by his wife of over 63 years, Catherine G. Young of Magnolia, six sons; Francis X. Young Jr. of Newark, DE, Peter W. Young of Alton, IL, Teddy D. Young of EL Paso, TX, Liam R. Young of Magnolia, DE, Thomas D. Young of Dover, DE, and Lawrence P. Young of Magnolia, DE; one sister, Mary Walls of Glenolden, PA. Frank really enjoyed taking trips and traveling with his wife, he was always ready to go on a run. Frank especially enjoyed his yearly reunions with the Sampson AFB, NY Fellowship group. Frank was an avid collector of baseball cards. Frank was particularly fond of collecting Babe Ruth memorabilia; he was a frequent visitor and charter member of the Babe Ruth Museum in Baltimore, MD. The Funeral Mass was on Friday at 10:00 AM at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Dover, DE. Private interment with Military Honors was at the Delaware Memorial Veterans Cemetery, Bear, Delaware.

**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