

LAWRENCE THOMAS AKARD, JR. – Died Sunday, February 26, 2017 in Temple, Texas at the age of 60. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Houston, Texas on August 28, 1956. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, of the home. He served in the United States Navy from August 8, 1974 – 1978 with a tour in the Vietnam War in 1975. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012.**

CARRELL ALDEN “Gator” ALDEN – Died Saturday, March 29, 2014 in Lebanon, Oregon at the age of 75. The cause of death was mesothelioma. He was born in Laurel, Mississippi on January 5, 1939 to the late Thomas Rove Alden and Blanche Christina (née LaVigne) Alden. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann (née Pierce) Alden and his brother, Charles T. Alden. He served in the United States Navy from February 1, 1959 to February 1, 1963 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1961 to 1962. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585.**



ARMON LEE ALLEN - Died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at his home in DeSoto, Texas at the age of 70 after a lengthy battle with Frontotemporal Dementia. He was born November 11, 1946 in Oak Cliff, Texas to the late John Travis Allen and Dorothy Lee (née Kemp) Allen. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Peggy Jean (née Ennis) Allen and two children: Marissa Taylor (spouse Eric) and Jon Allen (spouse Kami). He was blessed with 4 grandchildren: Peyton and Josiah Allen and Travis and Emma Taylor. He is also survived by his sisters and brother and many nieces and nephews and cousins. Armon was a hard worker and always strived to be the best. He began delivering the Dallas Morning News by bicycle at age 12 and won numerous awards as an outstanding carrier. He graduated from Wilmer-Hutchins High School in 1965. While at Wilmer-Hutchins he was Junior Class Favorite, President of the Student Body and voted Most-Likely-to-Succeed. He was Salutatorian of his graduating class. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington majoring in Engineering. He married Peggy on June 1, 1968. Armon was drafted into the United States Army in November 1969. He was Outstanding Recruit of his basic training class in Fort Lewis, Washington. He was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for Advanced training in Field Artillery. He excelled in his training and was promoted to Staff Sergeant after a few months service. He was held at Fort Sill after his class to assist with training other classes. In September 1970 he received orders for Vietnam where he supervised Artillery crews on various fire base camps. His daughter, Marissa was born in November 1970, one month after being sent to Vietnam and she was 9 months old before he saw her in person. After being Honorably Discharged from the Army, he was employed in various occupations, including: owner/manager of a convenience store and salesman for a printing/copier company. He was employed by Bruning, Corporation where he sold and trained others on computer-aided drafting software for the first desktop computer stations. During this time, he traveled extensively, spending the week away from home and coming home on the weekends. He

excelled and received numerous outstanding sales awards through the years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**. His son, Jon was born in 1973. He discovered he loved teaching others how to use a computer and took a job at Automated Office Solutions at the new Infomart building in Dallas, Texas. He developed curriculum and training materials while at AOS. He eventually began working for Atmos Energy and retired from there in December 2008 as a Supervisor of the Help Desk. Throughout his working career, he received high praise for his work ethic and ability to accomplish whatever task was set before him. Armon spent many hours volunteering for various church and civic organizations. He led the offering counting team at Trinity Church for several years and taught a Beginners Computer class. Armon loved to ride his bicycle and competed in many bike races. He was a good son, devoted to his parents until their deaths. He loved his extended family deeply. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Trinity Church in Cedar Hill, Texas. Visitation with the family was before and after the service. Armon was laid to rest in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 12:30 PM with full military honors provided by the United States Army. Memorial donations may be made to the 'If Campaign' at Trinity or to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration at <https://www.theaftd.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/contribute-electronically>.



WILLIAM H. "Bill" "Chilly" ALLEN, JR. - Died on Friday, November 18, 2016 in his home in Little Chute, Wisconsin after a short battle with brain cancer. He was 69 years of age. He was born on September 19, 1947, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, son of the late William and Margarette (née Chido) Allen. He was raised in Shawano, Wisconsin, and left home early to join the United States Army. Bill was very proud of his service from 1964-69. He was a medic during the Vietnam War. Bill was a *Life Member* and former *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**. Bill married Donna Knaack on December 27, 1967, and together have shared almost 49 years of marriage. He was an avid outdoorsman, especially enjoying hunting and fishing. Bill enjoyed time spent at the cottage on Loon Lake, and was always available to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. Mostly, Bill adored his children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful father and "Papa" to his grandchildren. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Donna; his children: Kelly (special friend, Brian) Hammen, Cory (Pauline) Allen, Barry (Laura) Allen, and Joseph (special friend, Mandy) Allen; grandchildren: Katie (Chris) Kuna, Jacob Hammen, Monica (special friend, Dan) Hammen, Emily Hammen, Justin (special friend, Mariah) Allen, Abigail Allen, Madeline Allen, Nathan Allen, Jack Allen, and Marley Allen; great-grandchildren: C.J. Kuna and Saylor Allen; a brother, David (Wanda) Allen; brothers and sisters-in-law: Penny (Fred) Bartman, Jack (Ann) Knaack, and Donald "Butch" (Loralie) Knaack; an uncle, John (Janis) Allen; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Memorial services were held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, November 25, 2016 at Saint John Nepomucene Catholic Church, 323 South Pine Street, Little Chute, with Reverend Father Ron Belitz, officiating. Friends came to the church on Friday from 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass. Interment was in Saint

Joseph Cemetery, Appleton. For online condolences, please visit www.verkuilenfh.com. The Allen family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Fox Valley Hematology and Oncology for their compassionate care and also to the members of Gold Cross and Fox Valley Metro for their life-saving efforts.

ERNEST NICHOLAS AMECUCCI, JR. – Died Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 88. The cause of death was septic shock, intra-abdominal infection and cholelithiasis. He was born in New Jersey on June 2, 1928 to the late Ernest Nicholas Amecucci, Sr. and Arvilla (née Hill) Amecucci. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**. He married Edna E. Amecucci on September 4, 1937 and then they got divorced on April 20, 1977 in Bexar County, Texas. They had two children one of which was James E. Amecucci who survives him. Ernest remarried Song Amecucci on June 2, 1983, and divorced her on March 9, 1995 in Bexar County, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Carol M. Amecucci.

THOMAS “Tom” AMIRANTE - Died Saturday, June 25, 2016 in Glenview, Illinois at the age of 66, after a courageous battle. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 12, 1949 to the late Jessica Zweiger. Tom was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was the beloved husband of Bonnie (née Rozycki); loving father of Tiffanie (Jason) Dargenio and Tracie (Steve) Padal; stepfather to Ron (Kelly) Neroda; devoted grandfather to Dylan Thomas; fond brother of Larna Keane and Donna Amirante; uncle of Bryan (Kathy) the late Kevin, Christine, Carey and Jennifer, and; loving brother-in-law of many. Tom was the current Commander of the Niles VFW Post #7712 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Island Park Chapter #242**. For those wishing to donate in Tom's memory, VFW Post #7712, P.O. Box 480354 Niles, IL 60714 for the Veteran's Relief Fund. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 AM at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 West Lawrence Avenue, Norridge, IL. Interment was in the Saint Adalbert Cemetery in Niles.



MICHAEL R. “Mike” ANDERSON, SR. - Died Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Brooks Memorial Hospital at the age of 72. He was a resident of Cassadaga, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 30, 1944 in Buffalo, New York to the late Frank Anderson and the late Grace (née Bauder) Schue. He was a 1962 graduate of Eden Central School. Mike was a Vietnam Veteran serving with the United States Army. He was employed 13 years in maintenance at Red Wing and seven years as a pre filter operator at Cliff Star. All through his life, he was involved in construction in one form or another. After his retirement in 2006 he was caretaker at Cassadaga Cemetery. Mike was a member of the Cassadaga Memorial American Legion Post #1280, Ellery Center VFW Post #557, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**, Newell-Faulkner American Legion Post #880, Eden, and VFW - Eden Memorial Post #8265. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, reading, working with his hands, spending time in his “*little workshop*,” making his famous macaroni and cheese and

cracking corny jokes. He was the husband of Sharon Pierce Penhollow-Anderson, whom he married Dec. 25, 1998; father of Catherine (Jeffery) Zahm, Michael Roy Anderson, Jr., Martin J. Anderson all of Forestville, Connie Elliott of CO and Sharon L. (Ron) Smith of Anchorage, AK;; step-father of Stanley (Kathy) Childs of Forestville, Susan Childs of Brocton, Daniel (Amy) Penhollow of Falconer and the late Steven Penhollow; grandfather of 15, including, Steven Penhollow, II and Brandon Penhollow, who he raised and the late Oren J. Harvey, Jr.; great-grandfather of five; brother of Grace (late Martin) Szal of Eden, Susie (John) Murray of Greensboro, N.C., Mary (James) Wacker of S. Wales, Rose (Larry) Hauser of W. Seneca and the late Phillip and Donald Anderson. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service was at 2:00 PM on Saturday at the Cassadaga Memorial American Legion #1280, 228 Maple Avenue, Cassadaga, where Full Military Honors were provided by the Color Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Cassadaga Memorial American Legion #1280 or to the Cassadaga VFD. Arrangements were made by the Jordan Funeral Home, Sinclairville.



PAUL R. ANDRUZZI - Died early Friday morning, February 24, 2017 at the VAMC in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. He was a resident of Oneida, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania on May 11, 1948 to the late Joseph and Bertha (née Ziolk) Andruzzi. He was a 1967 graduate of West Hazleton High School, and a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish at Transfiguration Church in West Hazleton. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War. Paul was also a member of the 28th Division of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Fort Indiantown Gap where he served as an enlisted aide to General Harold Lavelle. In earlier years, until his disability, Paul worked at the All-Steel plant in Valmont Industrial Park. Paul was not only a proud Marine, but a strong advocate for all veteran-related and community causes. He was a former Post Commander at the West Hazleton VFW, and a member of the Freeland American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dallas (Pennsylvania) Chapter #1035**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Joanne Kapchinski. Surviving are three sons, US Navy Lt. Commander Paul J. Andruzzi and his wife Honor of St. Augustine FL, Brian P. Andruzzi and his wife Nicole of Gainesville VA, and Thomas A. Andruzzi and his significant other, Amy Kazinetz of Conyngham; five grandchildren, Audriana, Patrick, Paul, Braydon and Kaydin; sisters, Helen Socko and her husband John of Wilmington DE, Diana Shutak and her husband Michael of Bear DE; two brothers, Joseph J. Andruzzi and his wife Mary of Chicago IL, and Robert J. Andruzzi and his wife Mary Ellen of Elsmere DE; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Paul's funeral service was held on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish at Transfiguration Church, located at 213 West Green Street in West Hazleton, with a Mass of Christian Burial being celebrated at 11:00 AM. A procession then travelled to the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville for interment services with Military Honors at 2:00 PM. Krapf and Hughes Funeral Home assisted the family through their

Hazle Chapel located at 426 West Broad Street in Hazleton. Friends came to the Hazle Chapel on Monday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM.

GARY L. ASH – Died Thursday, February 16, 2017 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 30, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**.



LAWRENCE CHARLES "Hippy" AUBUT - Died Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in Nanuet, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Nyack, New York on November 17, 1941 to the late Harold and Amelia Aubut. "Hippy" proudly served as a decorated soldier, in-country United States Army Vietnam Veteran who served with the 1st Cavalry Division. He retired from the Rockland County Highway Department and was a long time member of the Nam Knights of America Motorcycle Club, Hudson Valley Chapter. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. He is survived by his children, Tara, Jennifer, Scott and Kathleen. Hippy will be remembered for his selfless acts of charity, mostly concerning homeless animals and children. Visiting hours were on Wednesday from 4:00-9:00 PM at the Assumma-Shankey Funeral Home. A graveside service was on Thursday at 10:00 AM at The Frederick Loescher Veterans Cemetery in New Hempstead, NY. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to Warwick Valley Humane Society, PO Box 61, Warwick, NY 10990, or the Hudson Valley Chapter Nam Knights, 1 Western Highway, Tappan, NY 10983.



DAVID ANDREW HOWARD BAKER – Died Thursday, December 31, 2015 in Galveston, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born on September 1, 1950 in Houston, Texas to the late Andrew Z. and Jean M. Baker. The family moved to Galveston in 1954 where Baker has been a resident ever since. He graduated from Ball High School in 1969 and served in the United States Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1970-71. He later attended Galveston College and graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington in 1976 with a B.A. in History. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Chapter #685** and served a short time as Chapter Treasurer. After years of searching, David found his calling in the Galveston Fire Department where he rose to the rank of Captain and retired after 29 years due to health reasons. David believed strongly in workers' rights and served many years on the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 571 executive board including 2 years (1995 & 96) as President. David was a life-long Democrat and

served as Precinct Chair for over 25 years. His retirement was spent doing whatever he and his wife wanted to do! David was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Z. and Jean Baker, his brother and sister-in-law, John R. and Jeanne (French) Baker, special cousin, Andra Rowland, and brother-in-law, Dennis Strain. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Dianna Sue (Strain) Baker, daughter Diandra Baker Puccetti (Benji); stepsons Allen L. Jackson, II and Toby Jackson (Julie); beautiful grandchildren Brandon Puccetti, Carmella Puccetti, Dianna Jackson, A.J. Jackson, Sean Jackson, Dustin Talley (Iris), and Zowie Talley, and great grandchild Arabella Talley. Sisters Bonnie Palmer (Ken) of Dickinson and Susan P. Baker (John Hunger) of San Miguel de Allende, MX; brothers-in-law Doug Strain (Pat) of Austin, Darrell Strain (Barbara) of Austin, and Dwight Strain (Georgia) of Galveston. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins including special cousin Daniel McBride, and other relatives and friends. Mr. Baker's family received visitors from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Malloy and Son Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Malloy and Son Funeral Home with burial in the Grace Memorial Park Cemetery in Hitchcock, TX. The pallbearers were Charles Olsen, Douglas Strain, Dwight Strain, John Hunger, Ken Palmer, and Pete Olsen. The honorary pallbearers were Diandra Baker Puccetti, Allen Jackson, II, Toby Jackson, Susan Reyna, Tara Hall, Robert Baker, Ben Baker, Keith Palmer, Karen Sinclair, and John Strain. In lieu of flowers, the family of David Baker respectfully requested that donations be made to National Brain Tumor Society, 55 Chapel Street, Suite #200, Newton, MA 02458 or online at [www. Defeatgbm.org](http://www.Defeatgbm.org).

ROBERT F. "Bob" BARRETT, JR. – Died Sunday, March 13, 2016 in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. Bob was born on July 17 1943 in Newark New Jersey to the late Robert F. Barrett, Sr. and Dorothy Barrett. He was also predeceased by his wife, Shifra (née Stein) Barrett. He was an extraordinary man, a man who told stories with photos and words. He was a world traveler who loved and lived and breathed his work, which was also his hobby. As a staff photographer for UMKC (University of Missouri – Kansas City) and an independent free-lance photographer (or as he called himself, a fer-de-lance) he photographed many important figures of the last 4 decades, He was a published photographer in countless magazines and books. His interests and expertise included Art Deco architecture, birds of all shapes and sizes, music of any persuasion, collecting everything and anything at estate sales. After rebelling at Catholic school, he was introduced to Scouting (eventually becoming an Eagle Scout) which included a trip to New Mexico which opened his eyes to the vastness and allure of travel. His first photo was of the Statue of Liberty at age 10 and he was hooked from then on. He attended UMKC for a couple of years where he met international students for the first time and became involved in civil rights and the anti-war movement. An unwilling conscript to the draft, he served in the United States Army in Vietnam in 1966-1968, before returning to UMKC to finish his degree. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. As a free-lance photographer for the KC Star, he met his soul- mate on their first assignment together which was strictly by chance - Shifra Stein was his partner for over 40 years and his wife for the last 20 (or so). They traveled the world together, but most importantly the two of them were an unbeatable team for journalism and photography here in KC. Bob was a mentor to many and collected friends who will never forget him. He was a world- class story-teller and had a fantastic memory for a lifetime of experiences.

Bob preferred an ending to his life at Saint Luke's Hospice House, and chose cremation and did not want a memorial service and his close friends and family honor his wishes. He is survived by his brother, Richard of Richmond, Virginia and his wife Kathleen and children; his stepson, Jason Stein and his wife Erica and their children Samantha and Max of Boca Raton, FL; his sister-in-law, and her husband, Judith and David Epstein of Overland Park, KS and his special friends (and you know who you are) who were lucky enough to have met him and be touched by his zest for life.

PAUL M. BAUER - Died Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Hardeeville, South Carolina at the age of 72. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on February 4, 1945 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was the cherished husband of Linda (née Sachs) Bauer, in Hardeeville; loving father of Samantha (Harry) Kuffel, of Sugar Grove, IL and Jason Bauer (Karla), of Winfield, IL; proud grandfather of Riley, Ella and Harrison Kuffel and Chase and Caden Bauer, and; devoted brother of Pat Lewis, of Cave Creek, AZ, Estelle Shreffler, of Phoenix, AZ and Margaret Ann Vogt, of Milwaukee, WI. Paul volunteered in a variety of organizations over the years, enjoyed travel, photography, fishing, hiking, gardening and woodworking projects. He attended Saint Sebastian Grade School, Marquette High School and the University of Wisconsin, earning a BS in Economics. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps, two of which were in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**. Moving to Chicago, he worked in Corporate Real Estate Appraisal until he retired at which point moved to warmer South Carolina. He fought a valiant battle with lung cancer. A Memorial Service was celebrated on Friday, March 31st at 10:30 AM at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 West Hoff Road, Elwood, Illinois. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated.

ROBERT JESSE BEALL - Died Monday, January 23, 2017 at the Lebanon Community Hospital in Lebanon, Oregon at the age of 81. He was a resident of Lebanon. The cause of death was kidney failure. He was born October 21, 1935. He served in the United States Air Force from March 25, 1954 to March 31, 1980 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**. Huston-Jost Funeral Home was in charge of handling the arrangements.



JAMES F. "Jim" BEAN, SR. - Died Saturday, January 14, 2017 in York, Pennsylvania after a courageous six year battle with cancer at the age of 69. He was born on November 15, 1947 in York to the late Robert G. and Dorothy R. (née Walter) Bean. He was the husband of Linda L. (née Stambaugh) Bean to whom he was married for 48 years. He served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, "The Walking Dead", during the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart for his service. Semper Fi, Jim. Jim worked as a supervisor at York International, Teledyne Readco, and MicronPA before his retirement in 2011. James was a life member of the West York VFW #8951, a member and *Past President* of

Vietnam Veterans of America – York Chapter #1032, Shiloh American Legion, BPO Elks #213, First Capital Marine Corps League and the York Hiking Club. He served as a board member for Heritage Valley Credit Union. Jim started "ALLVETS" which records veteran stories. He loved helping veterans and thanking them for their service and was very proud to have served his country. Jim recently received the "Service above Self" award from the Rotary Club and an award from the Elks for his work with the veterans. He was recently elected as the District Field Officer for the Vietnam Veterans of America. Jim enjoyed dancing and lived life to his fullest. In addition to his wife, he leaves a daughter, Christine L. Russo of York; a son, James F. "Jimmy" Bean, Jr. and wife, Tracy of Belmar, NJ; three grandchildren, Connor J. Wine, Maximus J. and Alexander J. Bean; a brother, Robert Bean and his wife, Carol of Elizabethtown; three sisters, Pat Christian and her husband, Harlie of Wrightsville, Joyce Kelkis and her husband, Frank of York, and Cathy Malstrom and her husband Glen of Chincoteague, VA; and numerous nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Heffner Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc., 1551 Kenneth Road, York, with Pastor Aaron J. Kunce officiating. A viewing was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the funeral home and from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Friday prior to the service. The burial was at the Mount Rose Cemetery with full military honors provided by York County Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Committee at BPO Elks #213, 223 North George Street, York, PA 17401.



KENNETH PATRICK "Pat" BEILSMITH - Died Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the Kansas City Hospice House at the age of 68. He was a resident of Peculiar, Missouri. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis. Pat was born on October 19, 1948 in Marshall, Missouri to the late Dale and Sue (née Donnelly) Beilsmith. For four years Pat served this great nation in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War with a tour of duty from 1971 to 1972. He went on to receive his Master's Degree in Business Administration. On September 5, 1987 Pat married the love of his life, Ellen R. Sapp. Before his retirement, Pat worked as a Clinical Research Associate for Quintiles. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #4367 of Slater, Missouri. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, John F. Beilsmith. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Ellen R. Beilsmith; his sisters, Gaye Beilsmith, Barbara Chevalier (Jim), Bonnie Smith (Dale), Darlene Leffler (Bob), and Reney Schild (Lamar); several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews. A Celebration of Life Service was from 11:00-1:00 PM with "Words from the Heart" beginning at 11:30 AM on Saturday, November 19th, at the Cullen Funeral Home, Raymore, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Wayside Waifs, or to the Welcome House of Kansas City. To send memorial condolences: www.cullenfuneralhome.com. The arrangements were made by the Cullen Funeral Home, Raymore, MO.



DAVID J. BELAIRE - Died Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the ProMedica Bixby Hospital at the age of 65. He was a resident of Brooklyn, Michigan. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on February 19, 1952 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to the late John and Edna (née Wakkala) Belaire. David proudly served in the United States Navy from June, 1969 to July, 1971, with the Inshore Underwater Warfare Group during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. He married Tracey Righter in 1999, spending their honeymoon in Hawaii, and she survives. He worked for Steeb Dodge as a mechanic. David was a master woodworker and enjoyed giving away his projects to his loved ones. He was also known in the area as a phenomenal guitarist and enjoyed traveling, especially to Rome, GA to visit good friends, Harvey and Sheila Chapman, but most of all he was a beloved father, husband, son, brother and grandfather. In addition to his wife, Tracey, David is survived by three sons, Jason (Jennifer) Belaire of Ypsilanti, Justin (Angie) Belaire of Jackson, Jon Belaire of Brooklyn; two stepsons, Jeremy (Shannon) Barrett of Tecumseh and Matthew (Jessenia) Barrett of Miami, FL; two brothers, Peter (Deborah) Belaire of Saline and Dennis (Marian) Belaire of Wixom; one sister, Sue Belaire of Tecumseh; six grandchildren, Isabelle, Leigha, Nicholas, Matthew, Andrew and Olivia. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Amy L. Belaire. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, Adrian, Michigan. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 16, 2017 beginning at 4:00 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home in Adrian with Steve Righter officiating. The burial was in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. You may send condolences to the family at www.andersonfuneralservices.com. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at the Anderson Funeral Home, Adrian.

STEPHEN R. BENNETT - Died Thursday, January 19, 2017 in London, Ohio at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in London on March 9, 1944 to the late Hartford Cleo and Kathryn (née Dooley) Bennett. Steve retired from Ranco, was a veteran of the United States Army having served during Vietnam, was current Commander of American Legion Post #105, member and past president and Trustee of Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #950, Moose on Main Lodge, Amvets Post #19 and was an eye donor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**. He is survived by his children, Jason Reed Bennett, of South Dakota, Scott Bennett of London; Lori (Aaron) Jewell of Hilliard; his grandchildren, Nathan, Stephanie, Makayla Kyle Eugene, Alexandra Anne and Evelyn Bennett Jewell; his twin sister, Susan (Homer) Caldwell of Florida, his sister, Diane (Bud) Gross of Sidney; several nieces and nephews, and his girlfriend and companion Brenda Ayres. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Jean; his brothers, Hartford Eugene and Donald John Bennett; his sisters, Rosalyn Redding and Eleanor Martin. The graveside service was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday (1-28) in the Saint Patrick Cemetery with Reverend Father Mark Ghiloni. The Honor Guard from American Legion Post #105 presented the honors. A gathering of family and friends were held on Saturday at the American Legion Post (First St. across from Library)

from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Services were entrusted to Rader-Lynch and Dodds Funeral Home and Cremation Service, London.



RICHARD F. BOUCHER, SR. - Died Sunday, February 12, 2017 in Ludlow, Massachusetts at the age of 71. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Ludlow on March 28, 1945 to the late Ovila and Helen (née Nahorniak) Boucher. He was raised in Willimansett and was a 1965 graduate of Chicopee High School before returning to Ludlow many years ago. Richard held various jobs in his youth and was a hard-working man before being drafted into the military in 1966. He was a proud United States Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam-era and retired from the military on December 26, 1978 after 12 years of dedicated service. Richard was a faithful communicant of Christ the King Church, a proud member of the American Legion Post #275 in Chicopee, and a life member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America New England Chapter, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**, Disabled American Veterans, VFW, and National Association of the Uniformed Services. Richard was the beloved husband of 49 years to Pyong “Wonda” (Yu) Boucher; a loving father to Richard F. Boucher, Jr., of FL, Jon E. Boucher, of Chicopee, and Tammy Sultaire, of FL; a dear brother to James Boucher, of FL, Sandra Bratcher, of Louisiana, Carolynn Boucher, of FL, and the late Joann Pendrick; grandfather to John Boucher, Jr. James, Jeff, and Richard Viera, and also leaves many loving extended family members and friends. Funeral services for Richard were on Saturday, February 18th at 9:00 AM from the Ludlow Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Christ the King Church followed by burial in Saint Aloysius Cemetery. Visiting hours were on Friday from 6:00-8:00 PM and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ludlow Veterans Services 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.



REVEREND CLATE WILLIAM BRIGGS, JR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Erwin Health Care Center after an extended illness at the age of 84. He was a resident of Elizabethton, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Carter County, Tennessee on January 7, 1933 to the late Clate William Briggs, Sr. and Hulda (née Thomas) Briggs. He was a graduate of Elizabethton High School. He served twenty years in the United States Army. He was stationed in Ft. Jackson, SC, Ft. Hood, Texas, Ft. Sill, Okla., Ft. Polk, La, Ft. Benning, Ga and Ft. Lewis WA. He had tours of duty in Korea, Greenland and two tours in Germany and Vietnam. At Ft. Still, he was awarded a certificate of Achievement by the Post Commander. He also received a Swagger Stick for Superior Instructor Performances in field artillery from USATC FA Training Center. The Vietnam Government presented him a certificate of Appreciation for his work as US Army Advisor. He received the following medals: United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with OLC, Bronze Star with OLC, Purple

Heart, Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal 5th Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 OLC. Rev. Briggs served as a Minister in Lawton, Oklahoma and West Helena, Arkansas. Upon his retirement from the Military in 1982, he had been a minister to the Carter County Nursing Homes. He was loved by all the residents as he walked the halls singing, playing his guitar, praying and talking to everyone. On Sunday he had church service for two nursing homes. In 1995 Rev. Briggs was honored as the Volunteer of the year by the Tennessee Health Care Association. Rev. Briggs was a member and Vice-President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824**, where he ministered to veterans of all wars. He was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife and life partner, Kate Oliver Briggs who died November 30, 2004, a son Bobby Lee Briggs, a brother, Jerald Briggs and a grandson, Travis Bradshaw. Survivors include his daughters, Dolores Moore and husband Geff, Johnson City and Karen McLaughlin and husband Jimmy, Independence, Missouri; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and; one brother, Joel Briggs and wife Ina, Elizabethton. A graveside service was conducted at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 in the Wilson Cemetery with the Reverend Nathan Jennings and Reverend Jack Lloyd officiating. Pallbearers and Military Honors were provided by the Tennessee National Guard. The family received friends from 1:30 to 2:30 PM on Wednesday in the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at the web-site www.memorialfcelizabethton.com. Memorial Funeral Chapel served the Briggs family.



LEWIS LAMAR BRIGHT, JR. - Died Friday, July 9, 2010 in Chapin, South Carolina at the age of 61, after an extended illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Radford, Virginia on October 31, 1948 to the late Lewis Lamar Bright, Sr. and Mary C. Bright. After serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, he worked in automobile sales until becoming disabled. Lamar was a member of Wade Hampton #404 Masonic Lodge, a York Right Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason 32°, and a Shriner. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina**. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Belinda H. Bright, a daughter, Heather B. McLinden and her husband Robert, of Chapin, SC, and two grandchildren. A memorial service for Lamar Bright was held in early August. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Open Arms Hospice, 1836 West Georgia Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680.

JOHN EDWIN “Jack” BRONSON, JR. – Died on Sunday, January 17, 2016 in Homerville, Georgia at the age of 71. He was formerly from Ellabell, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 19, 1946 in New Jersey. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope Chapter #327**. Funeral services for Mr. Bronson were held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the Trinity Baptist Church. The family received friends on Saturday from 10:30 until 11:00 AM at the church. Memorialization was by cremation.

CHARLES BROOKS – Died recently in 2017 in Wilmington, Delaware at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 19, 1928. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**.

LARRY DONALD “Gomer” BUEHRING - Died Tuesday morning, February 7, 2017 at his residence in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 67. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on April 23, 1949 in Oshkosh to the late Donald and Joyce (née Rusch) Buehring, who survives. Gomer graduated Oshkosh High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Gomer worked as an equipment operator for Winnebago County, but was known for his incurable collecting. He was a founder of the Pickett Steam and Gas Engine Club, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437** and would lend a hand anywhere that he was needed. Larry is survived by his mother: Joyce Buehring; sisters: Jane (Thomas) Hill, Julie Matulle and adopted sister: Wendy Hanson; brother: Thomas (Susan) Buehring; and he always treated his nieces and nephews: Amy, Kris, Paul, Betsy, Emily, Rebecca and Jonathon like they were his own. He is further survived by ten and another close to be due, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Stanley (Lillian) Buehring and Carl (Rose) Rusch; father: Donald; and brother: Wayne. A funeral service was held for Gomer at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-(Westside) with the Reverend Tim Greenwald officiating. Visitation hours were held at the funeral home from 3:00 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established. The family would like to send a thank you to the many friends, family, neighbors and Aurora Hospice and medical team for their wonderful care and support of Gomer.



JOSEPH F. “Joe” CARINI – Died Friday, February 13, 2015 in Norridge, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 8, 1947 to the late Antonio and Filippa Carini. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**. He was a longtime companion of Susan Andrade; loving father of Anthony J. (Arielle Myrick) Carini; dear brother of Grace Huertas, Lee (the late Barbara J.) Carini and the late Mary Cecala; fond uncle of Kimberly Michelle (Richard) Hannigan, and; great-uncle of Ashley and Allyson.



GARY FRANCIS CARTER - Died Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center after a very courageous ten-month battle with cancer surrounded by many loved ones whom he inspired with his strength and hope. He was 63 years of age and was a resident of Westport, Maryland and formerly of Mount Savage, Maryland. Gary continually lifted his family during his journey often more concerned with their feelings than with his own. He was born on February 4, 1954 in Frostburg, Maryland to the Francis Aloysius

Carter and Virginia Lee (née Smith) Carter. He was also preceded in death by an infant sister: Rosemarie Carter; beloved stepdaughter: Mandy May; and beloved grandson: Thadius Duckworth. He was a United States Navy Veteran during the Vietnam War and a retired insurance agent for Baltimore Life. He was a member of the Mount Savage VFW Post #6025; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**; and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. Gary is survived by his wife of 17 years: Bev Carter; his daughters: Kimberly Harmon-Couch, Winchester, VA; and Stephanie Cooper, Frostburg, MD; and his son: Steve Cooper and wife, Ann, Cumberland, MD. He also leaves behind his loving sisters: Janet Lee Robison and husband, Rick; Joyce Wolfe, all of Mount Savage, MD; and Patti Carter, Frostburg, MD; and his nieces and nephews who were the light of his life: Brian Robison and Fiancée, Jen Miller; Matthew Wolfe; Lacey Robison; Tyler Carter and wife, Barbara; and Heather Wolfe and fiancée, Shawn Crabtree. He also leaves behind his great nephews: Landon, Lincoln, and Carson; and his stepchildren: Christy McMillan; John McMillan and wife, Donna; his adored grandchildren: Bryson Duckworth; Skylynn McMillan; Madison Combs, John McMillan, Jr., and Kayla Willison; and his great grandchildren: Ambrose and Stevie; as well as several grandchildren. Gary also leaves behind many friends, especially Jim Goldsworthy and Mark Corley who have been a source of strength and encouragement to Gary. They were true friends in every sense of the word. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, on Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Friday, March 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM, with Reverend George Harpold officiating. The family also received friends one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Pallbearers were Rick Robison, Brian Robison, Matt Wolfe, Tyler Carter, Bryson Duckworth, and John “Mo” Pratt. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. The family would like to thank the staff and doctors who helped Gary especially the Fifth Floor Nurses, Dr. Zaman and Dr. Sprengle who were truly wonderful. The family requested that memorial contributions be made to the Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Department, 15701 Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD 21545.



MICHAEL ROBERT CASO - Died Saturday, January 16, 2016 in Port Angeles, Washington at the age of 68 after a short battle with cancer. He was born March 18, 1947, in Hackensack, New Jersey to Robert Caso and Louise (née Spicer) Caso. He attended Queen of Angels Catholic School, Roosevelt Junior High and graduated from Port Angeles High School in 1965. After graduation from PAHS he joined the United States Navy, doing a tour in Vietnam. After his service in the Navy, he attended Peninsula College. He worked as a longshoreman until retirement. Throughout the years, he was active in the Masonic Lodge, United Way, Search and Rescue, scuba diving, Guardian Ad Litem, Democratic Party, The Gun Club, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Washington** and he served on the Cowlitz Tribal Board. He is survived by Diana, his wife of 33 years; his son, Sean Caso; grandson, Kalehua; granddaughter, Kawai; his parents, Robert Caso and Louise Spicer; his sister Darcie (Mike) Kitz; nephew, Kristopher

(Alaina) Kitz; great-nephew, Cayden; and great-niece, Natalia. He was preceded in death by his sister, Robin Monds. At his request there was no service.



BILLY W. "Bill" CASTLEBERRY (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday August 29, 2015 at his home in Joplin, Missouri at the age of 79, following a courageous battle with cancer. His family knew that he waited for "the guy on the Harley" to come pick him up and take him to heaven. Billy was born on December 9, 1935 in Autauga County, Alabama to the late James Ernest and Imma Dean (née Ellington) Castleberry. He was in the United States Army from 1953-1973, serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant. After retiring, he graduated from Arkansas Tech with a BS in Psychology and received a Master's Degree in Psychology from the University of Central Arkansas. Billy then worked as a Mental Health Counselor in Arkansas and Oklahoma and retired from that to do home repairs and woodwork. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami (Oklahoma) Chapter #277**. He eventually retired for the last time and founded the Wheel-Around Squares square and round (ballroom) dance club, along with his wife, Mary, whom he met while square dancing. He had been a long-time, avid dancer, and the two of them were very active dancing and teaching throughout the local area and even nationally. He was a faithful Christian all of his life, and recently became a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church, which he had consistently attended with his wife. Billy married Mary Conrad on October 17, 1992, and she survives. Additional survivors include: two sons, Larry Castleberry and wife Regina, Dallas, TX., Robert Castleberry and wife Kylie, Sydney, Australia; one daughter, Patricia Carter, Hot Springs, Ar.; two step-children, Richard Baldwin, Toronto, Canada, and Rebecca Hamlin and husband Jason, Webb City, Mo.; one sister, Sue Richardson, Thibodaux, La.; and several half-brothers; eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Genine. A Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday at Saint Mary Catholic Church with the Reverend Father Justin Monaghan, officiating. Military Honors were conducted following the service and will be conducted by the Missouri National Guard Military Honors Team. Billy was then taken for cremation following services. A prayer service followed by a visitation and was from 6:00-7:30 PM on Tuesday at the Mason-Woodard Mortuary. Memorial contributions may be given to the Wounded Warriors Project in care of the mortuary. Billy's remains were interred with a private ceremony at the Military Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri. Arrangements were under the direction of Mason-Woodard Mortuary and Crematory.



FRED I. CATA – Died in August 2016 in Miami, Oklahoma at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 9, 1945 in Miami, Oklahoma. He served in the United

States Army from July 12, 1967 to May 12, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.



LAWRENCE JAMES “Larry” CHARTIENITZ - Died Saturday, July 30, 2016 in Hyattsville, Maryland at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related glioblastoma – brain cancer. He was born in Brighton, Massachusetts on February 14, 1946 to the late Elizabeth and Anthony Chartienitz. He was the loving husband of the late Sheila M. Power. He is survived by his daughters, Jessica Mencunas, Julia Chartienitz, Lydia Chartienitz, and son, Joshua Chartienitz. He is also survived by his sister, Janice Kilroy and two grandchildren, Cameron and Gracie Mencunas. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Larry was a realtor in the Washington, DC and surrounding area for many years after having worked for the then Senator John F. Kerry in his state office doing constituent services for Massachusetts veterans. As an early supporter and proponent of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Larry worked passionately alongside the founders of the VVA in support of legislation and greater public awareness of the issues faced by Vietnam-era veterans and their families. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington, DC**. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. There was a memorial remembrance at Saint Peter Church during Mass on Friday, August 5th at 12:10 PM. Saint Peter Church is located at 313 2nd Street, SE. A full military service and interment was held at Arlington National Cemetery on April 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations were welcome in his memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America or the American Cancer Society.

RICHARD V. CLITES - Died Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Frostburg Village Nursing Home at the age of 86. He was a resident of Lonaconing, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 20, 1931 in Dudley, Pennsylvania to the late Samuel and Clara Faye (née Woomer) Clites. He was also preceded in death by his two brothers, Scott and James Clites; and one sister, Sonja Trahern. Richard was a Veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and served in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the Centre Street United Methodist Church, the Fleet Reserve, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, the VFW, and the American Legion. Richard enjoyed music and playing his guitar with many local bands, NASCAR, and Washington Redskins. Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Rose Clites; his daughters, Pam Clites, Suzie Grissett and husband Rodney, of Florida, and Rhonda Blubaugh; one son, Terry Clites and wife Rosemary, of California; one brother, Charles Clites and wife Cathy, of Baton Rouge LA; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland, on Wednesday, March 22nd, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. A Funeral Service was conducted at the funeral home.

home on Thursday, March 23rd, at 1:00 PM with Pastor Tom Young officiating. Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Park. Military Honors were conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172. Condolences for the family may be left at www.ScarpelliFH.com.



DOROTHY "Dottie" (née McDONNELL) COOKE, PH.D. (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Friday, September 23, 2016 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. She was born September 25, 1946 to the late Bernard P. and Dorothy (née Dowd) McDonnell. She was the dear mother of Brian J. (Christine) Cooke, Dorothy (Ralph) Silverman, Lewis Cooke and Ana (Kobe) Taher; dear grandmother of Brian, Nora, Catherine, Cipriano Jr., Ella, Grace and Lukas; dear sister of Mary Claire, Bernard, and Myles McDonnell; our dear sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Dottie was a graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart City House, Saint John's School of Nursing, and Saint Louis University where she earned a Ph.D. She served honorably during the Vietnam War earning a Bronze Star and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves after 32 years of service. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #794**. She taught at Saint Louis University as a Professor of Nursing. The funeral was from Kriegshauser West, 9450 Olive Boulevard, on Thursday, September 29th at 9:30 AM to Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 106 North Meramec Avenue, Clayton for a 10:00 AM Mass. The interment was in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday. Memorials were requested to go to the Religious of the Sacred Heart, 4120 Forest Park Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63108 and would be greatly appreciated.

JOHN CRAIG – Died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Iselin, New Jersey at the age of 68. The cause of death was acute pulmonary edema, acute cardiac insufficiency and bilateral hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 21, 1948. He is survived by his wife Joan. He served in the United States Marine Corps from September 14, 1966 to November 18, 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**.

JAMES PATRICK CROWLEY – Died recently in 2016 in Huntington Beach, California at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 7, 1934. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Major* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach Chapter #756**.



PATRICK JOHN "Pat" CUNNINGHAM (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Friday, March 24, 2017 in Williamsville, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related respiratory illness. He was born April 2, 1938 to the late Cecil and Grace Cunningham. Pat graduated from Canisius College in 1959 with a degree in Sociology and a commission in the United States Army. In the 58 years since graduating, he has served his country, community, family, and God. Pat spent 30 years in the Army, retiring as a Colonel. He received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal. His Army career drew to a close with his final assignment at Fort Ben Harrison in Indianapolis, IN. It was during those years that he became hooked on Indy Cars. He went to 30 Indy 500s and fully intended to be at this year's race. He'll be there. Now, he'll have an even better seat. After retiring, he moved back home to Buffalo. While we have no proof,

we suspect Pat and Sheila may be the only people who have ever retired and moved to Buffalo. Along with being close to family again, the move to Buffalo reaped another blessing: a second career. Pat started working as the Executive Director at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Servicemen's Park in 1993. The life-long soldier got an office on a ship. In addition to being dedicated to his career, Pat was an active volunteer in...well, Sheila would say "everything"...but most recently Boy Scouts, Rotary, MOAA, and Saint Pius X in Getzville. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was also a proud high school football and basketball referee, and a little league baseball umpire. In other words, he didn't have to be popular with the crowd to feel accomplished. This is what he did but not who he was. Whenever someone passes away, everyone talks about how great he was or how loved she was because, honestly, no one wants to speak ill of the dead. But, there are people out there who are genuinely worthy of such praise. People of honor. Men and women who live their lives by a code. Those for whom phrases like 'God, Family, Country' aren't just bumper stickers, but a way of life. Those who give of themselves, not for a reward, but because it's simply the right thing to do. People who volunteer because there's simply a need. Who was Pat? He was a good man. Every morning when he left the house for work, Sheila would say, "Have a good day." And Pat would respond, "All days are good days. Some are just better than others." Every morning. At the dinner table, he would ask his children, "What did you do for your country today?" He would ask their friends when they called, "What did you do for your country today?" He regularly asked his grandchildren, "What did you do for your country today?" It instilled a sense of service in each of us. And since we knew the question was coming, we thought through our days looking for worthy responses. In all honesty, sometimes we had paltry responses but other times the answers were more substantial. The question helped us to live more intentionally. It would be hard to find a man who persevered more...who never gave up. Many people knew of the health problems he has had over the last several years and witnessed that perseverance. Few knew all of his health problems. If asked, he said he was "Fine. Great!" He never gave up. Never. Never. Never. People move on. Their works remain. Pat dedicated his life to the service of his family and he deposited in each child and grandchild the best of himself, the gift of his example, the legacy of service and integrity. Pat was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Sheila. He is survived by his daughters Colleen (Scott) Burns and Kathleen (Rob) Kappel, his sons Michael (Pam), Sean (Michelle), and Patrick (Christina), 14 grandchildren, Andrew, Scout, Victoria, Eric, Kyle, Ryan, Reilly, Timothy, Matthew, Samuel, Alexandra, Molly, Parker, and Elsin. He is also survived by his brother the Most Reverend Robert Cunningham, his sister Eileen (Ronald) Korn, and his sister-in-law Dolores Shovens. Friends visited on Sunday from 4:00-7:00 PM and on Monday from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Dengler Roberts Perna Funeral Home 8630 Transit Road, East Amherst, New York. Friends were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial from Saint Pius X Roman Catholic Church 1700 North French Road, Getzville, New York on Tuesday at 10:00 AM celebrated by his brother, the Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham, the Bishop of Syracuse. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Buffalo Naval Park. Colonel, we wish you fair winds and following seas.

MICHAEL D. CURRAN – Died recently in 2016 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in London, England, United Kingdom on January 23, 1941. He

served in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1992 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.



GERALD RAYMOND DAOUST - Died Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Community Hospital in Bryan, Ohio at the age of 66. He was a resident of Bryan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 3, 1948 to the late William and Maxine (née Stoll) Daoust of Defiance, Ohio. On April 19, 1991 he married Cindy (née Singer) Daoust. Gerald served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1967-1973. He earned a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with bar, Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, and a Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V". Gerald worked at General Motors for 30 years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the VFW Post #3360 in Defiance, UAW #211, AMVETS Chapter #991, a *Life Member* **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**, Combat Vet Motorcycles Association, and was a Charter Member of the Herman Hesselschwardt Marine Corps League. Gerald loved attending Alex and Ashley's sporting events. He also loved motorcycle riding and Notre Dame Football. Gerald is survived by his loving spouse, Cindy Daoust of Bryan, OH, son, Alex J. Daoust and daughter, Ashley K. Daoust of Bryan, sister, Barb Hasselschwert of Defiance, brothers, Tom (Jill) Daoust of Arizona, David Daoust, and Doug (Therese) Daoust of Defiance, and brother, Bill Daoust, of Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Maxine Daoust, and brother, Roger Daoust. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, Ohio. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at the funeral home with Reverend Father John Stites officiating. Burial took place in the Riverside Cemetery. Memorials were suggested to the Marine Corps League. Online condolences can be given at www.Schafferfh.com.

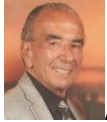


RICHARD EUGENE "Rick" DAUGHTREY - Died Saturday, February 25, 2017 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 70, surrounded by his family in Dothan, Alabama. The cause of death was Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He was born on January 23, 1947 in Chattanooga to the late James and Frances Daughtrey. Before Rick retired, he was the owner of L&R cabinets for over 20 years, doing what he loved. His beautiful cabinet work can be seen all over the city of Chattanooga. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need of help. Throughout the years of his marriage, with his wife, they traveled all over the world, places ranging from Russia to Bahamas. His favorite type of traveling was through cruises. After their retirement, they decided to travel in their own country, as Camp Host in various state parts. He loved building campfires, while making sure he made all of his daily phone calls. Sometimes he was accused of having his phone glued to his ear. He served in the United States Navy from

April 12, 1966 to December 12, 1971 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sisters Bonnie Moore and Sue Womack. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Linda Daughtrey, and his three daughters Janice (Stephen) Wilson, Pam (Keith) Evans, and Angel (David) Bennett. The light of his life was his four grandchildren, Kayla Wilson, Katie Wilson, Sterling Tindell, and Trey Bennett. He is also survived by his sister, Sis Davis (Gene) and many nieces and nephews, loving friends, and his best friend, his dog Bo. A visitation was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Randy Bell officiating. A committal service was at 12:30 PM at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Arrangements were held by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343. Please share your thoughts and memories at www.chattanooganorthchapel.com.

DARWIN STANLEY DAVENPORT – Died Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Coos Bay, Oregon at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 18, 1950 in Salem, Oregon. He served in the United States Marine Corps from June 7, 1968 to May 6, 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**. A military graveside service was held on Friday, February 5th at 2:00 PM at the Roseburg National Cemetery 1770 West Harvard Avenue. Arrangements were under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel.

DOUG DAVIS – Died recently in 2017 in Dayton, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 23, 1947. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Chapter #685**.



ANTHONY A. DeVINCENZO – Died Wednesday, March 15, 2017 in Bethpage, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and coronary artery disease. He was born January 1, 1939 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Fred DeVincenzo and Ann (née Pisano) DeVicenzo. He is survived by his wife, Anita F. DeVicenzo. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from April 3, 1963 to March 22, 1965. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Visitation hours at Fredrick J. Chapey and Sons Funeral Home, Inc. from 2:00 PM - 9:30 PM on Friday, March 17, 2017, 20 Hicksville Road, Bethpage, New York 11714. The Funeral Mass was at 9:15 AM on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Saint James Roman Catholic Church, 80 Hicksville Road, Seaford, New York 11783. He was interred in Saint Charles Cemetery, Conklin Street, Farmingdale, New York 11735.



JOSEPH J. "Joe" DiGENOVA - Died late Sunday afternoon, March 19, 2017 at the Grady Memorial Hospital in Delaware, Ohio at the age of 71, surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Delaware, Ohio. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born September 30, 1945 in Dennison, Ohio to the late Joseph L. DiGenova and Viola Assunda (née Fragasse) DiGenova. After graduating from Saint Joseph High School in New Philadelphia he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star. Joe spent 42 years as a wholesale manager in plumbing and heating sales. He served 25 years as an elected official on Delaware City Council both At-Large and for the Third Ward in addition to serving on numerous committees. Joe was very proud of his Italian heritage and was a founding member of the Del-Italia Club. He was the first non-graduate of Delaware Hayes High School to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2014. He founded the Youth in Government Program at Delaware Hayes High School and served as the President of the Hayes Athletic Boosters. Joe had a long history of supporting the youth of Delaware in numerous ways, it was said that "he was concerned about the youth of Delaware because they are the future of Delaware." Joe's service to Delaware went beyond the schools as he was active in the Historical Society, VFW #3297, American Legion Post #115, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware (Ohio) Chapter #1095**, Operation Never Forget, Delaware Touchstone Program. A true people person he looked forward to Jug Day and Election Day as a chance to visit with his community. He enjoyed a passion for helping people, golf, attending auctions, and traveling to Italy. As described by his family "he did the hard work, what needed to be done to help". Both humble and ornery he will be remembered for not only his service to community, but more importantly for his five decades of love for his wife and beloved family. Left to cherish Giuseppe's memory are his wife; Veronica "Vonie"; their children, Thomas of Pittsburgh, Tracy (Jeff) Feinberg of Upper Arlington, and Tim of Blacklick; grandchildren: Rachael and Joseph Feinberg; sisters, Rita (Terry) Hamrick and Jean

(David) Moreland of New Philadelphia, brother-in-law Andy Duda of West Lafayette, and family friend Darren Dexter. He was also preceded in death by his twin sister SuAnn Duda. The family received friends on Thursday, March 23, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 and from 6:00–8:00 PM at the Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center, 101 Valleyside Drive (1510 West William Street), Delaware, where funeral services were held on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Mike Bratten officiated. Burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery with full military honors conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1095. In lieu of flowers contributions in Joe's memory may be made to The Joe DiGenova Fund, c/o Delaware County Foundation, 3954 North Hampton Drive, Powell, OH 43065 or Nationwide Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 16810, Columbus, OH 43216-6810 for Pediatric Cancer. The Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center of Delaware was honored to serve this veteran and his family.



JAMES JOSEPH “Jim” DOOLEY - Died Thursday, February 23, 2017

at the Southwest Medical Center, Bennington, Vermont at the age of 69, after a brief illness complicated by Alzheimer's disease. He was a resident of Fairfax, Vermont. He was born October 5, 1947 in Queens, New York to the late Francis and Eileen (née Jennings) Dooley. Jim was raised in New Hyde Park, NY, and was a graduate of Herricks High School, Class of 1965. He served in Vietnam with the 198th Light Infantry Brigade (LIB) of the Americal Division of the United States Army and was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries sustained while serving as a point man for his battalion. Though they resulted in permanent physical limitations, Jim often referred to May 13th, the day he detonated a trip grenade, as his “day of life,” as it was this incident that ultimately shaped the remainder of his life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia (Vermont) Chapter #829**. Jim's professional life began in teaching, having earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Education from C.W. Post College, Long Island University. However, it was his work with the disabled, and later veterans that formed the core of Jim's professional life. For more than a decade, Jim served as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the State of Vermont, helping physically and mentally disabled individuals achieve their employment goals. His work with local groups to build curb cuts into sidewalks in the City of Burlington earned him an invitation to the signing ceremony for the Americans with Disabilities Act in July 1990, held on the south lawn of the White House. As a mental health clinician with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Jim may have made his most significant impact, counselling veterans and their families with a perspective that came from a shared experience. He did this for twenty-two years, until he retired in January 2014 after a diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's. As a soldier, Jim learned not to leave anyone behind. He quickly realized the lack of coordination of services faced by Alzheimer patients, and used his advocacy skills to try to raise awareness, speaking at community groups and before the state legislature in February 2015. Jim will be remembered for his unwavering support of and advocacy for veterans and others with disabilities, his love of family, traveling, kayaking, nature and photography. He was an avid fan of Bob Dylan and reading, especially books on history. Jim

was a volunteer fireman in North Hero, Vermont for 20 years. Jim loved navigation and would pour over maps in search of the ideal itinerary for an upcoming trip. Many, including long-time friend John Colony, will remember Jim's decades-long love of motorcycles. Unable to hike or enjoy long walks, Jim loved the sense of freedom – what he termed “low flying” – that riding allowed him. Despite any challenges he faced, Jim's philosophy was memorably upbeat: Life is what you make of it. Keep it simple and laugh a lot. Jim is survived by his loving wife Sheila (née Golden) Dooley. With Sheila, Jim shared a love that was pure and joyful and everlasting. To see them together sharing a laugh or a hug was to witness a love which words cannot fully describe. With Sheila's love and care, Jim lived a rich life while remaining in the home he loved until shortly before he passed. He is also survived by three daughters: Kymberly (Matt) Breckenridge of Rhinebeck, NY; Brooke Dooley and friend Alex Chaffee of Burlington, VT; Hope Dooley and fiancée Will Gruver of Savannah, GA; two step-sons: Joseph Newton and partner Caroline Fleming of Plant City, FL; Judson Newton (Kate Anderson) of Essex, VT; and seven grandchildren and step-grandchildren: Ian, Maya, Maxwell, Joseph, Samuel, Maximus and Charlotte. He is also survived by two sisters: Pat (John) Mauro of Massapequa, NY; Kathy (Guenter) Schroeder of Jacksonville, FL; two brothers: Bob (Geraldine Walker-Rifenburgh) Dooley of Poughkeepsie, NY; Tom (Diane) Dooley of Dallas, TX; several nieces and nephews and their families. A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, March 2nd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Minor Funeral Home, 237 Route 7 South, in Milton, Vermont. A memorial service was held at the United Church of Fairfax, 8 Fletcher Road on Friday, March 3rd, at 10:30 AM. A committal of ashes will occur later this spring in the Vermont Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Randolph Center, VT. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - Vermont Chapter, www.alz.org or the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation (Attention: Richard Brehm), 789 Vermont National Guard Road, Colchester, VT, 05446.

WILLIAM HENRY “Billy” DOUCETTE, JR. – Died Sunday, April 9, 2017 in Boston at the age of 65. The cause of death was a brain aneurysm. He was born in Malden, Massachusetts on July 13, 1951 to the late William Henry Doucette, Sr. William was a resident of Norfolk, Massachusetts at the time of his passing. He was formerly from Medford, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket, Rhode Island) Chapter #818**. Billy's wishes are for a private memorial service for family and close friends. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made in William's memory to Brain Aneurysm Foundation 269 Hanover Street, Suite #3, Hanover, MA 02339. www.bafound.org.

CHARLES ROBERT DUNCAN – Died recently in 2017 in McKinney, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 16, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Nancy. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – McKinney Chapter #1122**.



EDWARD RAY "Dupe" DUPLECHIN - Died Monday March 27, 2017 in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jennings on April 28, 1946 to the late Adam Duplechin and Victorine (née LeBlanc) Duplechin. Edward served our country honorably in the United States Navy and was a *Life Member* and *Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**. He worked as a Limo Driver until he retired. Edward loved to watch sports, to travel, horse racing, and going to the casino. Most of all Edward, loved visiting with family and friends. Edward was a kind and loving person he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Edward is survived by his fiancée, Juanita Richard; Thomas Ray Cormier, Jr., which he raised like his son; numerous nieces and nephews; as well as numerous great nieces and nephews. Edward is preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Victorine LeBlanc Duplechin; two brothers, Freddie Landry, Jr., Adam Duplechin, Jr.; one sister Zelma Lopez. A Mass of Christian burial was held at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Mermentau, LA on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 10:00 AM with the Reverend Father Randall Moreau officiating. Visitation hours were held at the Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 2:30 PM until 9:00 PM with a rosary recited at 6:00 PM. Visitation resumed on Friday at 8:00 AM until the time of his funeral Mass. Edward was laid to rest in the Lopez Cemetery with full Military Rites. Carrying Edward to his final resting place in Lopez Cemetery was Thomas "TJ" Cormier, Jr., Karl Lopez, Tim Hebert, Kurt Duplechin, Bob Savoy, and Tim Strohe. Honorary pallbearers were Neil Gary, Gary Crosby, and Perry Lopez. To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net. Arrangements were entrusted to the Matthews and Son Funeral Home.



ROBERT WILLIAM ECCLES, JR. - Died Monday, April 20, 2015 at Warren General Hospital at the age of 69. He was a resident of Russell, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 26, 1945, in Jamestown, New York to the late Robert William Eccles, Sr. and Mary M. (née Devereaux) Eccles. Robert was a 1963 graduate of Falconer High School. He then enlisted in the United States Army and served two tours during the Vietnam War. He remained in the Reserves for an additional twenty-two years thereafter. He was employed as a security guard for the Keywell Corporation in Frewsburg, NY, from which he retired. Robert was an avid key and lock collector, Steelers Fan, and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. He is survived by his stepmother, Beatrice Eccles; four sisters, Lanna Baran, and husband, Vincent, of Sugar Grove, PA, Sandra Bush, and husband, Steven Bush, Sr., of Jamestown, NY, Diana Ordines, and husband, Randy, also of Jamestown, NY and Tina Jones, and fiancé, Pete Peterson, of Falconer, NY; one brother, Brian

Eccles, and wife, Laura, of Millstone, NJ; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death on April 26, 2005, by his wife, Ann Eccles, whom he married July 8, 1966, in Fort Knox, KY; and by one nephew, Vincent Baran II. Friends were received at the Peterson - Blick Funeral Home, Inc., 1003 Penn Avenue, East, Warren, PA, on Friday, April 24th, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and for one hour prior to the funeral service to be held there on Saturday, April 25th, at 11:00 AM, with Reverend Billy Hughes, pastor, Sugar Grove Free Methodist Church, officiating. Burial with military honors was in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Russell, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Warren County, 1 Main Avenue, Warren, PA 16365 or the Chautauqua County Humane Society, 2825 Strunk Road, Jamestown, NY 14701.



DAVID A. "Dave" EVANS - Died Thursday, March 23, 2017 in Galloway, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on April 4, 1947 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and raised in Monessen, Pennsylvania to the late Virgil D. Evans and Thelma H. Evans. He was the father of Erin S. Evans of Galloway, brother of Juanita "Missy" Moore of Galloway, uncle to Wesley H. Moore III, of Toms River and great-nephews, Matthew and Michael, and great-niece Madeline, along with hundreds of relatives located in Pike County, Indiana. David taught in the Galloway School District for 35 years and 4 years in Chicago after graduating with honors from California State University in Pennsylvania. He was the New Jersey Middle School Social Studies Teacher-of-the-Year in 1991; Galloway Township Teacher-of-the-Year in 1986 as well as the Galloway Township Education Foundation Government Advocate for Education in 2001 and 2003; selected in Who's Who in American Education 1991 and 1992 as well Who's Who among America's Teachers in 2006. David was also selected as a member of Cedar Creek High School's "Local Hometown Heroes" in 2013. He received the Special Recognition Award in 2004 by the Galloway Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee. Upon Retirement from teaching in 2013, Mayor Donald Purdy of Galloway and Council proclaimed June 13, 2013 as "Dave Evans Day." David served in the United States Navy from 1965-1969 both in Vietnam and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He received five commendations while serving as well as being Attack Squadron 42 Sailor of the Month in February 1969. David was elected to Galloway Township Council in 2001 and served as Deputy Major from 2003-2005. He was instrumental in creating both the Patriot Lake and Galloway Townships Veterans Memorial Park and the "Salute to Our Veterans" annual commemoration for Galloway's Veterans. He was appointed to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees in 2005 where he served in nearly every role possible accumulating with his election to be Board of Trustees Chairman in 2013 and served for two years in that capacity. David was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and the American Legion. Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Wimberg Funeral Home, 211 East Great Creek Road, Galloway, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Beacon Church - Food Bank, 420 South 6th Avenue, Galloway, NJ 08205.



DOROTHEA EVERGATES (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 in Arizona at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on April 7, 1947. She served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**. She is interred in the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Sierra Vista, Cochise County, Arizona.



STEPHEN FRANCIS FAHER – Died at home in Summerhill, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the age of 67, surrounded by loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 22, 1949 in Windber, Pennsylvania to the late Stephen and Marie C. “Babe” (née Progar) Faher. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his nephew, Joshua A. Faher. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Gail (née Wilson) Faher, whom he married October 7, 1978; children, Matthew, married to Amanda (Nuzum), Murrysville; Jessica, wife of Ian Singer, Summerhill; and Stephanie, wife of Joshua Partsch, Summerhill; grandchildren, Matthew, Nathan and Michael Faher; Nicholas, Michael, Jacob and Lucas Singer; and Melody and Violet Partsch; twin brother, Joseph, married to Cathy (Shay), Sidman; sister, Janet, wife of Joseph Hutsky; and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve was a graduate of Forest Hills High School, class of 1967. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, Summerhill. He was a former coal miner at Bethlehem Mine 33 and retired Correctional Officer from SCI – Somerset. He was also a member of UMWA Local #1368, American Legion Post #551 and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. Steve was an avid Steelers fan, he enjoyed collecting coins, yard work and the simple pleasure of just putting around. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, his family and friends will hold dear memories of a loving, kind and generous man. Friends were received from 3:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday at the Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home, Inc., South Fork, where a vigil for the deceased was held at 4:00 PM on Tuesday. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at Saint John Catholic Church by the Reverend Father Leon Hont, OSB. The committal was in the Dunmyer Cemetery, Salix. Military graveside service was accorded by the Saint Michael American Legion Post #551. As an expression of sympathy please consider memorial donation to VVA Chapter #364, P.O. Box 5237, Johnstown, PA 15904.



WILLIAM JAMES "Bill" FAIRALL - Died Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 66. He was a resident of LaVale, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 9, 1950 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Alfred Victor Fairall, Sr. and Maxine Helen (née Monnette) Fairall. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Michael P. Fairall; and a sister-in-law, Bonnie Fairall. A devoted and loving husband, Bill was also a self-less and loving father whose life revolved around his family. Bill attended LaSalle High School and graduated from Bishop Walsh High School, class of 1968. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran, having served in Vietnam and retired from the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #489. Bill attended the LaVale United Methodist Church and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association and a former member of the Cumberland Clocker's Club. Bill loved watching NASCAR, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and classic Fords. He enjoyed working outdoors and around the house and was a true manicurist of his yard. Bill is survived by his wife of 37 years, Regena "Gena" (née Tucker) Fairall; and his daughters, Juslyn D. Fairall, LaVale, and Alysha L. Watters and husband, Sam, Hagerstown. He also leaves behind his brother, Alfred V. Fairall Jr., Crystal River, Fla.; his sister, Marylou Fansler and husband, Greg, Cumberland; numerous nieces and nephews. As well as special friends, Denny Hopwood and wife, Leta, Gene Kalbaugh, Sis Thomas, and Steve Brant; and his feline companions, Ricie and Stashio. Family and friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) on Thursday, March 2, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Frankie Revell officiating. Interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. The family requested that memorial contributions be made to the LaVale United Methodist Church, 565 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502.

JOHN M. FLOYD – Died recently in 2016 in Dalzell, South Carolina at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 24, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manning Chapter #960**.



HAROLD R. "Hal" FORREST - Died Friday, February 24, 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 76. He was a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 16, 1940 in East St. Louis, Illinois to the late Carl and Clara Kurtz. Hal and Sue (Darr) recently celebrated 55 years of marriage. Mr. Forrest was a United

States Army officer who first served as a General's Aide-de-Camp and then later as a platoon leader and then company commander in field artillery. He served two tours in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He graduated with a degree in Business from Oklahoma State University. Following his military service, he worked several years for Northrop Grumman and retired from E G & G Dynatrend in Fairfax, Virginia. He was a longtime active member of Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, of the home, two sons, Gregory Forrest and his wife Melinda, Houston, TX and Ronald Forrest, Lawton and a daughter, Cara Smesko and her husband Ken, Akron, OH, six grandchildren, Geoffrey Forrest, Allison Forrest, Erin Forrest, Jackson Forrest, Kaden Smesko and Caleb Smesko, a sister Marilyn (Jim) Howell, Tulsa and a brother, David (Wendy) Kurtz, of Florida, nieces, Larisa and Stefany, nephews Michael and Cody. The funeral service was at 11:30 AM on Monday, March 6, 2017 in Saint Paul United Methodist Church with the Reverend Lisa Beavers, senior pastor officiating. Burial with full military honors were at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.

MICHAEL KEITH “Mike” FRAKES - Died Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the Crossroads Hospital in Mount Vernon, Illinois at the age of 63. He was a resident of Centralia, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born on December 9, 1951 in Mattoon, Illinois to the late Morris Kenneth and Wilma (née Copple) Frakes-Hugo. He is survived by special friend and companion, Donna Sweeney; a daughter, Angela Lynn Minor of Centralia; a nephew, Chris Frakes of Centralia; a niece Jennifer Berning four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Steven Frakes. Mike began working as a locksmith in 1985 and eventually opened his own business in Centralia, Frakes Locksmith. He served in the United States Army from 1971 to 1973 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. Mike was a member of the Mustang Club and founder of the “Shop with a Cop” car show, which lasted for 13 years and it raised over \$70,000 for underprivileged children. He also donated to Indian Reservations throughout his life. Mike was a kind and generous man who will be greatly and sadly missed by many. Per his wishes, cremation rites were performed. Military rites were performed at the gravesite on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Memorial donations may be made to the Centralia American Legion in care of Wayne Sensel. For more information or to sign an online guest register, please visit www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAM H. GANN – Died recently in 2016 in Olathe, Kansas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in El Paso, Texas on May 13, 1947. He served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.



HOWARD R. GENTRY - Died Sunday, September 25, 2016 at the Brookdale Nursing Home in Shawnee, Kansas at the age of 79. He was a resident of Lenexa, Kansas. The cause of

death is unknown. He was born on March 12, 1937 at Clayton, Oklahoma to the late Bill and Elsie (née Carter) Gentry. He graduated from Corona High School in Corona, California in 1955 and received a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Pepperdine University in California. Howard joined the United States Air Force in 1955 and served through 1965. He was an In-flight Refueling Specialist, or Boomer. He later worked as a Safety Engineer for AETNA and Home Life Insurance companies. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Lenexa, Dwight Cowles American Legion Post in Overland Park, Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. Howard married Carol Bonjour in October of 1956. She survives, of the home. Other survivors include three sons, Ed and his wife, Cindy, Larry and his wife, Darcie, and Donald and his wife, Michelle; eight grandchildren, Amanda, Chad, Brock, Pam, Michael, Donald, Jacob and Elisa, and six great-grandchildren, Damien, Irena, Charlotte, Cale, Dalton and Beau. He was cremated. Graveside services with full military honors were at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 1st at the Onaga Cemetery. Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Onaga was in charge of the arrangements.



WILLIAM JOHN "Bill" GIBSON - Died Tuesday, August 9, 2016 in Wilmington, New Jersey at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Bill was born January 13, 1945 in Pensacola, Florida to the late William G. Gibson and Anne (née Roberts) Gibson. Bill loved his family and was very proud of all their accomplishments. He was very driven and a hardworking man. He was extremely dedicated, always giving 100% to any task he took on. Bill had several successful careers and accomplishments. In 1965, Bill enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served two tours for his country during the Vietnam Conflict. He received an honorable discharge in 1971 as a decorated Vietnam veteran. After his discharge Bill remained involved with the Marines. He was an active member of the VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**, the Marine Corps League, and Toys for Tots. He was awarded the Good Citizens award from the Marine Corps League in 2003. In 1971 Bill took on a second career with the United States Merchant Marines. After one and half years with the Merchant Marines, Bill went back to school and earned a teaching Degree from the University of Delaware in Special Education. Bill taught in both the Christina School District and Conrad School. Bill loved working with at risk students. His greatest role was as the lead teacher of "The Christina Restaurant School" at Medill School, a program for students who benefited from a non-traditional school setting. He was extremely proud of the program and the success the students achieved. After retiring from the district, Bill worked as a chef at local restaurants, and the Wilmington Blue Rocks. When Bill was not working he enjoyed fishing, crabbing, wood crafting, cooking, and spending time with his buddies. During Baseball season you could always find Bill listening to the New York Yankees and Blue Rocks on the radio while reading the paper. Bill is survived by his wife Kathleen (née French) Gibson, daughters; Christina (Gibson) Tsatsaronis, husband Nicolas, Michelle Gibson, Sgt. Nicole (Gibson) Muir, husband SSgt John, Ariana Gibson, 6 Grandchildren, Siblings; Carol (Gibson) Illingsworth, husband Don, Steve Gibson, Jayne (Gibson) Robinson, husband, George , Debbie (Gibson) Galloway, Aunts, Uncles,

many Nieces, and Nephews. A celebration of life was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Mealey Funeral Home, located at 2509 Limestone Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19808 with visitation beginning after 10:30 AM. Burial was at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear, DE. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Toys for Tots Marine Corps Reserve Center, 392 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, Delaware 19808. Condolences may be made at MealeyFuneralHomes.com.

LARRY LEON GILPIN - Died Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Hedrick Medical Center, Chillicothe, Missouri at the age of 67. He was a resident of Chillicothe, Missouri and formerly of Holt, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born on June 24, 1947, in Buffalo, Missouri to the late Lawrence and Zelma (née Taylor) Gilpin. He was a 1965 graduate of Grand Pass High School, Grand Pass, Missouri. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam, earning a Purple Heart and Air Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a member of the NRA. He was also a very active member of the First Baptist Church, Chillicothe, Missouri. Survivors include one son, Chris Gilpin of Independence, Missouri; three grandchildren, Caitlin, Rachel, and Rebecca Gilpin; and two brothers, Doug Gilpin and wife Theresa of Holt, Missouri, and Terry Gilpin of Holt, Missouri. He is also survived by two nieces, Elisha Herndon and Geneine Rust. He was preceded in death by his parents. Graveside services were held at the Swan Lake Memorial Park, 30000 East Valor Drive, Grain Valley, Missouri, 64029 on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 11:00 AM. A scheduled family visitation was held at the Swan Lake Memorial Park, Grain Valley, Missouri, on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, one hour prior to the service from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans and may be left at or mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 47, Chillicothe, Missouri 64601. Online condolences may be made at www.lindleyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Lindley Funeral Home, Chillicothe, Missouri.

ELMER E. GRAHAM – Died Sunday, February 12, 2017 in Rockford, Illinois at the age of 66. The cause of death was Ischemic Heart Disease. He was born in Rockford on April 23, 1950. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He is survived by his wife, Marge, of the home. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**. The arrangements we made under the direction of Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services, Rockford, IL.

WILLIAM CULLEN GRAHAM - Died Friday, March 3, 2017 in Moulton, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hallettsville Chapter #854**.



WILLIAM FRANCIS GRAY - Died Thursday, February 2, 2017 at home in Mullica Hill, New Jersey at the age of 73, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 24, 1943. He was retired from Philadelphia Electric Co. where he worked as an Electrician. William was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving during Vietnam. He enjoyed spending his time with his grandchildren, he also spent many years coaching a variety of sports with the Mantua AA. William had a passion for sailing and had his Captain's License. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. William is survived by wife Marguerite "Peggy" (née Cahill), sons William (Maureen), Kevin (Maureen) and Brian (Robyn); by his loving grandchildren Billy, Kerry, Erin, Joey, Katie, Dylan, Danny, Brendan, and Matthew. He was predeceased by his brothers, Matt, Joe, and Guy Gray and his sister, Marie. Family and Friends were invited to visit from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center and Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM at the Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center, 17 Earlington Avenue, Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062. The burial was in the Woodbury Memorial Park in West Deptford, NJ. Donations can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America 8719, Colesville Road, Suite #100 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. <https://vva.org/donate/>. Memories and condolences can be shared at www.smithfhmantua.com.



ALLAN CARL GRIFFITHS - Died Friday, May 20, 2016 at 6:55 PM at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa at the age of 69. He was a resident of Nauvoo, Illinois. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on February 16, 1947 in LaHarpe, Illinois to the Donald Preston Griffiths, Sr. and Augusta (née Meyers) Griffiths. On June 23, 1990 he married Ruth Ann Conlee in Fort Madison. Allan was a 1965 graduate of Nauvoo-Colusa High School and after graduating he volunteered for the United State Army in wartime. In 1967 he graduated from the Army Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, VA. He was a combat engineer captain for two tours of duty in Vietnam in 1969-1970, his command was MR2 USMACV. Allan graduated from the University of Illinois, Springfield and in the 70's he was editor of the Colusa Flyer newsletter and managed the Colusa General Store. He retired in 2009 from the Department of Corrections after twenty eight years of service. Allan was very generous and kind and received great satisfaction from helping others. He loved a good debate on politics or religion and was looking forward to the 2016 election. He was known for his sense of humor and optimism. Allan was still looking for the perfect truck. His favorite music was 60's and 70's rock and roll and his favorite songwriter was Bob Dylan. He was often heard quoting his Grandpa Griffiths and his Sunday school teacher, Mary Harl. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye

basketball and football fan and also the Chicago Bears. He enjoyed watching the river, old westerns, movies and the history channel. Allan was a fabricator, he enjoyed making anything out of nothing and made it useful. He worked tirelessly on his property, landscaping with rocks and enjoyed mowing. Allan was a member of the NRA, the Illinois Sheriffs Association and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Illinois**. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Griffiths of Nauvoo; a son, Joseph (Tonya Hunold) Griffiths of Hamilton, IL; his mother, Augusta Griffiths of Hamilton, IL; two brothers, Donald (Meredith) Griffiths, Jr. of Nauvoo, IL and William (Becky) Griffiths of Hamilton, IL; a sister, Patricia Staton of Orangevale, CA. He was preceded in death by his Father and maternal and paternal grandparents. Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Myers Cemetery with Pastor Mark Lohman officiating. Military rites were performed by the Nauvoo American Legion Post. Following the graveside service the family met with friends at the Nauvoo United Methodist Church Friendship Hall. A memorial has been established for Blessing Hospice or Southeastern Community College Foundation Nursing Scholarship.



FREDERICK JOSEPH "Fred" GRUTER, JR. - Died unexpectedly on Tuesday morning, August, 9, 2016 at his residence in Wells, Maine at the age of 69. He was formerly of North Bellmore, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sunnyside, New York to Frederick Joseph Gruter, Sr. and the late Margaret (née Squire) Gruter. Fred grew up in East Meadow, New York, graduating from East Meadow High School. He then attended Nassau Community College. In 1967, he was inducted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam as a mortar man. Following his discharge from active duty, Fred worked as a steamfitter with KSW Mechanical in New York, retiring in 2011. He worked in high-rise construction, and was honored to work on the Freedom Tower in New York City. When he returned from Vietnam, he met his future wife, the former Robin Ann Scire. Love bloomed, and they were married on November 21, 1970 in Bayside, New York. After retiring to Maine in 2011, Robin encouraged Fred to keep busy. He began working at C & S Toy Chest in Perkin's Cove in Ogunquit. His grandsons were very impressed that their grandfather worked in a toy store! In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening, golfing, and fishing. He simply adored his grandchildren and loved spending time with them. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville (New York) Chapter #82**, and was very proud of his service in the Vietnam War. Fred was predeceased by his mother. Survivors include his loving wife of 45 years, Robin Gruter, of Wells; his daughter, Jody Gruter, of Seaford, NY; his son, Christopher Gruter and wife Christina, of Seaford, NY; his father, Frederick Joseph Gruter, Sr., of Westbury, NY; six brothers, Richard Gruter, of Holtsville, NY, Kenneth Gruter, of East Meadow, NY, Robert Gruter, of Deer Park, NY, Michael Gruter, of Bellmore, NY, John Gruter, of Bethpage, NY, and Thomas Gruter, of Lindenhurst, NY; and two grandsons, John Joseph Soviero and Harrison

Robert Gruter. Visiting hours were on Sunday, August 14, 2016, from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Frederick J. Chapey and Sons Funeral Home, 20 Hicksville Road, Bethpage, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was be celebrated on Monday morning, August 15, 2016, at 9:45 AM at Saint Raphael Church, 600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow, NY. Inurnment was at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements were in care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043. To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, please visit Fred's Book of Memories Page at: www.bibberfuneral.com Should friends choose, memorial donations in Fred's memory are encouraged to: Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or Wells EMS, P.O. Box 1568, Wells, ME 04090.



JAMES R. HAMILTON, SR. - Died suddenly on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at Union Hospital of Cecil County, Elkton, Maryland at the age of 59. He was a resident of North East, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. A lifelong resident of Cecil County, Maryland, he was born in Elkton, Maryland, on May 2, 1951 to the late Harry and the late Virginia Jane (née Smith) Hamilton. He served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army. He was a Union Local Millwright, working for Formsa Plastics, Delaware City, DE. He was the Commander of VFW Post #6027, North East, MD; Treasurer of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club and District Quarter Master for the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark (Delaware) Chapter #83**. He enjoyed traveling, turkey shoots and working on motorcycles. Survivors include his loving wife: Jolynn Hamilton; children: James R. Hamilton, Jr., Harry Hamilton all of North East, MD, Virginia "Jeannie" Blizzard of Elkton, MD, Amanda Hamilton and Lucas Hamilton both of North East, MD; his stepchildren: Roy May, Richard May, Michelle Barton and Mellisa May all of North East, MD; his siblings: John Hamilton, Donald Hamilton, Mary Ann Hamilton and Marjorie Yurcovic; and 16 grandchildren: Hunter, Brittany, Byron, Joshua, Austin, Dakota, Jasmine, Timmy, Harry, Maleia, Logan, James, Hannah, Hateya, Jake and Madalynn. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia "Fat Pat" Hamilton and his brother, Timothy Hamilton, Sr. Funeral services were held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Crouch Funeral Home, 127 South Main Street, North East, MD, where visitation for family and friends was held on Sunday evening, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Interment with full military honors was in the Harford Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, MD.

WILLIAM E. HANSEN – Died Sunday, January 11, 2015 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the age of 70. He was formerly of Bluffton, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluffton Chapter #698**. Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel of Pompano Beach, Florida was in charge of the arrangements.

KENNETH DARRELL "Ken" HARDIN - Died Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Decatur County General Hospital in Parsons, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Parsons. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on March 26, 1943 to the late

William Hardin and Hazel (née Stout) Hardin. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his daughter, Darlene Floyd and his brother, Dean Hardin. He is survived by his wife; Leona (née Goodrich) Hardin, of Parsons; his son, Keith Hardin, of Parsons; his brother, David Hardin; his sisters, Ernestine Ensign, of Ohio, Peggy Cannon, of Ohio and Wilma Brooks, of Ohio; six grandchildren, Josh Floyd, Breianna Lawrence, Brittany Hardin, Brandin Hardin, Zach Floyd and Jonny Floyd, and; two great-grandchildren, Aubree Floyd and Serenity Floyd. He served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1967 during the Vietnam War. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, a member of The American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. The family received friends on Monday, December 12, 2016 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM and on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 11:00 AM until time of service. All visitations will be at the Hopewell Baptist Church. Services were on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Hopewell Baptist Church with the burial in the Hopewell Cemetery.



ROGER ALLAN HARMON - Died Monday, February 27, 2017 in Wauseon, Ohio at the age of 74, after a long battle with cancer. Roger was born on June 9, 1942 to the late Glen and Dorothy (née Overmyer) Harmon in rural Delta, Ohio. He married Kathleen Schrader McKelvey, his wife of 30 years, and she survives. Roger served in the United States Army in Vietnam, returning home to become a skilled worker for several northwest Ohio manufacturing companies, eventually retiring as a machinist from TRW in Fayette. Never one to sit still, Roger became a volunteer at Fulton County Health Center, showing kind empathy for the patients he assisted and loyal friendship to fellow volunteers and hospital staff. He attended Crossroads Evangelical Church, and was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Ohio** and the American Legion. Despite the many trials of his life, Roger met each day with a song in his heart and a smile on his face. He never met a stranger. Due to the necessity to keep his sodium intake very low because of a heart condition, he became a skilled cook, and was enthusiastic about helping others facing the same challenge. He enjoyed spending time with his loving family and will be sadly missed by them. He also enjoyed classical music, tropical fish, raising cactus, reading, photography, coffee, and cats. He is also survived by his children, Julie (Bill) Zelina of Mentor-on-the Lake, Markus of Phoenix, Ariz., Jeff (Katie) of Fayette, Angie (Terry) Manuszak of Dayton, and Cheryl (Dennis) Lemmon of Edon; twelve grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters, Betty Keough of Kunkle and Carol Harmon of Wauseon; and many nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Richard and Donald Harmon, and sister, Joan Keough. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Crossroads Evangelical Church, 845 East Leggett Street, Wauseon. Visitation hours were from 2:00-6:00 PM on Friday, March 3, 2017 and Saturday one hour prior to the service, both at the church. Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon was entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crossroads Evangelical Church, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, the American Cancer Society or an agency of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.grisierfh.com.

TERRY W. HARRIS – Died recently in 2016 in Kansas City, Kansas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 4, 1944 in Bloomington, Illinois. He served in the United States Marine Corps from April 20, 1965 to April 19, 1971 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.

WILLIAM SANDORD HARRIS, JR. – Died Saturday, March 4, 2017 in Cleveland, Georgia at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on August 25, 1945 in Boston, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Navy from January 1964 to January 29, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**.



LAWRENCE RICHARD "Larry" HAWKINS, SR. – Died Thursday, December 29, 2016 in Coral Gables, Florida, overcome by complications associated with his war injuries. He was 73 years of age. The Honorable Larry Hawkins, Florida State Representative and Dade County Commissioner, entered this world on April 21, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan, the only son of Roy and Carolyn Hawkins. Hawkins was a true patriot. When he graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1966, the war was escalating. He believed his country needed him and he joined the United States Army. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1967, he was dispatched to Vietnam. As part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, he suffered paralyzing wounds from a mortar round during the Tet Offensive of 1968. Hawkins was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with a V for Valor and subsequently was medically retired from the Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. Hawkins earned his Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, Michigan. Despite his significant disabilities (he remained a paraplegic) you could not keep Larry from an active, productive life. Tropical weather and flat terrain drew Hawkins to Florida. His keen intellect and sharp wit made him an effective advocate for veterans in Tallahassee. The House leadership encouraged him to run for office. He served four terms (1978-1986) in the Florida House of Representatives, where he chaired the Veterans Affairs Committee. Later, he was elected Dade County Commissioner (1988-1994) and was admired for his successful efforts to help the greater Miami community, especially during the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew. Hawkins served on the board of the Vietnam Veterans of America and had an impressive network of friends across the nation. He understood politics and governance, and fought for noble causes throughout his life. While on the County Commission, he quietly secured millions of dollars for Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Dade County Public Schools to assist with the influx of Haitian immigrants, working in partnership with a fellow Vietnam veteran, US Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa. Hawkins was always a friend of organized labor, an advisor to the IBEW and stalwart supporter of the Democratic Party. His later years were dedicated to the well-being of his beloved grandchildren, Samantha Kelly Hawkins Auricchio and PFC Alexander Lawrence Hawkins, US Army. He is also survived by his sisters, Peggy Hawkins (Kenneth Emigholz, husband) and Mary (Ted) Davis, nephew, Major Michael Hawkins Davis, US Army, and niece, Bryn Hemsley Masiuk. He will be missed by his extended family, Patricia Varone, and his stepson Patrick Varone, as well as many great nieces and nephews and many many good friends. Hawkins was predeceased by his son, Lawrence Richard Hawkins II. There were no local services. In lieu of flowers, the family

suggests memorial donations to the Paralyzed Veterans of America or the Disabled American Veterans. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

JOHN S. HAYDE – Died in December 2015 in his home in Naples, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death was a house fire. He was born June 15, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.

WILLIAM P. HENNIGAN – Died recently in 2017 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 18, 1930. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter 887**.



RONALD E. HILBERT - Died passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday January 15, 2017 in Franklin, New Jersey at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Morristown, New Jersey on March 30, 1943 and raised by William Pauseluis and Mildred (née Derr) Pauseluis. Ronald was a resident of Franklin for 50 years. He was a sales representative for Vinco, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania for 18 years and prior to that, he was a district manager for Symons Company in Fairfield for 28 years. Ronald served during the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force. Ronald was a member of the Franklin American Legion Post #132 and the Sparta Elks Lodge #2356. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Township Chapter #1002**. Ronald is survived by his wife, Emma Jean (née Smith) Hilbert; and his two sons, Jeffrey Hilbert and his wife, Heidi, of Franklin, and Keith Hilbert and his wife, Laura Jo, of Tulsa, Okla.; and his five grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jr., Kodie, Brielle, Caroline and Ashley; and his sister-in-law, Cathy Marion and her husband, Nathan, of Raleigh, N.C.; brothers-in-law, Kevin Jones; of Raleigh, N.C. and Harold Smith and his wife, Norma, of PA, and dearest Aunt, Lib Smith. Relatives and friends were received on Wednesday, January 18th, from 3:00-7:00 PM with services at 7:00 PM at the Ferguson-Vernon Funeral Home, 241 Route 94, Vernon. Cremation services were private.



RICHARD A. "Dick" HINE - Died Sunday, October 30, 2016 at Centralia Manor, Centralia, Illinois at the age of 73. He was a resident of Centralia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 26, 1942 in Afton, New York to the late Richard G. Hine and Adele (née Robst) Hine. He married Madeline (née Wier) Bailey and they later divorced. He then married Nancy (née Nelms) Hine on December 30, 1989 and she survives in Centralia. In addition to his wife of 27 years, he is also survived by a son, Jerry Hine and wife Denise of Centralia; two step-sons: Logan Patterson of Oklahoma and Stephen Patterson of Kansas City, Kansas; eight grandchildren: Michael Pflugmacher and wife Dani of Springfield, Dustin Hine of

Mt. Vernon, Cody Johnson and wife Chelsea of Huey, Daniel Finley of Centralia, Jerry Hine, Jr. of Centralia, Gloria Patterson of Oklahoma, Bryan Patterson of Oklahoma, April Patterson of Washington; two great-grandchildren: Rayner Finley and Bryson Finley both of Centralia. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Rick Hine, step-son, Mike Patterson, his brother, Butch Hine, his mother-in-law; Dora Myers, and; two brothers-in-law, Dale Nelms and Jack Nelms. Richard served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Centralia Moose Lodge. He enjoyed watching football and NASCAR. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family and friends. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176*. Graveside Services for Richard Hine were held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia with Pastor Claude Howell officiating. Burial was in the Hillcrest Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia which assisted the Hine Family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

RICHARD HODGES – Died recently in 2017 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 25, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887*.



LEE N. HOUSER - Died peacefully on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Florida with his wife, Mary, at his side. He was 72 years of age and a resident of Clifton Springs, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Lee was born on June 27, 1944, in Rochester, New York to the late Carmela (née Bovenzi) Houser and Leo Houser. He retired from Ginna Nuclear Plant as a chemist. He served in the United States Army during Korea and Vietnam. Lee was a Korean Conflict Veteran. He was a member of VFW Post #44, Clifton Springs, Association of US Army, Korean War Veterans Association, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20*, 7th Infantry Division, AM Vets, American Legion Post #457, Catholic War Veterans, Canandaigua Masonic Lodge #0294, Italian American War Vets, Sons of Union Vets, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of American Revolution, and chairperson of Civil War Heritage Foundation. Lee is survived by his wife Mary Houser of Clifton Springs; daughter Dawn M. Houser of Rochester; son Dana (Emiley)Houser of OH; brothers Dennis (Edna) Houser of Palmyra and Terry (Jane) Houser of Hilton; grandchildren Hailee, Austin, Karissa, Jared, Addison, Madelyn, Ralston and Dillin; brothers and sisters-in-law Sully (JoAnn) Feligno of Clifton Springs, John (Laura) Feligno of Fayette, David Feligno of NC and Carol Feligno of TN; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Family and friends visited from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Friday, February 24th at the Palmisano-Mull Funeral Home LLC, 28 Genesee Street, Geneva. The VFW and American Legion had a service at 1:30 PM followed by a Masonic service, then a prayer service at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. The burial was at the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Contributions may be directed to Civil War Heritage Foundation, c/o C. Posinski, 3566 Hawk Hill Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327 in Lee's memory.



JOSEPH BERNARD HUBER – Died Friday, December 16, 2016 at the age of 61, while in hospice care at the Palo Alto VA Hospital (*California*) after a lengthy illness. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 21, 1954 in Bryan, Texas to the late John F. Huber, Sr., of Kansas City, Missouri and Patricia J. Elliott, of Hutchinson, Kansas. The family came to Stockton in 1958 and Joseph

attended John R. Williams Elementary School, Lincoln Senior Elementary and Lincoln High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. He was able to visit several countries in Europe, thus sparking a life-long interest in countries of the world and travelling. After his discharge he returned to Stockton and attended S.J. Delta College. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**. Subsequently he moved to Humboldt County and attended Humboldt State University. He then began to travel and explore while working for various oil companies in Wyoming, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Texas. He joined the United States Merchant Marines and traveled through the Panama Canal, the Gulf of Mexico and on the Great Lakes. He was a skilled welder and machinist and enjoyed hard work and being out-of-doors. Joseph worked on fishing vessels in California and Alaska. There were many adventures working on boats on the Bering Sea. (Watch the TV Series "The Deadliest Catch"). Wanting to explore further he spent a year in Hawaii working in a sugar mill. He then returned to Alaska, attended the University of Alaska at Anchorage, and worked for many oil companies, honing his skills and understanding of the extraction and processing of oil. While on a derrick on the North Slope of Alaska he was badly injured and became disabled. He returned to Stockton to be near his family and kept in touch with friends on social media. His love and appreciation of nature was reflected in the poems, stories and songs he wrote. He enjoyed playing guitar and harmonica with various groups and his cousins. Joe read extensively, especially the classics and adventure novels. When he was younger and able he enjoyed skiing and ice-skating, especially playing ice-hockey. He particularly enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle with his brother Mike, and groups who cycled to the foothills for the adventure and barbeques. A love of different foods of the world led to his skills as a cook/chef and he was frequently asked to cook for boat and ships' crews. Above all, he was a very loyal and patriotic American who proudly promoted the United States wherever he travelled. He was preceded in death by his father, John F. Huber, Sr. and his grandparents - his beloved "Mimi" and "Pop" (Mary B. and Louis A. Huber, Sr.) and Lt. Col. Arch C. Elliott and Thelma Elliott; also his stepfather, Dorsey R. Meyer, Sr. whom he loved and respected. He is survived by his mother, Patricia J. Meyer, Stockton, CA, son Michael A. Mehl (Cassandra) of Lawrence, KS; his brothers, John F. Huber, Jr. (Janna), Michael G. Huber (Tami) of Stockton, CA, Kevin P. Huber (Sandra) of Lodi, CA, and; his sister, Kathleen S. Huber, Milwaukee, WI. He had many nieces, nephews and cousins. Per his wishes, private services were held. Memorial donations made be made to Hospice of San Joaquin, 3888 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204 or the charity of your choice. Casa Bonita Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.



ARTHUR C. HUFFMAN, JR. - Died Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at his residence in Corsicana, Texas at the age of 68. He was formerly of Killeen, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 29, 1948, at Camp Hood, Texas to the late Arthur and Annie Huffman. He is also predeceased by his mother-in-law, Joyce Thompson; and his niece, Ruby Hoover. Mr. Huffman attended school in Killeen and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 through 1969. He served two tours in Vietnam, and retired from Firestone Tire Company in Irving. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**. Arthur enjoyed taking his dog, Harley, on rides in his truck. He was an avid campfire builder and enjoyed the company of many friends. Mr. Huffman was a member of Navarro Rifles of Corsicana, which has developed into a Vietnam Veterans organization. Arthur will be missed by his family and his many friends. A special thanks to Stan and Joy Wright for all their support and help. Survivors include his wife, Jan Huffman, of Corsicana; his sons, Kevin Huffman, of Gun Barrel City and Arthur Huffman, who resides in Massachusetts; his daughter, Jennifer Huffman, of Dallas; his brothers, Johnny Gipson of Rowlett and Edward Gipson, who resides in Kansas; his sister, Annie Huffman Lambert and her husband Wayne; his brother-in-law, Felix Thompson, of Dallas; seven grandchildren, and; six great-grandchildren. Graveside funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, with the Reverend David Lambert officiating. Burial with military honors were accorded at the cemetery. Visitation hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday at the Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Killeen.

JOHN E. HUGHES – Died Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Indian Lake, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 4, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Judy, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hudson Falls Chapter #079**.

ROBERT B. HUMMER – Died Saturday, March 18, 2017 in Ivins, Utah at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 9, 1948 in Kemmerer, Wyoming. He served in the United States Army from October 1967 to October 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**.

ROBERT A. IVEY, JR. (USA, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Friday, February 10, 2017 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 29, 1939, a 4th generation Tampa native. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was proud to be a retired United States Army Master Sergeant (MSGT) and a Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Shirley Ivey; daughter, Jana-Le Ivey; sons, Robert (Bobby) Ivey and Joe Campbell; grandson, Tyler Ivey; sister Gayla Griffin (Jack) and many sisters and brothers-in-law; nieces and nephews in Ashford, AL and Tampa, FL. Visitation hours for the family and friends were from

6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 15th at the funeral home at 1602 West Waters Avenue with interment at 11:30 AM on Thursday, February 16th at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell with full military honors.



WAYNE "Jake" JACOBUS - Died Sunday, March 19, 2017 in Dover, New Jersey at the age of 65, after a short illness. He passed away peacefully with his wife, Kelly, of 28 years by his side. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born December 5, 1951 in Dover, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife Kelly (née Harrington), family, many friends and colleagues. Wayne was predeceased by his parents "Nanny and Pop", his brother Robert and his nephew Robert (Bobby), Jr. Private Jacobus served in the United States Army Infantry and always joked that the only lottery he ever won came with a letter that said "Greetings" and was signed by President of the United States. After his discharge Wayne lived a life of service to his community and God and Country. Jake was born and raised in Dover and settled in Victory Gardens where he resided for the last 13 years. Mr. Jacobus was elected as a Councilman in 2015, served as Council President in 2016 and most recently served as the Chairman of Public Works Department. He was the current Secretary and Past President of the Board of Health and a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. Wayne was also a former President of the Victory Gardens Planning Board and the Property Maintenance Officer. Mr. Jacobus also served as a Morris County Democratic Committeeman in Roxbury. At home Wayne was a Past President of the Victory Gardens Home Owners Association. Given his many accomplishments, he was most proud of his recent appointment to the Morris County Council of Aging, Disabilities and Veterans. Wayne's service to veterans was equally as remarkable. He is a member of American Legion Post #91 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope Chapter #327**. Wayne served as the Sons of the American Legion County Commander 1998-1999 and as the Morris County Commander 2001-2002. He is recognized as a past County and Department Chairman of the American Legion Alcohol Beverage Control Committee. He proudly marched with the Post #91 Color Guard and was the Business Manager of the 1998 Post #91 Color Guard state champs. One of his most notable accolades came in 1993 when he was honored as Legionnaire-of-the-Year for his service to Dover Post #27. In 1997 he undertook a 2-year research project that resulted in 17 Black Union Civil War soldiers finally receiving headstones from the government at the Evergreen Cemetery in Morristown. In 2001 he adopted Toys for Tots as one of his Commander projects with the US Department of the Navy recognizing his committee's toy drive as being the largest in the Tri-State area. Jake was the Master of the inappropriate joke and never hesitated to say the things that no one else dared. There were no sacred cows as far as he was concerned. He will be remembered for making people laugh. He loved all his fur babies, Kirby, Fenway and Muffin. He enjoyed boating on Lake Hopatcong, talking baseball and breakfast at Rose's. A Memorial Visitation was held from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM on Sunday, March 26th, at the Bermingham Funeral Home, 216 South Main Street, Wharton, NJ. The interment was private.

RON JEFFERY – Died recently in 2017 in Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 21, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kearneysville Chapter #1074**.



AMY P. JEFFRIES - Died Monday, February 13, 2017 in Belforest, Alabama at the age of 66. He was formerly from Daphne, Alabama. The cause of death was ALS. She was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on August 4, 1950 to Katherine Patterson, of Memphis and the late George Patterson. He grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and graduated from Overton High School. She attended Memphis State University followed by management positions at Kraft Foods, Peabody Hotel Group, University of Tennessee Abbot Laboratories and retired as Senior Event Manager at the Marriott Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Alabama. She was also a business owner. Amy was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #199 Fairhope, AL and held Unit and Department of Alabama offices. She was also an active member of Marine Corps League Jesse Andrews, Jr. Detachment #1378 Baldwin County, South Alabama Veterans Council and a member **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter #864**, Baldwin County. She was loved by all and will be sorely missed. The infectious smile and glowing personality are now being shared with those in heaven. She was preceded in death by her father, George Patterson and brother, Dr. C. Richard Patterson (Helen). She is survived by her husband, James "Jim" Jeffries of Belforest; mother, Katherine Patterson of Memphis, TN; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. The family received friends on Monday, February 20, 2017 at the Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Fairhope from 4:00 until 6:00 PM. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Fairhope. Graveside services and interment was at 3:30 PM at the Alabama State Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Legion Department of Alabama, Montgomery, AL.



JOHN O. JOHNSON (USA, MAJ-Ret.) – Died Monday, August 18, 2014 in Warrensburg, Missouri at the age of 80 with his family at his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 8, 1933, in La Claire, Iowa to the late John Corwin and Ruth M. (née Kramper) Johnson. After high school, he attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Geology Class of 1956. He also received a Master's Degree in Engineer Management from the University of Missouri - Rolla in 1972. John served in the United States Army for 22 years with two tours in Vietnam during which he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and a Purple Heart. John retired in July 1979 to Rolla, MO. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**, American Legion Post #131 and the Knights of Columbus. John is survived by his children Angie, Therese, Janet, and John Pat; six grandchildren, two great- grandchildren, a sister in-law, and four nephews. He is also survived by his companion of 22 years, Robert Kochenderfer. He was preceded in death by

his parents; one son, Dale A. Johnson, and one brother, Cecil C. Johnson. John's wish was to be cremated. A "Celebration of Life" was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Warrensburg American Legion Post #131, and the interment was in the Warrensburg Memorial Gardens Cemetery.



ROBERT WAYNE "Bobby" JOWERS - Died at home in Jackson, Tennessee on Friday, January 6, 2017 at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 23, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Judy (née Barber) Jowers as well as his daughters, Samantha (née Jowers) Tharpe (Jerry) of Paris, Olivia (née Jowers) Weibert (Blake) of Manchester and Amelia Jowers of Murfreesboro. He served in the United States Navy from November 1962 until May 1982. Upon returning to Jackson he worked for Aspell Recovery and JACO. In 1987, he graduated from Lambuth University, after which he began working for the Tennessee Department of Corrections, from which he also retired. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. The chapter's honor guard served as pallbearers and rendered Military Funeral Honors. Visitation hours were on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home. Following visitation there was a graveside service at the Ridgecrest Cemetery at 11:00 AM officiated by the Reverend Clint Smith. The Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

WARREN A. KASPRZAK – Died recently in 2016 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 68. He was formerly a resident of Grover, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 11, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**.



DANNIE EDWARD LAUGHEAD - Died unexpectedly on Monday, February 2, 2015 at the Trinity Hospital in Muscatine, Iowa at the age 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 22, 1945 in Denver, Colorado to the late Robert Edward and Harriet Frances (née Hargrave) Laughead. He was a 1963 graduate of Moline High School. On January 26, 1968, Dan was united in marriage to Cynthia Kay Long in Killeen, Texas. Dan served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Dan was currently working for Ellison Plumbing as a consultant. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Muscatine V. F. W. Post #1565, American Legion Post #27 of Muscatine and the N.R.A. Dan was very active in his church and enjoyed fishing, shooting guns, western movies and books (especially John Wayne), and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Dan will be deeply missed by his wife, Cynthia of Muscatine; four children, Kathleen Garrido and husband, Hector of Muscatine, Michael Laughead and wife, Candace of Columbus, Ohio, Lisa Ellsworth and husband, Dave of Muscatine and Lee Laughead of Salt Lake City, Utah; daughter-in-law, Michelle Laughead of Muscatine; fifteen grandchildren; mother, Harriet Bealer of East Moline

and one sister, Jane VanHyfte of Alexis, Illinois. Dan was preceded in death by his father, son, Joseph and brother, Richard. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Muscatine. The casket bearers were Hector Garrido, Dave Ellsworth, Michael Laughead, Lee Laughead, Bob Laughead, Logan Ellsworth and Zane Laughead. The interment was in the Alexis Cemetery in Alexis, Illinois with military rites by the combined units of the VFW Post #1565 and the American Legion Post #27 at 3:30 PM. Immediately following the funeral services, there was a time of food and fellowship held at the church. Visitation for Dan was on Friday, February 6, 2015, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the George M. Wittich-Lewis Home for Funeral and Cremation Services. A memorial fund was established to benefit the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Perpetual Education Fund.

JAMES ARTHUR "Jim" LeCLAIR - Died Saturday morning, March 18, 2017 at his home in Talbott, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 17, 1943 in Haverhill, Massachusetts to the late Joffree and Pricillia (née Donovan) LeClair. Jim was a veteran of the United States Navy having served during the Vietnam Conflict and was a retired electronics engineer with the Toshiba Corporation. He was a member of the VFW (Life-time), American Legion, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073** and the Elks Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Carol (née Tolstuk) LeClair; his children, Mark LeClair, Billy Williams and Denise Trenary; his grandchildren, Jenna LeClair and Ava Williams. The Elks Ritual and graveside services with Military Honors were held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 11:30 AM at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, 2200 East Governor John Sevier Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920. The arrangements were made by the Farrar Funeral Home in Dandridge, Tennessee.



LAWRENCE WINFIELD "Larry" LEONHART - Died Sunday, October 2, 2016 in his home in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 76 with the assistance of Hospice of the Red River Valley, surrounded by his family and friends. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on July 25, 1940 to the late Joseph B. and Frances Genevieve (née O'Meara) Leonhart. Larry attended Saint Luke's grade school and graduated from Cretin High School in 1957. Larry enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1957 and traveled the world until he was honorably discharged in 1968. Larry was stationed in Italy, Japan, Okinawa and several additional bases in the United States. He also served a 13-month tour of duty in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967. Larry married Katherine (Kay) Schmokel whom he had known for 17 years before they married on November 6, 1965. Larry and Kay resided in New River, North Carolina, St. Paul, Minnesota and Fargo, ND where he started his career in sales for Vincent Brass and Aluminum Company and later started his own company. Larry retired after 20 years and following a short retirement he went to work for Kroger for 15 years. Larry attended college at the University of Arizona while stationed in Yuma, University of Minnesota, and Moorhead State University where he earned a degree in Business Administration. Larry was a member of many local and national social and conservation organizations including Fargo

American Legion Gilbert C. Grafton Post #2, Fargo Disabled American Veterans, West Fargo Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, and Rocky Mountain Elk Federation. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**. Larry was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings and Twins and the NDSU Bison Football Team. Larry loved traveling in his home state of Minnesota, North Dakota, as well as any western lands having dirt roads with a destination to nowhere, in search of any adventure. Larry was an avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman enjoying countless experiences with family and friends, especially at the “little shack on the prairie” in Goodrich, North Dakota where countless tales were spun at the kitchen table. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Kay; his children, Michael, Mary (Brett) Miller, West Fargo, John, Anne and Joseph (Laurie) Leonhart of Fargo, North Dakota; his grandchildren, Rachel and Danny Krein, Justice Johnson, Tehryn (Alex) VanSickle, Mason Leonhart, and Jack and Ruby Leonhart; his sisters, Gayle Schmokel and Eileen Sievert; his brother-in-law, Donald Longhenry; his sisters-in-law, Marilyn Leonhart and Jeanne Young, and; his many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, and great-grandnieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Thomas (Betty) and Charles Leonhart; his sisters, Lois (Jim) Remington, Phyllis (William) Peterson, and Irene Longhenry; his brothers-in-law, John (Alvena) Schmokel, Claude Schmokel, Leo Sievert, and; his sister-in-law, Clare (Timothy) King. Visitation hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 6th at the Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo. Visitation continued from 12:00 to 1:00 PM followed by the Memorial Mass at 1:00 PM Friday, October 7th at Nativity Catholic Church in Fargo. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the DAV, West Fargo VFW Post #7564, Shanley High School Trapshooting Team, or CHARISM (Community Homes and Resources in Service to Many) of Fargo. The burial took place on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 12:00 PM at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. The Leonhart family expressed their wish to thank the Veterans Affairs staff of Fargo and Hospice of the Red River Valley for all the loving care and assistance they gave to Larry and the rest of us.



ROBERT HOWARD LINDSEY - Died Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at his residence in Dearborn, Missouri at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related ischemic heart disease. He was born on July 29, 1941 in Hutchinson, Kansas to the late Howard Edwin Lindsey and Beryl Irene (née Benthusen) Lindsey. He graduated from Park Hill High School in 1959. He married Carolyn Kay Simpson on August 21, 1959 in San Diego California. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He served fourteen months in Vietnam and continued serving his country for 10 years. Over the 10 years the couple was stationed in many states and for the last nine years have resided in Dearborn, MO. Robert worked as a salesman for Lefebure Banking Company and owned and operated the I-3 Company. He was a member of the Hillsboro Christian Church, a lifelong member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. He enjoyed woodworking and made cabinets and later in life he made wooden pens, and he loved to Barbeque. He was

preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Ron Lindsey (Wendy) of Mechanicsville, VA, Robert Noel Lindsey (Beth) of Mechanicsville, VA; his daughter, Renée White (Tom) of Oviedo, FL; his brother, Mel Lindsey (Marsha) of Pittsburg, KS; his three grandsons, Cameron, Aaron and Mitchell Lindsey, and; a granddaughter, Emerson Lindsey. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 10th at 2:00 PM at the Rollins Funeral Home, in Platte City, Missouri. Visitation hours were from 1:00- 2:00 PM at the Rollins Funeral Home. The burial was at the Platte City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hillsboro Christian Church, P.O. Box 2568 Platte City, MO 64079, or the VFW Post of Platte City. The arrangements were made by the Rollins Funeral Home-Platte City, MO. www.rollinsfuneralhome.net.



PAUL AARON LITTLE – Died Saturday, February 18, 2017 in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Lake Charles on July 9, 1948 to the late Batiste and Bernice Jones. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother Kenneth Jones and twin granddaughters. Paul leaves to mourn in his passing, his wife of 35 years, Loretha (née Francis) Little; one son, Robert P. Little of Lake Charles, LA; one daughter, Natalie M. Little of Dallas, TX; one sister, Gwendolyn Hanney (Charles) of Lake Charles, LA; two brothers, Arthur Jones (Vera), and Douglas Jones, both of Lake Charles, LA, and; one grandson, Aaron Joseph Little of Lake Charles, LA, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Paul was a service member of the United States Army artillery unit; he was a Vietnam War Veteran. He was a Past Commander of the American Legion Post #551, a member of Veterans of Foreign War, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. Paul graduated from Washington High School and Sowela Technical Institute as an electrician. He worked over 40 years in the refinery/petrochemical industry. He retired from Westlake Petrochemical as an operator in 2003. Visitation hours were on Saturday, February 25 2017 from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM at the Combre Funeral Home, 1200 Mill Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601. The funeral service was on Saturday, February 25 2017 at 1:00 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 2031 Opelousas Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601.

TERRY WAYNE LOCKLEY – Died Thursday, June 16, 2016 in Sylacauga, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 30, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sylacauga Chapter #945**. A graveside service was on July 14, 2016 at the Alabama National Cemetery at Montevallo, Alabama.



LEONARD L. "Lonnie" LOGAN - Died Thursday, March 2, 2017 at his home in Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 63 with his loving family at his side after fighting one hell of a battle with cancer. He was born on May 28, 1953 in Moline, Illinois, to the late Charles and Adelyne "Sally" (née Carr) Logan. On September 2, 1972, in Davenport, Iowa, he married the love of his life, Jamie Meer. Lonnie served his county from 1972 to 1975 as an aerospace systems repairman in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He graduated from Lansing Community College with a degree in digital electronics. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island (Quad Cities) Chapter #299*. Lonnie worked as a journeyman electrician. He was a member of IBEW Local #1379, where he had served as vice president. Lonnie was inducted into the AFL-CIO Hall of Fame in 2014, received the Edward Eagan Soldier of Safety Commendation in 2011, the National Safety Council Distinguished Service to Safety Award in 2011, had been chairman of the National Safety Council and was instrumental in installing the Alcoa Eaglecam. Lonnie enjoyed teaching safety classes and instructing electrical apprentices, golf, photography, traveling, fishing and spending time with his family. Those left to honor his memory include his wife, Jamie; daughter, Amy L. (John) Mason, Bettendorf; grandchildren, Austin, Cassie and Maddie Mason; twin sister, Lara L. (Monty) Dunscombe, Bettendorf and sister, Cathy (Art) Abend, Minneapolis, Minnesota; brothers, Clifford (Barb) Logan, Goshen, Indiana, and Robert Logan, South Carolina; mother-in-law, Jean Meer, Davenport; many nieces and nephews; a special friend, Cheryl Moore, Rapids City, and let's not forget the Friday night dinner gang. Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Cory G. Logan; father-in-law, Gene Meer; and a special friend, Gary Moore. Funeral services celebrating his life were at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 7th, at the Bettendorf Presbyterian Church. The burial was at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Port Byron. Visitation hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Monday, March 6th, at the McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf. A scholarship/award program for future electricians was created in Lonnie's name. Please make any memorials out to the family to be used for this purpose. Condolences may be made to Lonnie's family by viewing his obituary at mcginnis-chambers.com.



LEROY L. "Butch" LONG, JR. - Died Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Windber Hospice in Windber, Pennsylvania at the age of 68, surrounded by family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 16, 1948 in Johnstown to the late Leroy L. Long, Sr. and June (née Pfeil) Long. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Debra Long; and his in-laws, Wendle and Elizabeth Myers, Tom Myers, Walter Oberdorf and Victor Bartolomucci. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Janice E. (née Myers) Long, whom he married July 5, 1969; children, Lisa, wife of Ronald M. Sivec, St. Michael; Matthew, South Fork; and Melanie, wife of Master Sgt. Adam Tack, Kingsland, Ga.; grandchildren, Trista and Danielle Middleton, and Ariel and Ryder Tack; great-granddaughter, Serenity Grace Middleton;

sisters, Bonnie (Leroy) Kovack, Hooversville; and Diane Oberdorf, Danville; brothers, James (Emma) Long and William Long, all of Johnstown; sisters-in-law, Sharon Myers, South Fork; Rosalie Bartolomucci, Windber; and Wendy Hartnett, South Fork; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends; and also beloved Yorkshire Terriers, Buddy and Abby. Butch was a graduate of Johnstown High School, Class of 1966. He was a member of Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren. He served proudly in the United States Navy for six years and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Retired from Beth Energy Mine 33 and also worked at Enmacon and Barclay Electric. Member of UMWA Local #1368, VFW Post #4963, Ebensburg; and American Legion Post #551, Saint Michael; and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. Friends were received from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday at the Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home, Inc., South Fork. Viewing also at Mount Hope United Methodist Church, South Fork, from 10:00 AM until time of funeral service at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, with the Reverend Joseph Stains, officiating. Interment was in the Mount Hope Cemetery. Military graveside service was provided by Saint Michael American Legion Post #551. Special thanks to Windber Hospice for their care and kindness.

ANTHONY V. LONGO – Died recently in 2017 in New York City, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 25, 1937. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New York City Chapter #126**.



PAUL W. LORENZ - Died Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 65. He was a resident of Francis Creek, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 8, 1951 in Two Rivers, Wisconsin to the late Norman and Elsie (née Barthels) Lorenz and has been a lifelong area resident. Paul was a 1969 graduate of the Manitowoc Lutheran High School and served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1971 until his honorable discharge in 1974. On August 9, 1980, he married the former Connie S. Towey at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He worked as a corporate pilot for many years for various companies in the Sheboygan area. He later worked as a semi-truck driver for WI Nationwide Transportation. Paul was a faithful member of Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Maribel, where he served as an Elder. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731**. Paul enjoyed hunting, camping, and golfing. He is survived by his loving wife: Connie, one son: Daniel Lorenz, of Benson, AZ, two brothers: Edward (Diane) Lorenz, of Manitowoc, Frederick (Roberta) Vann-Lorenz, of Ames, IA, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Bill and Kathy Martinsen, of NE, Janet Towey, of NE, Reverend James (Beth) Humann, of Washington State, and by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one sister: Irene Humann, and by his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Francis and Eileen Towey, and brother-in-law: Robert Towey. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Maribel, with the Reverend Daniel Cole officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with graveside

Military Rites accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #731 of Manitowoc Co. Relatives and friends came to visit from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday at the Lambert-Eckert Funeral Home 344 South State Street in Mishicot, Wisconsin. Visitation hours continued from 9:00 AM to 10:45 AM on Tuesday at the church, before the time of service at 11:00 AM. A memorial fund was established in his name for Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church and school and for the Manitowoc Lutheran High School. The Lorenz family would like to thank the entire ICU medical staff at Southern AZ VA Hospital, especially to Liz and Ellen for the special care, love, and compassion shown to Paul and our family during his illness. Your compassion and kindness will always be remembered.



WILLIAM O. LOWERY - Died Saturday February 11, 2017 at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Hamilton, New Jersey at the age of 81. He was a resident of Bordentown, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 1, 1935 and raised in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and graduated from Atkins High School there, and later attended Trenton State College. William lived in Fairfax, Virginia, Wilksburg and Heidelberg Germany, Indianapolis, Indiana, before moving to Bordentown 38 years ago. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class during his 20 years of service. He later was employed as a civil servant at Fort Dix Army Base for 21 years before his retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. William was pre-deceased by his sister Theodora Murray, he is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Lucienne; a son, Fabrice Sirot and his wife Christine; a grandson, Caine O. Sirot; three brothers, George Lowery and his wife Henrietta, James Lowery and his wife Deline, and Donald Lowery. He will be missed by his many cousins, nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service and Military Honors were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 21st at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Province Line Road, North Hanover Township, NJ. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Huber-Moore Funeral Home, 517 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in William's memory to the American Cancer Society 1851 Old Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.



ARTHUR "Mac" MacKUSICK, JR. (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at his home in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. Mac was born in 1935 in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late Arthur and Elizabeth MacKusick. In June 1957, he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The following week, on June 15, 1957, he married Patricia Tyler at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 29 years with the United States Army, having served at various posts in the United States as well as Korea, Vietnam, Thailand and Germany. Mac was a student of military history and an avid reader. He also enjoyed gardening, trap shooting, golfing and his many dogs over

the years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Survivors include his wife Patricia; his daughters, Joanne Moeller of Altoona, IA and Lynne (Chris) Tabb, of Silvercliff, CO; his son, David (Carol) MacKusick, of Sapphire, NC; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary (Tom) Graham of Naples, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter Audrey Wenger. Services in celebration of his life were held at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 27th at the Weerts Funeral Home, Kimberly at Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport. His family greeted friends from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. The burial was in the National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois where military honors were presented by Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #299. Memorials may be made to K9 Kindness Rescue, Inc.

TERRY M. MAHANY - Died Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the Kansas City Hospice House at the age of 73. He was a resident of Lenexa, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. Terry was born July 8, 1942, in Kansas City, Kansas to the late Charles and Jeanne Mahany. He was a graduate of Wyandotte High School class of 1960. After graduating from Emporia State University, he attended Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island, and then was commissioned Ensign United States Naval Reserves in 1966. He served 2 years aboard the USS Morton (DD948) as a weapons Officer and Legal Officer, 1 year at Naval Support Activity, as Operation Control Center Officer in Danang, RVN. After 27 years he retired as Lieutenant Commander in the Reserves. He was involved with his ship reunions and the NSA group. He was a member of the MOAA, VFW Post #370, Masonic Lodges of Wyandotte #3, and Lenexa #135, Abdallah Shrine, the Monkey Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. He was a Partner in Mahany Realtors and Insurers with his father Charles E. Mahany until his death in 1997. Due to his health concerns the family business was closed. In 1980 Terry was the first to receive an angioplasty in Kansas City, KS. He was a proud Republican all of his life. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Nancy C. Mahany; his children, Edward N. (Angie), Harry (Mary) Krouse, III, Steven (Brenda) Krouse, Cynthia (Jim) Sartin, Keith A. Krouse; six grandchildren, Rena (Phil Coble) Krouse, Megan (Shane) Stevenson, Greg (Kat) Krouse, Sarah Lidtke, Jeff Fairbanks, Kody Krouse, Ryan Wolfe; his three great-grandchildren, Parker Stephenson, Kennedy Stephenson, Beau Lidtke; his sister, Brenda A. Mahany. The funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 20th, at the Porter Funeral Home 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, KS. The burial was in Highland Park Cemetery, Kansas City, KS. Friends visited from 5:00-7:00 PM on Friday at the Porter Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family suggested memorial contributions to Wyandotte #3 Masonic Lodge or the Lenexa Masonic Lodge # 135.



JOHN A. McCLEARY - Died Monday, February 20, 2017 in Chesterfield, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 2, 1947 to the late Joe and Ruth (née Friedsberg) McCleary. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Joseph. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired

from the Chesterfield Township DPW after 38 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154** and Zion United Church of Christ where he was also an usher. John enjoyed golfing and football. He was the beloved husband of Nancy; dear father of Tina (Joseph) Cherney and Christopher; loving grandfather of Trevor and Conner Cherney and Brock McCleary; and dear brother of Ruth (Steven) Steiner, Sandy (Al) Hasselbring, Richard (Karen), Peter, Timothy, Arthur (Cindy), Allan (Jackie) and Gregory (Cathy). Visitation hours were from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM. A Memorial Service was celebrated on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Gendernalik Funeral Home, 35259 23 Mile, New Baltimore, Michigan. Memorials may be made to the Zion United Church of Christ.



FELIX L. "Mac" McCRELLES (USAF, MSG-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at RWJ University Hospital in Hamilton, New Jersey at the age of 84. He was a resident of Cookstown, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Anniston, Alabama on June 8, 1932. He had been a resident of Cookstown since 1980. Mac retired as a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force after 26 years of dedicated service. He entered the USAF in 1952 and met his wife Sheila and married during his 1st Tour in England. He was stationed at Patrick AFB in Florida in 1957 and while at Cape Canaveral (6555th) he worked on Snark Missiles and the Titan I, II and II rockets. From 1967-1968 he was in Saigon, Vietnam during the Tet Offensive, from 1968-1973 at Seymour Johnson AFB in North Carolina, 1973-1977 at Bentwaters, England RAF Base and in 1977 he was stationed at McGuire AFB in New Jersey where he retired in 1978. After his military retirement Mac worked for Serve Air in Wrightstown and also worked as a Duty Manager in both the Recreation Center and the Officers Club at McGuire AFB. He was a life member of the VFW Post #6590 in Cookstown and the American Legion Post #455 in New Egypt. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. Mac belonged to the 20-Plus Club at the Base and he enjoyed calling bingo at the Cookstown VFW and the Cookstown Seniors. He was quite a handyman around the house and like to work on his cars and enjoyed feeding the birds. He was a jokester and was liked by all who knew him. Mac was predeceased by his son, Steven McCrelles; a sister, Mary Sue Barnett and a brother, John McCrelles. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Sheila (née Hicks) McCrelles; a daughter, Phyllis Kappus of Cookstown; a son-in-law, Carl Kappus of Kansas; two sisters and their husbands, Faye & Leroy Ford of Alabama and Shirley and Mutt Magouryk of Alabama; a brother-in-law, Derek Hicks of England; a sister-in-law, Dorothy McCrelles of Alabama and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mac were held on Monday, March 13th at 8:00 PM at the Tilghman Funeral Home, 52 Main Street, New Egypt, NJ 08533 (www.TilghmanFH.com). Visitation hours were on Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial was in the Halls Chapel Cemetery in Weaver, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mac's memory may be made to either the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, 1 Memorial Lane, PO Box 648, Holmdel, NJ 07733 (www.njvvmf.org/donations) or to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, PO Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015 (www.deborahfoundation.org/donate).

CARL D. McNABB – Died recently in 2017 in Newport News, Virginia at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 4, 1935. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newport News Chapter #433**.



RUFUS MEDLOCK, JR. (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 29, 2016 in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 3, 1936 in Jackson, Mississippi to the late Rufus (Doish) Medlock, Sr. Rufus enlisted in the United States Army at an early age in Bismarck, North Dakota, serving his nation honorable for 27 years and retiring with the rank of command sergeant major at Fort Jackson. During his military career, Rufus resided in 17 countries of which his favorite was Australia. His fluency in six languages was a boon in his various military occupations including Special Forces, Paratrooper, Medic, Airborne Ranger Green Beret, as well holding a position on the Delta Force Team/Airborne Infantry 75th Ranger Battalion. He was awarded several honors including a Purple Heart medal, Bronze Star medals, Army Commendation medals, and a Presidential Citation from President John F. Kennedy for his outstanding military service in his enduring sacrifice and bravery shown throughout the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After his retirement from the United States Army, Rufus continued his education and earned Associates in Nursing and Automotive Mechanics. Rufus obtained 32nd degree as a Free and Accepted Mason Scottish Rite Prince Hall and Eastern Star, Chapter #99, Berlin, Germany. Rufus participated in many Karate tournaments since the age of 9 and became an instructor while stationed in Berlin, Germany. He held a third degree black belt in Tak Wond, Fu Gung, and Aun Suke. His tremendous community relations and volunteerism extended to Fairwold Neighborhood Association. He was instrumental in establishing the Combat Veterans of Columbia, SC, at the Veterans Administration as well as being a lifetime voluntary member of the DAV, VFW Golden Knight All Army Parachute Team, and a State Guard Defense Force National Disaster Team Volunteer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**. Known as a hard and dependable worker, Rufus earned Employee of the Year honors from the Department of Defense for his work as a heavy equipment mechanic. Rufus' favorite hobbies included spending time with friends and family, fishing, Professional Marksmen with the Presidential 100 Shooting Team, the Golden Knight All Army Parachute Team, and as a very loyal fan watching the Dallas Cowboys. Known as a generous giver, Rufus served as a father figure and mentor to many people. He inspired his sons in their military careers, and he continued to give lifelong lessons to all with whom he came in contact. His grandchildren were known as his pride and joy; Rufus captured their minds with the lessons he taught. Their respect and love for him always made him smile. In addition to his parents, Rufus was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years Betty J. Medlock of Columbia, South Carolina, and a son, Rufus Patrick Medlock of Concord, North Carolina. Loving memories will be cherished by his son, Darren R. Medlock of Lorton, Virginia; six grandchildren: Jiavanna J. Medlock of Orlando, Florida, Taylor J. Medlock, Peyton J. Medlock, and Bryce T. W. Medlock, all of Concord, North Carolina, Kira Medlock of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Kyle Medlock of Lorton, Virginia; a daughter-in-law, Sonjinika Y. Medlock of Concord, North Carolina; three sisters-in-law: Bertha Ellis of Brooklyn, New York, Fannie Mae (Otis) Priester of Cameron, South Carolina, and Dorothy (Hercules) Brantley of Ellore, South Carolina; three brothers-in-law: William (Viola) Irick, Burley (Marie) Irick, Jr., and William (Viola) Irick, all of Cameron, South Carolina; and a host of nieces,

nephews, and other loving relatives and friends who will miss his presence dearly. A funeral service was held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 12:00 Noon at the Palmer Memorial Chapel, 1200 Fontaine Place, Columbia, SC. Interment was in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery.



ALLEN EDWARD MERRILL - Died Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the Avera Maryhouse in Pierre, South Dakota at the age of 65. He was a resident of Gettysburg, South Dakota. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born June 13, 1951 in Onida, South Dakota to the late Robert and Phyllis (née Parks) Merrill who survives him. He was baptized in the Methodist Church. Allen attended grade school at East Harrison Country School until the 8th grade, and graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1969. Following graduation, Allen entered the United States Army. He took his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He served his two years in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1972. Allen did carpentry work with his uncle, Edward Merrill, in Rapid City, South Dakota. He then moved to Gillette, Wyoming, where he started driving trucks. He lived there several years driving trucks in the Douglas, Wyoming area. Allen later returned to Gettysburg, and he was working at Northern Plains Coop when he was diagnosed with cancer in January of 2015. Allen loved to travel and attended many veteran conventions during his lifetime. He was a longtime member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Dakota Kruzer's Car Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Deadwood Chapter #1039**. He loved his little convertible car and attended many car shows in this area. Allen was very active in the VFW, and he was the Commander at the time of his death. Allen liked people and often met strangers that were told they could hunt pheasants on his dad's farm. His family met many hunters that way. Allen is survived by his mother, Phyllis Merrill of Gettysburg; brother, Mark Merrill of Pierre; and many aunts, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert Merrill; two sets of grandparents; and many other family members. The funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the United Methodist Church, Gettysburg. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Burial was in the Gettysburg Cemetery with full military honors. The Luce Funeral Home of Gettysburg was entrusted with Allen's arrangements.

CARMEN S. MICELI - Died peacefully at home in Forked River, New Jersey on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the age of 72. The cause of death was cardiorespiratory arrest, end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and carcinoma of the lungs. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on September 24, 1944 to the late Joseph Racioppi and Grace Tufano. Carmen and his wife, Sandra both graduates of Emerson High School of Union City, NJ lived in North Bergen, NJ, where they raised their two daughters Lisa and Lori. Carmen was a professional fire fighter for the North Bergen Fire Department from 1971 to 1998 retiring as a Battalion Chief. Carmen honorably served his country during the Vietnam War from 1965-1966 in the United States Army, as part of the First Battalion, Seventh Cavalry, fighting in one of the most noted battles of the war, in the Ia Drang Valley from November 14-16, 1965. He was a member of **Vietnam**

Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200. For the past 26 years, Carmen and his wife have resided in Forked River. For those who knew Carmen, he will be remembered by his great stories and fun sense of humor. Surviving is his wife, Sandra Miceli; children, Lori DeMuro and Lisa Waters with husband Matthew Waters and grandchildren AJ and Erica Waters. He also leaves behind a brother, Anthony Racioppi and wife, Kathy Racioppi; a sister, Maryanne Miceli, and; many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Layton Home for Funerals, Forked River, NJ. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Saint Pius Church in Forked River followed by Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the USO which supports America's service men and women.



SALVATORE M. "Sal" MIONE - Died Sunday March, 19, 2017 in Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, New Jersey at the age of 70. He was a resident of Rahway, New Jersey. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest, septic shock, dementia, Parkinson's disease, hypertension and dyslipidemia. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on October 8, 1946. He lived in Bayonne, New Jersey before coming to Rahway in 1973. He was a longtime communicant of Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church serving on the finance committee and many other volunteer capacities over the years. He was employed by Morgan Stanley, Jersey City, NJ for many years and later by the Union County Office of Veteran Affairs before retiring in 2004. Sal was a Veteran of the Vietnam War serving as a Sergeant in the United States Army. Sal was well known throughout the State of New Jersey for serving and volunteering on many Veteran organizations and committees, including: The NJ State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) where he served as Past President. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Elizabeth Chapter #779**. He was a founding committee member of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial of New Jersey in Holmdel, NJ. He was also a member of the New York/New Jersey First Cavalry Association and Chapter #779 Vietnam Veterans of America of Kenilworth. Sal served the City of Rahway as a Councilman at Large for over 24 years. He also served the City as a Commissioner on the Rahway Planning Board for many years. Locally Sal was a member of American Legion Post #5, Rahway, The Catholic War Veterans, Rahway Honorary P.B.A and Rahway Council #1146 Knights of Columbus. He was predeceased by his brother Anthony Mione who was Killed in Action in Vietnam in 1969. Surviving is his beloved wife of 46 years, Arlene (née Bujnowski); he was the devoted father of Kerrie Kirk (Kevin), Laurie Marcantonio (Dean) and Michael Mion; he was the dear brother of James Mione; he was also loved by his grandson, Anthony. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his funeral on Thursday March 23, 2017 at 9:00 AM in the Pettit-Davis Funeral Home, 371 West Milton Avenue, Rahway and then to Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church where his funeral Mass was offered at 10:00 AM. The burial was in Saint Mary Cemetery, Clark, New Jersey. Visiting hours were on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM.

LARRY D. MITCHELL – Died Thursday, December 15, 2016 in East Berlin, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on November 26,

1948. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Linda Mitchell, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**.

KENNETH W. MONTGOMERY – Died recently in 2016 in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 18, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.



DR. MARCO MONTOYA (USPHS-Ret.) – Died Thursday, November 17, 2016 in Austin, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1945 to the late Agustin Rodriguez Montoya and Sylvia (née Flores) Montoya, who survives him. He was served our country, first in the United States Army's 3rd Infantry Division and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant and then later with the United States Public Health Service as a Captain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Culver City (California) Chapter #526**. Dr. Montoya is survived by his loving children, David Montoya and Lisa Cockrell, her husband, Joel and grandchildren, Jayden Cockrell, Agustin Cockrell, and Riley Cockrell; his mother, Sylvia (née Flores) Montoya; siblings, Lupita Tannatt and her husband, Michael, Pilar Hanson and her husband, Ron, Joseph Montoya, and Patricia Alberico and her husband, Michael; nieces and nephews, Mateo Tannatt, Cristina Hanson, Lucas Hanson and his wife, Erin, Domenick Alberico, Vincent Alberico, and Evie Alberico; and numerous other family and friends. The family of Dr. Montoya would like to extend a special thank you to Teodora Acosta, Dr. Montoya's very special friend, for her care and devotion. Dr. Montoya dedicated his life to public health, welfare, and education, as well as being a political activist for a variety of public policy issues. In 2014 he campaigned as a Democrat for the US House to represent the 25th Congressional District of Texas. His education, PhD in Socio-Demography, MS in Statistics, and MS in Public Health, was put to good use in helping to shape public policy, primarily but certainly not limited to public health. He conducted research on the effect of pesticides, worked in civil affairs as an officer in the U.S. Army, worked in the U.S. Public Health Service in Science Administration, and worked with the Pan-American Union of Armed Forces Reserve, U.S. House Appropriation Committee, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, U.S. Naval War College Distinguished Graduate, and numerous other local boards and committees. He served as a Grant writer and Principle Investigator for the ENLACE Program which helped with the retention of Latino students at Texas State and encouraged the university to become a Hispanic Serving Institution. Dr. Montoya also played a pivotal role in many organizations in the Austin area with a focus on the Austin Hispanic community. He Laid-in-State beginning at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at the Mission Funeral Home (EAST), 1615 East Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, Texas. The family was available to receive family and friends at 5:00 PM. Formal visitation hours began at 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 1, 2016 with Recitation of Holy Rosary being held at 7:00 PM at the Mission Funeral Home Serenity Chapel (SOUTH), 6204 South First Street, Austin, Texas. The Mass of Christian Burial began at 9:00 AM on Friday, December 2, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 5909 Reicher Drive, Austin, Texas. A private burial with full

military honors was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas. The family requested that any donations be made in his name to Boy Scout Troop #489 in Austin Texas.



JAMES ANTHONY MOODY - Died Wednesday, March 1, 2017 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 2, 1933 in Claremont, New Hampshire to the late Anthony Mitchell and Helene Victoria (née Delorier) Moody. James was a mechanic by trade and a member of the VFW, NRA, and FRA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. James proudly served his country in the United States Navy for 23 years, serving both in the Korean War and Vietnam War. James was lovingly known as “Grandpa” by many in his later years, loved God, Family and Country in that order. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Jeanette Moody of Victoria; daughters, Diana Moody Pennington of Victoria, Emily Moody Long of Victoria, Bethia Moody Coker of Austin, Ellen Moody Welch (Larry) of Goliad; son, William Russell Moody (Carla) of Victoria; sister, Helene Carole Land of Waynesboro, Mississippi; brothers, P. Russell Moody and William Harry Moody both of Hamilton, Montana., Harry Russell Ott of Queensberry, New York; Grandchildren Harley, Kyle and Jesse Pennington; Brock and Garrett Moody; Jack “BJ” Hardin, Chris and Stacy Long; Eric Moody, George “Buster” Albrecht, Annie Ryan Tamble; Jeremy and James Welch, Jacy Welch Villarreal. Grandpa is also survived by 29 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, James is preceded in death by a grandson, Jacob Adam Welch and sons-in-law, Terry Joe Long and Robert Alan Coker. The family received friends for a visitation on Friday, March 3, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Grace Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Grace Funeral Home with Pastor John Waak, officiating. Interment with full military honors was under the auspices of the Victoria County Veterans Council, AL, CWV, VFW, DAV, MCL, MOWW, EX-POW, MOPH, VVA, and KWV was held at the Wood Hi Cemetery. James’ grandsons served as pallbearers and as well as his oldest great-grandson Dylon Albrecht. Condolences and memories can be shared online at www.gracefuneralhome.net. Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of Grace Funeral Home.

MICHAEL E. MOORE – Died Saturday, December 19, 2015 in Bellevue, Nebraska at the age of 67. He was formerly of Fremont, Nebraska. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 22, 1948 to the late Daniel A Moore and Clair Williams. He was proud member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Omaha Chapter #397**. He served in Vietnam. He was the Commander of the DAV in Omaha and Fremont. He was Board member of Great Plains Paralyzed Veterans of America. He organized the Fremont Area Marine Corps League and served as its first Commandant. He rode with the In-Country Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club. Mike participated at the 1992 Para Olympics as a member of the U.S. Powerlifting team. He served on the Veterans

Advisory Committee for the state of NE under Bob Kerrey. He worked as a Chief of Prosthetics for 28 years at the VA Hospital. Preceded in death by his father, Daniel A. Moore; mother, Clair Williams; brother, Daniel E. Moore; sister, Diane Coughlin. He is survived by wife, Peggy (Rosemary) of Fremont; son, Michael (Mollee) Moore of Omaha; daughters, Angel (Curt) Thomas of Blair, Michelle (Peter) Kenney of Papillion; 7 grandchildren; sister, Kathleen Moore and Marty Cope of Denton, TX. The Prayer Service was at 7:00 PM on Tuesday December 22nd at the Bellevue Memorial Chapel. The Memorial Service was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday December 23rd at the Bellevue Memorial Chapel. The interment was in Saint Mary Cemetery with full Military Rites.



ROBERT JOSEPH MOORE, JR. - Died Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 4, 1941 in Cuero, Texas to the late Robert Joseph and Alma Jean (née Thivierge) Moore, Sr. He graduated from Cuero High School and he proudly served his country in the United States Army. After 32 years of dedicated service, he retired from DuPont and served in several organizations, such as Victoria County 4-H (swine leader), Victoria Little League (coach); member of American Legion Post #166 (Past Commander), a *Life Member* **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898** and VFW Post #4146. He was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church. Robert enjoyed spending time with his family, as well as hunting and fishing. He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy W. Moore; sons, Gary (Denice) Moore and Mark (Beth) Moore, all of Victoria; grandchildren, Garrett Campbell, Zachary, Shelby, Savannah, Samantha and Sloan Moore; sisters, Donna (Sam) Johnson and Debbie (Jim) Cook; and stepsister, Jeanne (Carl) Mauer. A Visitation was held from 6:00 – 7:00 PM on Friday, December 4, 2015 at the Colonial Funeral Home followed by a Rosary at 7:00 PM. A Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Saint Mary Catholic Church. The burial was in the Resurrection Cemetery with Full Military Honors under the auspices of the Victoria County Veterans Council. The pallbearers were Anthony Moore, Jr, Todd Heibel, Garrett Campbell, Mark Benoit, Joe Rainosek and Kenneth Kurtz. The honorary pallbearer was Rocky Willitte. A very "special thank you" was given to his beautiful caregiver, Ernestina "My Mimi" Pena; Jerome Williams and all their caregivers; the wonderful staff at Health Force and Dr. John P. Soule and staff. Memorial Donations may be made to American Legion Post #166. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.colonialfuneralhomevictoria.com.

EMETERIO MOYA – Died Thursday, October 29, 2015 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 11, 1942 in Victoria to the late Manuel Moya Oviedo and Emma Perez de Moya. He was predeceased by his brother, Manual Moya, Jr. and his niece, Julie Hart, of Galveston, Texas and his nephew, John Joseph Civini IV, of Galveston. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in July 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**.



LOIS ANN NAST - Died Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Masonic Pathways in Alma, Michigan at the age of 57. She was a resident of Cheboygan, Michigan and formerly of Gagetown, Michigan. Lois is a breast cancer survivor and lost her battle with Lou Gehrigs Disease (ALS). She was a true fighter and believer! Lois was born in Bay City, Michigan on November 28, 1959, the daughter of George and Dorothy (née Schairer) Prich, Jr. She married Roger Nast on March 30, 1991. She worked at Walbro in Cass City and Walmart in Cheboygan and enjoyed her talent as a certified massage therapist. She had a special talent of sewing, quilting and crafting. Her crafts brought joy to many and her lap quilts gave comfort to the veterans. She enjoyed flower gardening and her two dogs. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**. She enjoyed attending Evangelical Covenant Church in Cheboygan. Her pride and joy were her three children and two grandchildren. Lois is survived by her husband, Roger, children, Aaron Kunding of Sebawaing, Laura (Shawn) Swartzendruber of Sebawaing, and Hannah Nast of Cheboygan, mother, Dorothy Prich, grandchildren, Chase and Sadie Swartzendruber, siblings, Wayne (Katherine) Prich, Gordon (Valerie) Prich, Alan (Karen) Prich, Larry (Annette) Prich, Thomas (Cindy) Prich and Linda Rueger. Lois is preceded in death by her father, George Prich, Jr., and brother-in-law, Wayne Rueger. Per Lois's request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Juengel and Mellendorf Funeral Home in Sebawaing. Visitation hours were from 1:00 PM until the time of service at 4:00 PM, officiated by Wendy Orzel. Memorial donations may be given to Associates of the Vietnam Veterans of American (AVVA) Chapter #274, ALS of Michigan or Susan G. Komen Michigan.



JERROLD E. "Jerry" "Butch" NEAL - Died Friday, March 26, 2010 in New Castle, Delaware at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 27, 1945 in Greenwood, Delaware to the late James and Sadie Neal. Jerrold grew up in Salisbury, MD and graduated from Salisbury High School. In 1964, he joined the United States Army, where he served his country well from the 101st Airborne Division in the Vietnam War. He was one of the soldiers that was missing-in-action. Jerrold received numerous military medals. He was employed by New Castle County, where he retired and he also worked for Generations as a driver. He was active in various organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**. Jerrold was known to many as "Jerry" and to his family he was "Butch". He loved Track & Field and other sports, as well as taking pictures. Everywhere he went he had his camera to capture special moments. His favorite color was purple. He received Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and loved him with all his heart, he believed strongly in Love and Peace and dearly loved his family. He enjoyed having family gatherings; Jerrold was a devoted grandfather, father, brother and uncle. One of his favorite sayings was "If I can help somebody along the way then my living will not be in vain", and he did just that! He always

gave a kind word and encouragement and always had a smile and never complained. Whenever he departed from you he would say, "Be safe and be kind". Jerrold had strong faith in God and always believed that prayer would change things. He was always giving and never wanted to receive. Everywhere he went he touched the lives of many, but all of these things cannot fully describe the man that Jerrold was. He will be greatly missed by his family and those who knew and loved him dearly. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Annie Pettijohn; 2 brothers, James Neal, Jr. and Donald Neal; and 1 sister, Joann Neal. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; 3 daughters, Sharon Bacon of Newark, DE, Jennifer Mitchell of Claymont, DE and Annette Loper of Salisbury, MD; 1 son, Jerrold Ryder of Salisbury, MD; 3 sons-in-law, James Bacon, Robert Mitchell, James Loper; 1 daughter-in-law, Jessica Ryder; 3 stepchildren, Robyn Bailey, Sean Grinnage, Andre Grinnage; 19 grandchildren; and 1 special great-grandson; 2 sisters, Michele Neal-Willis of Smyrna, DE, Janice Creighton of Dover, DE; 1 brother-in-law, David Creighton; 7 brothers, Keith of Salisbury, MD, Larry of Smyrna, DE, Raymond, Gregory, David of Dover, DE, Charles of Middletown, DE, George of Lewes, DE; 2 sisters-in-law, Sandy and Catherine; and a host of nieces and nephews.

AL NELSON – Died recently in 2017 in New Castle, Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**.

JOHNNIE P. NICHOLS - Died Saturday, March 25, 2017, at Natchez Trace Parkway in Kosciusko, Mississippi at the age of 73. He was a resident of Booneville, Mississippi. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 24, 1943. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. Funeral services were on Wednesday at 2:00 PM at the Kesler Funeral Home Chapel in Baldwyn, Mississippi. Visitation hours were on Tuesday from 5:00 until 9:00 PM at the Kesler Funeral Home. Burial was at the Allen Cemetery.



HARVEY D. NICHOLSON - Died Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Colmery-O'Neal VA Medical Center in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 69. He was a resident of Topeka, Kansas but formerly of Ottawa, Kansas. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. He was born Monday, March 24, 1947, in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Harvey L. and Thelma M. (née Hoskinson) Nicholson. He grew up and was a near-lifelong resident of Ottawa, Kansas moving in 2004 to Topeka, Kansas. He graduated from Ottawa High School with the class of 1966. He attended Ottawa University and the University of Nebraska at Kearney where he ran track. He set track records in cross country in high school and college. Harvey served in the United States Army as a combat engineer in Germany from 1968 to 1970. He obtained the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7) receiving the national defense service medal and was recognized as a sharp shooter. He also served in the Army Reserves for 18 years, retiring in 1993. Harvey was united in marriage to Diane Kuhn September 10, 2006 in Skidmore, Missouri. She survives of the

home. Other survivors include his three sons, Kirt James of Topeka, Christopher and wife Kymber of Lone Jack, Missouri, and Eric and wife Jessica of Lawrence; brother, Gary Nicholson and wife Margaret of Ottawa; sister, Lanora Newell of Ozawkie; stepsiblings, Squire Foster and wife Doris of Newton, James Foster of Ottawa, Dorothy Anrig of Chico, California, and Opal Shepard of Pomona; two grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Brett Nicholson; Dallas Nicholson's significant other, Karen Childers of Bandon, Oregon; and dogs, Mocha, Digger and Betsy. He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey L. Nicholson; mother, Thelma Nicholson-Foster; stepfather, Eugene Foster who was like another father to Harvey; brother, Dallas Nicholson; sister, Eletheir Presnal; stepsister, Gayle Sawyer; stepbrother, Todd Foster; and brother-in-law, Albert Presnal. He was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church of Topeka; a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912*, and the Warren Black Post #0 American Legion, both of Ottawa. Harvey was a big fan of his grandkids team sports, also enjoying the KU Jayhawks, KC Royals and the KC Chiefs. He loved helping others and was available to help anyone in need. He was a VVA service rep who loved helping veterans. Harvey pioneered the building of the Franklin County Veterans Memorial and was on the committee to bring the American Veterans Traveling Tribute to Ottawa, in 2003. The funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Dengel and Son Mortuary, Ottawa. The family greeted friends from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at the mortuary. The interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Pomona, Kansas with full military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard. The family suggested that memorial contributions be made to the *Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America*, Task Force Omega, or ALS Association c/o Dengel and Son Mortuary, 235 South Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas 66067. Family and friends are encouraged to post their condolences and memories on Harvey's Tribute Wall at www.dengelmortuary.com.

GARY W. NOBLE – Died Friday, February 17, 2017 in Osage Beach, Missouri at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 17, 1945 in Lebanon, Missouri to the late Irwin and Ethel (née Sullivan) Noble. Gary was a talented athlete in his younger years and excelled at wrestling. He was offered a scholarship and attended college on that scholarship. Gary entered the United States Navy on April 5, 1966 and proudly served our country until his honorable discharge on April 4, 1972. He served in the Vietnam War and obtained several awards. He earned a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Gary was proud of his service time and dedicated to the future successes of our country. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri*. Gary loved to travel. He was able to fulfill his passion through his career. He was a longtime body guard for Peter Schaffer, his dear friend, as they traveled the world with the television show "Antiques Roadshow." Over the years Gary also became fluent in ten different languages. He loved antique collecting and felt very fortunate that he was able to be a part of such a wonderful program. When he wasn't traveling, Gary enjoyed playing darts and visiting with family and friends. He also loved animals. He leaves to celebrate his memory, two nieces, Dusty Conner and her husband Lamar of Mount Pleasant, TX, and Misty Fey of Stoutland, MO; great-nieces and nephews, Cory Hughes of Christiana, TN, Bucky, Jade and Sandy Fey, all of Lebanon, MO; forever friend, Peter Schaffer of New York, New York; other

relatives and many friends. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters. Gary will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

ROBERT J. NOBLE – Died recently in 2016 in Marina del Rey, California at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 12, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Culver City Chapter #526**.



RONNIE WAYNE ODOM - Died Thursday, November 17, 2016 in the comfort of his home in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 73. He was also a resident of Jersey Village, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Elizabeth, Louisiana on August 30, 1943 to the late Lenox and Minnie Odom and was raised in the Plainview, Louisiana community. He was a 1961 graduate of Plainview High School and a 1972 and 1979 graduate of McNeese State University. He served in the United States Air Force and was a Command Sgt. Major in the United States Army Reserve having retired a Finance Disbursement Officer. He was proud to serve Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait. Mr. Odom was a member and Past Commander of the American Legion Post #1 and VFW Post #2139. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. From 1981 – 2001 “Coach Odom” taught American History and Free Enterprise at Barbe High School where he was the head golf coach, offensive back coach for the football team, assistant basketball and track coach. He was a member of the SWLA Umpire Association, a referee in the SWLA Football Officials Association, enjoyed officiating high school football and umpiring high school baseball and girls softball. Mr. Odom was also a member of US Golf Association, McNeese Cowboy Club and Sale Street Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by one sister, Beverly June Welch; his parents, Minnie and Lenox Odom and a nephew, Randal Johnson. Mr. Odom is survived by two sisters, Frances O. Johnson of Oakdale, LA and Kay Jacobs and husband John of Houston, TX; three nephews, Michael Welch of Austin, TX, Gregg Jacobs of Houston, TX and Shannon Johnson of Moss Bluff and one niece, Lisa Welch Posey of Kyle, TX and many friends. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Sale Street Baptist Church. The Reverend Randy Edwards officiated. Visitation hours were on Tuesday from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the church. The family of Mr. Odom extended heartfelt thanks to Henry Burge for being a kind, caring and devoted friend. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of choice.



PATRICIA ANN OGG - Died Tuesday, on March 7, 2017, in Port Arthur, Texas at the age of 73. She was a resident of Bridge City, Texas. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. She was born in Chandler, Oklahoma, on July 25, 1943 to the late Clifford and Alma Ogg. She graduated from Orangefield High School in 1961. Patricia joined the Women’s Army Corps in September of 1965 where she served during the Vietnam War. She

was honorably discharged in 1968. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**. Patricia retired from North Orange Veterinary Clinic after 20 years. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, William Ogg. She is survived by her children, Sally Hargrave and husband Cliff, of Bridge City and Jeanie Lafleur and husband Kent, also of Bridge City; grandchildren, Morgan Sanchez, Samantha Hargrave, Codi Sheppard, and Courtney Wilson; great-grandchildren, Kamden Slagle, Chandler Sanchez, and Carson Sanchez. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 10, 2017, at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Visitation hours were from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday at the Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City, Texas.

ROBERT GENE OLSON - Died Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Saint Agnes Hospital in Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin at the age of 67. He was a resident of Malone, Wisconsin. The cause of death was pneumonia, Agent Orange-related diabetes mellitus type II, sepsis, hyperlipidemia and hypertension. He was born in Fond-du-Lac on June 17, 1949 to the late Franklin and Ruth (née Stanchfield) Olson, who survives. He was a graduate of Goodrich High School, Class of 1967. Robert served his country in the United States Army in the Signal Corps from 1968-72 during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**. He worked as an electrician for over 30 years. Robert was a past member of the National Guard and the Mukwonago Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Survivors include his mother, Ruth Smith of Fond-du-Lac; his brother, James Olson of Fond-du-Lac; two stepsisters, Jeanne (John) McDowell of Fond-du-Lac and Maggi (Jim) Berenz of Mequon; four stepbrothers, Michael, Peter, William and Charles Smith, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father and a stepbrother, John. Robert's family received visitors from 2:00 - 3:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 1225 Fourth Street, Fond-du-Lac on Wednesday, December 28, 2016. A memorial service was held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Jack Harrison officiating. Inurnment was in the Rienzi Cemetery.



LARRY W. OWEN - Died at 8:25 PM on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, Bluffton, Indiana at the age of 70. He was a resident of Bluffton. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Wolf Lake, Indiana on September 27, 1946, to the late Clarence and Virginia (née Deutsch) Owen. Larry married Diane M. (née Betz) on June 21, 1974, at the Park United Brethren Church. He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1964, and earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1969. He served our country in the United States Army Engineering Corps during Vietnam. Over Larry's career, he worked for the City of Huntington as the assistant engineer, served as Adams County Highway Engineer, and retired as the Wells County Highway Engineer. He owned Setser, Owen and Associates, a private land surveying and engineering firm, and consulted for Miller Land Surveying in Monroe and Bertsch-Frank and Associates in Fort Wayne. Larry also authored a book memorializing the Kingsland Wreck of 1910. He was a member of Park United Brethren

Church, Wells County Gideons, the John Purdue Club, Purdue Alumni Association, American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluffton Chapter #698**, RIPEA and the National Rifle Association. Among survivors is his wife of 43 years, Diane; children: Sarah Owen of Washington, DC, Julie (Duane) Modlin, and Mark (Rachel) Owen, both of Bluffton. He was an amazing Papaw to three grandchildren, Sophie and Emma Modlin; and Judah Owen. He is also survived by a sister, Luana Walker; and sister-in-law, Judy Owen, both of Albion. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Charles; and an infant sister. Funeral services took place at 10:30 AM on Saturday at Park United Brethren Church in Bluffton. Pastor John Cole and Reverend Duane Modlin co-officiated. Burial was at the Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Visitation hours were from 2:00-8:00 PM on Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to the Wells County Gideons Camp, Family LifeCare, Forgotten Children Worldwide or to the Park United Brethren Church.

DONALD R. PAIR – Died received in 2017 in Anniston, Alabama at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 16, 1943. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Anniston Chapter #502**.

WILLIAM R. PARKS – Died recently in Kunkletown, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 21, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**.



HAROLD GLENN PAYNE - Died Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Castalian Springs, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death was liver and kidney cancer. He was born March 13, 1944 in Loretto, Tennessee to the late George and Elizabeth Payne. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. In civilian life, he was a truck driver and a salesman for Sunbeam Bread. He is survived by his wife Mary Emily (née Pollock) Payne; his son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Tracy Payne; his grandchildren, Shelby, Krista, Taylor, and Kailey, and; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Eloise Gentry and Van and Anita White. The family received friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN on Friday, February 17, 2017 from 4:00-8:00 PM. The Funeral Service was on 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Pettus-Turnbo Funeral Home, 501 West Gaines Street, Lawrenceburg TN. Visitation was at the funeral home from Noon until the service. Interment was in the Deerfield Baptist Church Cemetery, Lawrenceburg TN. The Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon, TN was in charge of the arrangements.



RONALD J. PETRIE - Died Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center – Gainesville, Georgia at the age of 75, following his brief battle with cancer. He was a resident of Flowery Branch, Georgia. He was born on July 20, 1941 in Wooster, Ohio to the late Harry and Helen Petrie. He was a member of Oakwood First United Methodist Church, the Gainesville Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization; the South Hall Community Food Pantry and was an Elf for the Kiwanis Santa Delivery in Portage Lakes, Ohio. He was a graduate of North High School and the University of Akron, where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772** and Mended Hearts Chapter #302. He was also retired from Liberty Mutual Insurance. He was an all-around nice person and he loved fishing and volunteering at the Oakwood VA Clinic. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Petrie of Flowery Branch; his son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Christie Petrie of Coarsegold, California; his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Alex and Helena; his sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Larry Hunter of Portage Lakes, Ohio; and many nieces & nephews. Memorial Services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 24, 2017 in the Chapel of Memorial Park South Funeral Home. The Reverend Sandra Skinner officiated. The family received friends from 10:00 – 11:00 AM on Friday, February 24, 2017 at the Memorial Park South Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oakwood First United Methodist Church, Audio Visual Fund, 4315 Allen Street, Oakwood, Georgia 30566 or South Hall Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 671, Oakwood, Georgia 30566. The Memorial Park South Funeral Home, 4121 Falcon Parkway, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542 was in charge of the arrangements. Send on-line condolences to www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com.

THOMAS E. PICARELLA – Died recently in 2017 in Clearwater, Florida at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 24, 1954. He is survived by his wife, Nancy. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone (New York) Chapter #32**.



RONALD M. PINTER - Died Monday, March 6, 2017 at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital at the age of 76. He was a resident of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin and formerly of Cornell, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 5, 1941 and raised in the Boyd area of Wisconsin by his adoptive parents, working on their farm. He joined the United States Army and proudly served his country in Vietnam and in Desert Storm. He actively served for 20+ years and upon his honorable discharge, he joined multiple veteran organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #005**. He married the love of his life, Shirley Hall, on March 9, 1974, and welcomed their daughter, Angela August 6, 1975. They made their home in Cornell, where he worked for the Cornell Corp. and various

other factory jobs until his retirement in 1998. In 2001, he and Shirley moved to Chippewa Falls, where they resided until her passing March 10, 2005. The year 2001 was also when he located his biological siblings after many years of searching for them. He became a resident of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls in February 2016 and resided there until his passing. Ronald was very patriotic and was extremely proud to have served his country. He is survived by his daughter, Angie; his sisters, Charlotte (Norman) Olson, Darlene Otto, Edith Schlosser, Mary Kraft; his brothers, Anthony Schlosser, Ben (Carol) Schlosser, George (Cheryl) Schlosser; his sister-in-law, Diana Hall. He is also survived by his two godsons, Michael Hall and Dominique Hall; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 31 years, Shirley; his adoptive parents; his biological mom; his stepfather; his mother and father-in-law; his sister-in-law, Sandy Westrich; brothers-in-law, Michael Hall, Mark Hall and Duane Kraft. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday March 13th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cornell, with Pastor Andy Schottelkorb officiating. The interment with full military honors was at the Cornell Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday March 12th, at the Borton-Leiser Funeral Home in Cornell and also one hour before the services on Monday morning at the church. Express online condolences at www.leiserfuneralhome.com.



ROSEMARIE RUTH PITZ - Died Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Aurora Medical Center at the age of 84. She was a resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The cause of death was a pulmonary embolism. She was born in Oshkosh on July 24, 1932, the eldest of five children born to the late Gilbert M. and Cecilia G. (née Cannon) Pitz. She was educated in Oshkosh schools graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1950 and the College of Saint Theresa of Winona, Minnesota with a B.S. Degree in Nursing. Rosemarie entered the United States Navy in April of 1959 and permanently retired from the Navy in August of 1975 having been stationed at US Naval Hospitals in Jacksonville, Florida; Rota, Spain; Great Lakes, Illinois; Bethesda, Maryland; Portsmouth, Virginia and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the Dispensary at the Philadelphia Pennsylvania Naval Shipyard. Rosemarie was a member of the Oshkosh Patriotic Council of which she had served as president for six years during which time she was responsible for organizing the Oshkosh Memorial Day Procession. She was a member of many organizations including, DAV Chapter #17, The American Legion Post #70, a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437*, of WAVES (Women of Sea Services) Unit #143, MOAA (Military Officers Association of America), APRL (Amateur Radio Relay League). During retirement years she was active in amateur radio (HAM radio) being station control operator of radio station aboard Queen Mary W6RO Long Beach, California. For several years she assisted with Long Beach marathons, California fires and 1984 Olympics as well as sailing regattas communication. Rosemarie became active in numerous veteran organizations following her return to Wisconsin following her father's death. Besides being Adjutant, Treasurer and Service Officer of the DAV Local Chapter #17 for a number of years she was also the Commander of the Winnebago County American Legion County Council for six

years and has been an active member of the United Veterans Honor Guard. Survivors include a brother, Bernard Pitz and sisters, Elizabeth and Kathy C. Pitz, all of Oshkosh as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and many very dear friends. She was preceded in death by a brother, August G. Pitz. Rosemarie will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Having been a member of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Saint Mary Catholic Church, a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her at the church at the corner of Merritt and Monroe Avenues in Oshkosh on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Father William Van DeKreeke as celebrant. A time of visitation was held at the church on Wednesday from 9:00 AM until the time of the Mass. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery with full military honors to be given by her comrades of the United Veterans Honor Guards (with rifles recently purchased and provided to the group by Rosemarie). In lieu of floral expressions, memorials in her name were given to the charity of one's choice.



JAMES STEPHEN PORTER - Died Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Brightmoor Hospice, Griffin, Georgia at the age of 76. He was a resident of Shiloh, Georgia. He was born on September 3, 1939 in Columbus, Georgia to the late Reuben and Hester (née Mann) Porter. He retired from the United States Navy with twenty years of service and was a Vietnam War Veteran. After his retirement, Mr. Porter worked in civil service at Fort Benning for a number of years. He attended Old Shiloh Baptist Church and was a member of the American Legion Post in Manchester. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. Mr. Porter was also a dedicated supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project. During his leisure time, he and his wife, Sammye, enjoyed antiquing and accumulated an impressive collection of antiques. He is survived by his wife, Sammye (née Cox) Porter, of Shiloh; one brother, Tommy Porter of Williamson; two sisters, Sandra Brown of McDonough, Jo Ann Garner and her husband, Travis of Georgetown, TX; aunts and uncle, Ben and Gloria Mann of Shiloh, Ludie Railey of Shiloh and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the chapel of Cox Funeral Home, Manchester with Pastor Rick Lipp officiating. The interment was in the Meriwether Memory Gardens with Jason Porter, Tyrone Porter, Kevin Porter, Clyde Railey, Ernie Railey and Roger Milner serving as pallbearers. Visitation hours were from 10:00 – 11:00 AM prior to the service. Cox Funeral Home in Manchester, Georgia was in charge of the arrangements.

DAVID L. RATHEL - Died Saturday, December 20, 2003 in New Castle, Delaware at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 13, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 31st, in the Delaware Veterans Cemetery Chapel, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, Delaware. The arrangements were made by the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home of New Castle, Delaware.



WARREN G. H. REED (USA, MSG-Ret.) – Died Monday, February 20, 2017 in Newport News, Virginia at the age of 95. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 4, 1921 in Rock, West Virginia to the late Roena and Andrew Reed. He served in the United States Army for 32 years, which included service in Europe during WWII and Vietnam. He was in route to serve in Korea during the Korean Conflict when he was notified his brother, Major Solomon Reed (member of the Devil's Brigade during WWII) had been wounded and was rerouted stateside. During his service, he was awarded a Bronze Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and numerous other medals for combat operations in Europe and Vietnam. During operations in Europe, he was one of the first three men to encounter the locked gates of the concentration camp at Ohrdurf, Germany. Upon opening of the gates by a tank destroyer, the world first became aware of the true horrors of the Nazi regime. He was a member of the VFW Post #3219, Phoebus, Virginia, and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newport News Chapter #433**, Hampton, Virginia. He is preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Roena Reed; 14 brothers; 5 sisters; and his wife, Adele Manias Reed, whom he met September 16, 1948 in Linz, Austria, and they were married December 5, 1953 in Ludwigsburg, Germany. He is survived by his daughter, Roena, son-in-law, Robert K. Damon, and their kittens. The family received family and friends at Altmeyer Funeral Home, Denbigh Chapel from 1:00-3:00 PM on Saturday, February 25, 2017, followed by a funeral service at 3:00 PM. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, at a later date. Memorial donations may be sent in his name to the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, or the Peninsula Food Bank. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.altmeyerfuneralandcremation.com.



DAVID BRUCE REINERS - Died Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Sanford USD Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 66. He was a resident of Humboldt, South Dakota and formerly of Madison, South Dakota. The cause of death was bladder cancer. He was born in Madison on December 27, 1949 to the late Frank Hockett and Ruth Reiners. He was raised by his grandparents, William and Helen Reiners. He attended Orland School until it's closing and moved on to Madison High School, where he graduated in 1968. He entered the United States Army in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970. He returned home and for a short time helped his parents on the farm near Orland. He started working full-time for the Army National Guard in Madison. From 1985 to 2001, he worked at DMI-Sioux Falls as a heavy construction mechanic. He owned Field Services from 2001-09 and served as a crane mechanic. He moved on to become an office manager for Crane Sales & Services in Sioux Falls (2009-14). Due to medical issues, he officially retired in 2014. He was a member of the Masons, Shriners-Horse Corp. of Sioux Falls and Twin Lakes of Madison. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and VFW and joined the Elks and Moose clubs. He was a *Life Member* of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Sioux Falls Chapter #959. Survivors include his wife, Pat of Humboldt; three sons, Craig (Michelle) Reiners of Navarre, Fla., David Reiners of Sartell, Minn., and Scott Reiners of Sioux Falls; a daughter, Kim Reiners of Aspen, Colo.; four grandchildren; an aunt; and five half-siblings, Jean (Earl) Harris of Goodyear, Ariz., Sherry (RA) Anderson of Casa Grande, Ariz., Tom Steele of Oregon, Connie Balius of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Gary Gomez of Sioux City, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; a brother, Bill; and three half-siblings, Judy Jordan, Danny Hockett and Debby Hockett. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 13th. The services were held in the Weiland Funeral Chapel with visitation starting at 10:00 AM. The burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with full military honors by the Madison VFW/American Legion. Visitation hours were on Monday from 5:00-7:00 PM with a Masonic service at 7:00 PM.

GLENN W. RETHAGE - Died Saturday, July 30, 2016 in his home in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. He was formerly of Center Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 5, 1950 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph S. and Mary Ann Rethage. He was a member of City Reach Church-Central Valley, and was a United States Army veteran having served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Glenn was employed as a former assistant manager for K-Mart in Rochester, and Rite Aid in Aliquippa. He will be deeply missed by his wife, LuAnn (Summerville) Rethage; his brother, Steven Rethage; his children, Jim and Amy Hrelec, Evan and Danielle Hrelec, Steven and Melissa Hrelec, and Jamie Hrelec, all of Center Twp.; his grandchildren, Alaina and Eric Hrelec, Evan, Jr. and Brian Hrelec, Brandi and Melissa Spohn, Cassandra Savage, and Veronica Hrelec; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family and friends were welcome to attend a memorial service on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the City Reach Church Central Valley, 125 Center Grange Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001. Arrangements were made by the Tatalovich Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Center Township, 3475 Brodhead Road, Monaca, PA 15061.

ROBERT J. "Bob" SAMO - Died Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge, New Jersey at the age of 71. He was a resident of South Amboy, New Jersey and formerly of Lakewood, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Perth Amboy on May 15, 1945 to the late George and Helen (née Zagrzecka) Samo. He lived in Lakewood for the last 35 years. Before retiring he was employed as a biomedical engineer in Piscataway and Princeton. He was a United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, in which he served 2 tours. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He was also a member of the Metuchen VFW. He was also predeceased by his brother George A. Samo in 2011. He is survived by his fiancée Laura Johnsen of South Amboy; his daughters, Andrea Sabo and her husband Michael of Leesport, Pennsylvania, Allison Carroll, of Old Bridge and Amanda Drangula and her husband John, of Leesport, Pennsylvania; his grandchildren, Anthony, Jonathon, Amelia, Jackson and John Francis, Jr. and several cousins. Funeral services were held on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 10:30 AM at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by interment in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy. Visitation hours were on Monday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

JAMES “Jim” SAUNSAUCIE – Died recently in December 2016 in Edinberg, Virginia at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Clinton, Missouri on August 22, 1944. He served in the United States Air Force from September 1963 to May 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.



CHARLES DORSIE “Chuck” SAWYER – Died Wednesday, March 22, 2017 in Livonia, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 12, 1950 to the late William W. Sawyer and Ariel Sawyer, who survives. He is survived by his wife Laurel Sawyer; his children, Christina (Brett) Schneider, of Livonia and Amy Lateefuddin (fiancé Ronald Mertens) of GA, and his wife’s children, John (Andreya) Drury of Albany and Laura Kate (Loren) Bailey of OR; his grandchildren, Dustin, Adam, Brandon, Matthew, Kyle, Jack, Alexander and Katharine; also survived by his mother Ariel Sawyer and siblings, Steve (Lisa) Sawyer, Timothy Sawyer, Lynn (David) Carney and Peter (Alison) Sawyer, and; several nieces and nephews and many dear friends. Chuck led a very adventurous life. It started with him enlisting in the United States Marine Corps at the young age of 17. Soon after, he was shipped off to Vietnam where he completed two tours as a sniper. Chuck was also an extra in the 1970’s movie “Patton”. He retired as a Staff Sergeant, after serving 17 years in the Army. Upon his retirement he was able to devote his time to his love of plants, animals and reading. Chuck lived his life with the foundation of God, Country, Corps and family. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Our family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the first responders for their kindness, professionalism and their diligence in helping our father. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! Friends visited on Monday, March 27th, from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Faith Fellowship Church, 5630 Pebble Beach Road, Lakeville, NY 14480, where a Memorial Service followed the calling hours at 7:00 PM. The burial was at the Bath National Cemetery, on Tuesday, March 28th, at 11:00 AM with full military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #20, PO Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612 or to the Livonia Ambulance, PO Box 8, Livonia, NY 14487. To send a condolence or share a memory please visit: www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com.

THELMA O. SCHNEIDER - Died Monday, March 28, 2016 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. She was born January 12, 1923 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late William and Thelma (née Clark) McCoy. Thelma was retired from Ohio Bell, a member of Saint Henry Catholic Church, VFW Post #3438, American Legion Post #165, Kettering AMVETS, and honorably served her country in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. She was preceded in death by her husband Eugene F. Schneider, a sister Esther, and granddaughter Marla Schneider. She is survived by two sons, Joseph Schneider (Lois) of Beavercreek and Daryl Schneider (Samantha) of TX; her brother, David Harnish of CA; two sisters, Ruth Jenkins (Ted), of TN, Ivy Rice (Jim), of SC; six grandchildren, Sara, Jonah, Samuel, Caleb, Daryl II, and Eugene; five great-grandchildren, Aili, Elise, Adelyn, Olivia & Nolan, and; a host of other family and many friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be said on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Saint Henry Catholic Church, 6696 Springboro Pike, Dayton, Ohio. The burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery. The family received friends at the church one hour prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers memorial

contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton in her memory. Arrangements were entrusted to the Swart and Wolfe Funeral Home, West Carrollton, Ohio.

LINDA G. SEXTON – Died recently in 2016 in Anniston, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Anniston Chapter #502**.



KENNETH E. SHAFFER - Died Sunday, February 5, 2017 at the Ruby Medical Center, Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 71. He was a resident of Mount Savage, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 21, 1945 in Cumberland, Maryland to Helen E. (née Morgan) Blank and the late James W. Shaffer. Kenneth was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from T.W.R. after 35 years serving as the Senior Vice-President. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was a member of the Piney Mountain Sportsman Club in Kennels Mill, Barrelville Outdoor Club, Old Rail Post #6025, and Methodist by faith. Kenneth enjoyed hunting and fishing with his buddies, Jim Carter and Leo Mills. In addition to his mother, Kenneth is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Cathy (née Van Fleet) Shaffer; two sons, Jimmy Shaffer and wife Linda, Winchester, VA, Keith Shaffer and wife Molly, Elkins, WV; two daughters, Jennifer Wright McKenzie, Mt. Savage, Kelly Wright and Matt Nelson, Ocean City, MD; six grandchildren, Raegan McKenzie, Evan McKenzie, Dustin Shaffer, Lanaya Shaffer, Heather Buhl, Holly Buhl; one great-grandchild, Dewayne Shaffer; sister, Barbara Reagan Emerick, Hyndman, PA; brothers-in-law, Herb Van Fleet and wife Dee, Richmond, VA, Mike Van Fleet, Ocean City, MD, Brian Van Fleet and partner Joe, Washington D.C.; his canine buddy, Raevan. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Family and friends were received at the Durst Funeral Home, 57 Frost Avenue, Frostburg, MD, on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The funeral service was held at the Durst Funeral Home on Thursday, February, 9, 2017 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend George Harpold, officiating. The interment was held at the Mount Savage Methodist Cemetery.



CHESTER B. "Chet" SHIELDS - Died Friday, May 6, 2016 at his home in Randolph, New York at the age of 69, after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 17, 1946, in Indiana, Pennsylvania to the late Norris B. and Helen M. (née Renwick) Shields. He attended Randolph Central School and would have graduated in 1964, choosing instead to enter the military. Chet served two tours during the Vietnam War with the United States Navy from 1963 to 1968, and he received the Purple Heart. Chet retired as a truck driver with Superior Carriers of Kane, PA and had driven trucks for various companies throughout the eastern United States during his long, over-the-road career. He was a member of the Randolph Grace Episcopal Church, Randolph VFW Post #6533, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865** and a life member of the Seabees. He enjoyed his dog, Furball, and traveling. He is survived by three

daughters, Elizabeth A. (Leslie) Ellis of Little Valley, Melissa A. Shields of Lakewood and Christine L. Shields of Jamestown; two grandsons, David and Daniel Shields of Jamestown; a brother, William Livingston of Florida; a sister, Frances Dickerson of North Carolina; and four stepsons, Timothy, Michael, Lawrence and John Linkous. The family received family and friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday in the VanRensselaer and Son Funeral Home, 14 Church Street, Randolph. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 14, 2016 in the Grace Episcopal Church, Washington Street, Randolph. The Reverend Thomas Broad, rector officiated. Memorials may be sent to the Grace Episcopal Church in Randolph.

GARY JOE SHOPE – Died Sunday, February 19, 2017 in Lucasville, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born March 26, 1947 McDermott, Ohio. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore (Kentucky) Chapter #1006**.



STEPHEN L. "Steve" SIEGEL - Died Saturday, October 22, 2016, at his home in Dundas, Minnesota at the age of 65. He was formerly of Watertown, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. Steve was born on July 21, 1951 in Watertown to the late Vernon and Lucille (née Zachow) Siegel who survives in Roswell, New Mexico. Steve is a 1969 graduate of Watertown High School. After high school, Steve served his country honorably in the United States Navy. Steve's love for his country, and the men and women who have fought to preserve it, ran deep. He was a member of the AMVETS Post #35, VFW Post #3709, American Legion Posts #189 and #305 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitewater (Wisconsin) Chapter #409**; served with the Patriot Guard; rode with b-CAUSE We Care, a motorcycle group in the service of their community; and ran the VFW bingo for many years. Steve wasn't just a man of honor where his country was concerned, but he was a man who loved, honored and cherished his family. Steve married the love of his life, Deb Wegner, on October 1, 1999, at Saint Mark Lutheran Church of Watertown. The marriage came with an instant family and Steve fit the bill — perfectly. Steve's love for his wife and children was indisputable. He was a provider, a leader, a comforter, an awesome dad and a pure joy to be around. Steve was a special guy and his family will miss him until they meet again. Steve is survived by his loving wife, Deb, of Dundas; children Cassie (Phil Hendrickson) Becker of St. Michael, Stephanie Siegel of Dundas and Jon-Paul Siegel of Clyman, Wisconsin; mother Lucille Siegel of Roswell, New Mexico; siblings Ronald Siegel, Stacey Lister, Susan Head and Wayne (Consuelo) Siegel; and brothers-in-law Bruce (Lori) Wegner and Eric Wegner. Steve is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives, many dear friends and his four-legged buddies, Chi Chi, Tillie and Max. He is preceded in death by his father in 2015, his parents-in-law Sandra (2015) and Delano (1999) Wegner and his son-in-law Jeremy Becker in 2015. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday at Saint John Lutheran Church of Ixonia, Wisconsin, with the Reverend Allen Tetzlaff presiding. Visitation hours were on Saturday from 9:00 AM until the time of

service at the church. Burial was at a later date. Pederson-Nowatka Funeral Homes cared for the family. To place an online condolence, visit www.pn-fh.com.

DAVID FRANCIS SIENKIEWICZ - Died Thursday, October 27, 2016 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 72. He was formerly of Jackson, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 18, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America- Jackson (Tennessee) Chapter #995*. Grave side services were held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Saint Louis, Missouri on January 20th at 11:00 AM.



HAROLD PAUL SIMONEAUX, JR. - Died at his residence in Prairieville, Louisiana at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 11, 1944 to the late Howard Paul Simoneaux, Sr. and Stella Simoneaux. He was a loving father and grandfather who loved the Lord and enjoyed hunting, fishing, ceramics, family time, gardening, dancing, and reading his bible. He is retired from Bell South with over 30 years of service as well as a United States Army Veteran who served time in Vietnam and Germany. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana*. He was a volunteer Fire Fighter and a member of the American Legion, Jaycee's and NRA. Harold is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Chris Diez; two sons, Brian Simoneaux and wife Andrea, and Dean Simoneaux; and their mother, Hilda T. Simoneaux; four grandchildren, Savannah, Trae, Ryan, and Julian; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Mike Cox, Kathy and Donald Palermo, and Janet and Don Breaux; one brother and sister-in-law, Howard, Jr. and Sherry Simoneaux; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by beloved wife, Carolyn Simoneaux; parents, Howard, Sr. and Stella Simoneaux; and his sister, Sue Simoneaux. A memorial gathering was held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM until service at 2:00 PM at the Community Worship Center, 6688 Highway 70S, Belle Rose, LA conducted by Pastor Brad Collins. The arrangements were under direction of the Ourso Funeral Home in Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

GEORGE ROBERT SKINNER - Died Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Sebring, Florida at the age of 61. He has been a resident of Sebring since 2001 coming from Elkhart, Indiana. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Elkhart, Indiana. He served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sebring Chapter #1097**. He enjoyed singing, worked on computers and was a square dance caller. George was also a member of the Church of The Brethren in Sebring. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; and sister, Ramona Skinner. A memorial service to honor George was held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311. Donation can be made on line at www.diabetes.org/Donate. The services were entrusted to the Stephenson-Nelson

Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring (FL 33870). To send online condolences, please visit www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

GEORGE O. SKRBA – Died recently in 2016 in Effort, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 1, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope (New Jersey) Chapter #327**.

CHARLES E. “Charlie” SMITH – Died Saturday, March 25, 2017 in Kingman, Arizona at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 7, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Linda, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Havasu City Chapter #975**.

FRANK C. SMITH - Died Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in Elmira, New York, after a lengthy illness. He was 62 years of age. The cause of death was liver cirrhosis, hypoxic respiratory failure and septic shock. He was born November 29, 1954 in Elmira to the late Donald Lee and Tillie Tekla Theresa (née Grabowski) Smith. He is survived by his loving wife and companion, Susan B. Vane of Elmira; brothers, Donald J. (Elaine) Smith and Michael L. Smith, both of Elmira; estranged son, Paul Hill; and several nieces and nephews. Frank attended Southside High School Class of 1972. He attended Corning Community College, earning 2 degrees, one in Computer Programming and one in Business Management. He also earned credits at Elmira College in International Studies. Frank was a United States Army Veteran and was proud to have served part of that time as a Military Policeman at the 57th Military Police Academy at West Point, NY. Frank spent his life loving people and using his time in the entertainment field. He was an accomplished musician, playing in many bands. He loved music and played often. Frank was an avid motorcyclist. He was a life member of the DAV since 1977, a member of American Legion Post #154, Elmira Heights and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He loved his dogs, past and present, especially Sammy, and he had many friends. Family and friends are invited to call at the Olthof Funeral Home, Inc. 1050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM with the funeral service immediately following at 12:00 PM. The Reverend John DeSocio officiated. The burial with Full Military Honors was at Saint Peter and Paul Cemetery. Any donations can be directed to the Bath VA Medical Center, 76 Veterans Avenue, c/o Muriel Brown CLC3, Bath, NY 14810, or to Frank's wife, Susan, as she has to wait for her transition time. Frank's tribute wall may be signed at www.olthof.com.

JACK DAVID SMITH - Died Friday, May 20, 2016 in Princetown, New York at the age of 65 after a brief illness. He was formerly of Duanesburg, New York. He was born and grew up in Schenectady on September 27, 1950 to the late Alexander and Lola (née Borst) Smith. He graduated from Linton High School, then served in the United States Navy in Vietnam and was a fierce Patriot. He was very active in the community having served the Schonowe Fire Department for many years, as well as being a member of the Rotterdam Elks, Schenectady Eagles, and Schenectady Moose, Altamont post of the VFW and was also National Historian for VOSA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cohoes Chapter #008**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his wife of 15 years, Patricia Alexson. Jack is survived by his daughter, Kelly Alexson of Rotterdam; his brother, David Smith of Richfield

Springs and his sister, Carol Haight of Fort Mill, South Carolina; as well as several nieces and nephews. Calling hours were held on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Fredendall Funeral Home, 199 Main Street, Altamont, New York with a memorial service to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Schonowe Fire Department in his name.



LYLE A. "Junior" SMITH, JR. – Died Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at home in Elmira, New York at the age of 68, after a brief illness. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 7, 1948 in Elmira to the late of Lyle A. Smith, Sr. and Betty (née Teri) Smith, who survives. In addition to his father, he also predeceased by his son-in-law, Matthew Renner. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Carolyn (née Antenore) Smith; his daughter, Jessica Renner of Horseheads; his son and daughter-in-law Justin and Susanna Smith, of Elmira; his grandchildren, Jackson Renner, Connor, Paige and Owen Smith; his mother Betty Burnside of Horseheads, New York; his brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Beverly Smith of Gillett, PA; his sister and brother-in-law, Teri and Carlo Masia of Pine City; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Roe and Ron Cantando, of Elmira along with several nieces and nephews. Junior was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Parish. He retired from the Elmira Correctional Facility after 34 years as a Corrections Officer. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. He was a member of the Chemung Rod and Gun Club and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He loved to hunt and fish; was an avid antiquer, card player and Dallas Cowboys fan and enjoyed spending summers at Seneca Lake. At Lyle's request there will be no prior calling hours. Family and friends were invited to his Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, February 6th at 9:30 AM in Saints Peter and Paul Church with Reverend Father Scott Kubinski as the celebrant. Committal prayers and interment, with full military honors, were in Saint Peter and Paul Cemetery. A time of sharing and luncheon followed at Regale, 2447 Corning Road (Miracle Mile), Horseheads, all were welcome. Lyle's family thanks Dr. Bradley Lash, the Oncology team and 5 Main staff at Robert Packer Hospital; a special thanks to CareFirst, the blue team especially Kate, Heidi, Angie, Iva and Anastasia for their compassionate care of Lyle; Kindred at Home, most especially Anteleen; and our caring and devoted family and friends especially Roe and Ron Cantando. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may remember Lyle through donations to CareFirst, 3805 Meads Creek Road, Painted Post, NY 14870 or Caringbridge.org.



JOHN DANA SMITH - Died suddenly at home in Vero Beach, at the age of 69 on the morning of Monday, September 5, 2016, sitting by his pond under his favorite tree on Prosperity Farm in Vero Beach Florida. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born June 10, 1947 in New York City, New York. He is survived by Mardie, his loving wife of 42 years; his children: Hannah Walsh and her husband Brian, Simon Smith and his wife Alex; his sister

Barbara Skjelfjord; and grandchildren Jed, Owen, and Abigail Walsh. Dana attended Saint David School in New York City and The Canterbury School in New Milford Connecticut, both of which remained very important to him through all of his years. Dana served in the United States Army with distinction and bravery as a combat engineer in the conflict in Vietnam, declining a battlefield commission during his tour after deciding he would return to civilian life. His civilian life included a contract as a bodyguard to the Prince of Morocco, a harrowing extended exploration of the Australian Outback, and a hunting safari across the Kenyan countryside. These adventures provided countless stories and legends that thrilled people for years, from kids around Cub Scout campfires, youth soccer teams he coached, and his children and their friends all throughout their lives. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vero Beach Chapter #1038**. He married Mardie in 1974 and they began their lives and family on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. After several years, the stars aligned for a move to full time life in East Hampton, New York. Here he began a long and successful career as a trusted and beloved financial adviser. He was a long standing member of The Devon Yacht Club, where he was able to resume his childhood love of sailboat racing. It was also on the bays and harbors of the East End where his love of hunting, shooting, and the breeding and training of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers truly blossomed. These passions would remain deeply important to him and Mardie for decades, growing even more with their move to Vero Beach Florida in 2008. In fact it was during a morning training session when he passed away by "Parker's Pond," named after one of his most beloved "Tollers" who had passed away just a few years before him. Dana possessed a brilliant mind, which made him a fearsome and respected competitor on the Vero Beach Bridge circuit. His deep sense of honor and integrity was a beacon and a rock for so many people whose lives he touched. He was a mentor, a friend, a spiritual adviser, a confidant, and a source of wisdom to all of his friends and family, and sometimes even virtual strangers. His family and friends will all miss his humor, his wit, his compassion, his love, his advice on Paleo living, and his daily anarcho-libertarian email updates from the Lew Rockwell website. This is one file the NSA can finally close. There was a gathering of friends and family and all who wished to pay their respects on Friday, September 9th, from 3:00-4:00 PM at the Thomas S. Lowther Funeral Home located at 1655 27th Street in Vero Beach. This was followed by a reception at the Maison Martinique, 1605 Ocean Drive Vero Beach from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. There was also be a more formal interment and Meeting For Worship in South Jersey in Fall 2016, details of which were still to be determined. In Dana's honor, contributions to The Canterbury School Scholarship fund would be very generous and much appreciated. Donations can be sent to The Canterbury School, 101 Aspetuck Avenue, Milford, CT 06776 or online at www.cbury.org/give.



ANDREW JOHN "Andy" SNYDER – Died Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. Andy was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on July 21, 1927. He dedicated his life to his country, his family and his faith. He served in the United States Navy and on assignment with the United States Marine Corps in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War and during the Cuban Missile Crisis. His

assignments included Composite Squadron VC-4, Naval Air Transport Squadron 22 (VR-22), Patrol Squadron 24 (VP-24) and Amphibious Warfare. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. Andy married Ann Krieg in Atlantic City in 1953 and had their first son, Craig John Snyder. The family moved to Norfolk, Virginia and had Richard Snyder and Andrew John Snyder II (Drew). The family lived in Norfolk until Andy retired from the Navy. Andy eventually moved back to the Johnstown area and owned and operated the Bridge Hotel until his retirement. After retirement, Andy appreciated the love and support of his family, notably his niece Sheri and her family, as well as his dear friend Harry, fellow veterans, the Marine Corps League, the Knights of Columbus and the Church. Andy's Roman Catholic Faith was a vital part of his life. In addition to full participation in the Church, he served for decades in the Knights of Columbus. Andy is survived by his sons Craig and Drew. At Andy's request, all services were private and he was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with military rites. The family was served by the Baker-Harris Funeral Chapel, Conemaugh. (Online condolences may be posted to www.wharrisfuneralhome.com).



ROBERT B. "Bob" "Pops" SPOHN - Died peacefully on Monday, August 1, 2016 in New Castle, Delaware at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born November 10, 1949 in Charlotte, North Carolina to the late Emma Spohn. He proudly served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**. Bob formerly worked at Concord Plaza Associates as a maintenance engineer. He enjoyed watching football (huge Carolina Panthers fan), listening to music, coloring, hunting, fishing, coaching sports, and playing horseshoes with friends. Bob also liked to spend time at his beach trailer. Many fun days were spent partying with cherished friends, family, and extended family. Bob is survived by his wife of 45 years, Debbie Spohn; his daughter, Heather (David) Morris; his son, John-Russell Spohn (Nikki); his brother, James Thomas; his sisters: Tonda Parks (Joe), Sheree Heaps (Ralph), and Linda Herring; and daughter, Lisa Swift. He is also survived by his beloved dog Buddy. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Emma and Charles, and his brother, John Spohn. Family and friends were invited to a visitation on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 9:00-10:30 AM at the Strano and Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of Bob's life at 10:30 AM. Interment with military honors took place at 1:00 PM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2645 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE 19701. In lieu of flowers, donations were suggested to Vietnam Veterans Association, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or Disabled Veterans of America, 31 Hopkins Place, Suite #1229, Baltimore, MD 21201.



DONALD MICHAEL STEIN – Died Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related hypoxic brain injury due to ventricular tachycardia cardiac arrest as a result of coronary artery disease. He was born December 23, 1947 in Buffalo, New York. He was the beloved husband of Maurine E. Baker-Stein; dear father of Clark, Michael, Donald

and Brett Lambrix (Angela); grandfather of Aurora Bouvier and Karissa Farrell; son-in-law of Kenneth and the late Jane Baker; brother-in-law of Kathryn (Anthony) Elias, Sherry, Kenneth III, Edward (Sharon), Patrick (Kathleen) and Yvonne Hall. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #077*. Relatives and friends visited the family at the Schlager-DiVito Funeral Home, Inc., 4614 Main Street, Snyder, New York where the family was there to greet friends and family on Thursday and Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM. All those attending the funeral were asked to assemble at 10:30 AM on Saturday morning at the First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda, for funeral services. Mr. Stein was a Bronze Star Medal Recipient.

MARK R. STEWART – Died recently in 2016 in Easley, South Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 1, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone (New York) Chapter #32*.



LEONARD GILBERT STIGALL - Died Thursday, May 7, 2015 in Tyler, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death was myocardial infarction, Coronary artery disease and Diabetes Mellitus Type II and Peripheral neuropathy. He was born December 14, 1946. He was a good-hearted man with a big heart for kids and animals. He delighted in pranks and telling tall stories, teasing his 6 grandchildren and being a good buddy with every cashier, waitress and bank teller he ever met. He liked to say "You'll give me a good price 'cause I'm so good looking," even with his wild man beard and long gray hair. He really wanted a white beard and hair to play Santa Claus. Always he was proud to be a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, with the nickname "Sarge." Leonard served his country from 1969 to 1975. He was the headquarters commander of "The Association," a band of brothers open to veterans of all services. He was also a proud member of the Patriot Guard Riders and NRA. Leonard was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal (2nd award), Vietnam Advisory, Vietnam Defense, Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase VI, Tet 69 Counteroffensive, and the Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969 Medals. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tyler Chapter #932*. He leaves behind Carolyn, his bride of 45 years; son Russell Stigall and wife Teresa, of Pooler, Georgia; daughter, Christine Scroggins and husband Brent, of Palestine; three grandchildren in Palestine, and three more grandchildren who live in Hawaii, Okinawa, and San Antonio. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 202 West Front Street, in Tyler with Reverend Father Hank Lanik as the main celebrant.



DR. EUGENE A. "Gene" SZURA, JR. - Died Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at home in Gallitzin, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 27, 1946 in Altoona, Pennsylvania to the late Eugene A. Szura, Sr. and Pauline (née

Grzywacz) Szura. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Frances and James Logrando – Duncansville and a nephew Jimmy Logrando – Nashville, TN; an aunt Mary Mulhollen and numerous cousins. He owned his own chiropractic office in Cresson for years and worked for the State of Pennsylvania. He was a 1964 graduate of Bishop Carroll High School, Penn State University and Palmer Chiropractic Institute in Chicago. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. Gene enjoyed hunting and the Steelers. He was a member of the American Legion, Moose, Sportsmen's Club, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967** and Saint Demetrius Catholic Church, all of Gallitzin where Funeral Mass was concelebrated at 10:00 AM on Friday with the Reverend Albert Ledoux and Reverend Monsignor Timothy Stein as con-celebrants. The committal service was in the Saint Mary Cemetery. Friends were received from 8:30 until 9:30 AM on Friday at the Gibbons Funeral Home, 301 Church Street, Gallitzin. Military Rites were conducted by the Gallitzin American Legion and other local military organizations.

JOSEPH G. THOMAS - Died Friday, January 20, 2017 in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. He was a resident of Plains Township, Pennsylvania. He died after a very long illness. He was born April 20, 1944 to the late Eva Thomas. He was also predeceased by his sister, Patricia Thomas. He served in the United States Army and was on active duty during the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge he had several careers, including a military technician at the Tobyhanna Army Depot and as a chef. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Thornhurst Chapter #1035**. A Panahida service was held at 10:15 AM on Friday from the Yeosock Funeral Home, 40 South Main Street, Plains Township with the Funeral Liturgy at 11:15 AM in Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre with the Reverend Father Paul Wolensky officiating. Interment was held in the parish cemetery in Plains Township. Friends and family came to visit during calling hours prior to the services from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on Friday.



THOMAS HARRY THOMAS - Died suddenly Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at his home in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 71. The cause of death was a major heart attack. He was born on July 30, 1945 to the late Harry and Pearl Clementina (née Noyes) Thomas. He was a retired United States Army Sergeant First Class (E-7) and Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of Cedar Springs Church of Christ and past president of the Paralegal Association, University of Louisville. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his stepmother, Marie T. DeMerse Thomas; his brother, Donald Anthony Thomas; and his sisters, Harriett Helen Thomas (Scarpa) and Marie Elena Hart (Bergen). He is survived by his wife, the former Barbara Sue Bolton; his children, Ronald A. Lile (Susan), Donald R. Lile (Debbie), Harry L. Thomas (Amy) and Cassandra G. Reece (Mark); ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Ronald J. Thomas (Dottie), Leroy Thomas, Charles Thomas, Sr., (Loretta), Ruth Robinson (Jim)

and Juliette DeMerse. His memorial service was at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Cedar Springs Church of Christ, 11902 Seatonville Road. His ashes were interred privately in the Lebanon National Cemetery

JAMES I. TINGLER – Died Friday, March 17, 2017 in Lebanon, Oregon at the age of 80. The cause of death is aneurysm. He was born in Sutton, West Virginia on March 14, 1937. He served in the United States Air Force from April 25, 1955 to July 31, 1975 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**.

DONALD TOBIN – Died recently in 2017 in Waverly, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite (Nevada) Chapter #993**.



JANE EVA (née Sapp) VAN DE CAR - Died Thursday, May 12, 2016 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on August 24, 1944 in Winston-Salem North Carolina to the late Malcom B. and Edith L. (née Masencup) Sapp. She was the beloved mother of Ryan S. Van De Car (Margaret B.) and Jill A. Van De Car; sister of Bennett B. Sapp (Raye); aunt of Corben I. Sapp (Ashley H.) and Andrea L. Saurage; great-aunt of Betsy, Bennett, Evan, Lindley, and Claire; and a dear friend to many. Jane, often times lovingly referred to as Janey, was a graduate of Winston-Salem's Reynolds High School and received her Bachelor's in Nursing from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. She went on to become a Captain in the United States Air Force and served as a nurse on Cam Rahn Base in Khanh Hoa, Vietnam, during the Vietnam War from 1969-1970. Following her service she married and began her family in Saint Louis, MO, while continuing to serve in various nursing capacities for the Veteran's Administration and became an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #794**. Upon retirement, she returned to North Carolina to be close to family and the coast in Wilmington. Jane enjoyed reading, gardening, her pets, and spending time at the beach with family. She was a compassionate and loving mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and friend with an infectious sense of humor and laugh. She was generous and giving of her time and love to all those she met and will be dearly missed and remembered. Services: The family received friends on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, from 10:00 AM till 12:00 PM at the Wilmington Funeral and Cremation Chapel, 1535 South 41st Street, Wilmington, NC 28403. A Committal Service was at 2:00 PM at the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Montford Landing Road, Jacksonville, NC 28540. A presentation of Military Honors was rendered in recognition of Jane's honorable and faithful service to her country. While Jane loved flowers, contributions made to your local Humane Society in loving memory of Jane would be greatly appreciated. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.wilmingtoncares.com. The Wilmington Funeral and Cremation Services, 1535 South 41st Street, Wilmington, NC 28403 was in charge of the arrangements.

JOHN PETER VAN HORN – Died Tuesday, December 20, 2016 in Miami, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was suicide. He was born September 21, 1944. He is survived by his wife,

Kjersten Van Horn. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



FLORENCIO R. "Papa Larry V" VASQUEZ, JR. - Died Sunday, April 3, 2016 in Texas City, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 22, 1947 to Florencio and the late Dolores Vasquez, Sr. in Texas City. He was a lifetime resident of Texas City. Florencio was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving in Vietnam; he was a member of Saint Mary of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church of Texas City and the Boilermakers Union Local #135. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Chapter #685**. He is preceded in death by his mother Dolores Vasquez and brother, Sammy Vasquez. He is survived by his father Florencio R. Vasquez, Sr. and wife Ophelia of Texas City; his wife Juana Elsa Vasquez of Texas City; step-son Enrique J. Carrera and wife Anita of New Braunfels, step-daughter Elsa J. Jolly and husband Steve of Texas City; his children Vonnie Vasquez and husband Scott of Austin, Vedette Peckman and husband Ashford of Austin, Timothy Vasquez and wife Nadia of Austin and Michael Vasquez and wife Raquel of Texas City; seven grandchildren Hayley R. Jolly, Alayna J. Carrera, Tyler Jolly, Diego Carrera, Mikaela Vasquez, Noa Vasquez, Jude Timothy Vasquez; sisters; Anita Sanchez of Texas City, Natalie Tingle and Belinda and Frankie Jobe; brother Ignacio Vasquez of Texas City. He had a favorite niece and nurse Shelly Esquivel, nephews Salvador Sanchez, Julio Sanchez, Jr., and baby Santana Julio Sanchez. He was raised by grandparents Ignacio and Maria Elena Vasquez. A visitation was on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM with a Vigil at 7:00 PM at the Crowder Funeral Home in La Marque. A Funeral Service was at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Saint Mary of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church of Texas City with the Reverend Father Clint Ressler officiating. The burial was in the Galveston Memorial Park in Hitchcock, Texas. The pallbearers were Michael Vasquez, Timothy Vasquez, Enrique Carrera, Ashford Peckman, Scott Palmer and Steve Jolly.

RICKEY VON VOGEL - Died Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at the Centerpoint Hospital at the age of 58. He was a resident of Grain Valley, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 27, 1952 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Lou and Martha Vogel. Rickey was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran, and was a true veteran's friend. He served from December 16, 1970 to February 14, 1974 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1972. During his service to his country he served as a Crew Chief, Door Gunner, and was Missing in Action (MIA) for 14 days. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his stepdaughter, Alesia Payne. Survivors include, his wife, Rena; his son, Louis; stepdaughters, Tanya Johnson, Brandy Bailes; eight grandchildren, Samantha and Mason Morris, Chandler Johnson, Jessica Bailes, Jose Guevara, Jr., Miklos Guevara, Kaylei and Payton Vogel. Visitation hours were from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Monday, December 6, 2010 at the White Chapel Funeral Home, Gladstone.

Graveside services with full military honors were held on Thursday, December 9, at 11:00 AM at the White Chapel Memorial Gardens.



ROBERT CHARLES "Bob" WALLMAN - Died Thursday, January 26, 2017 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on 17 May 1928 in Tulsa, Oklahoma while his parents were travelling. He grew up in Clifton, Passaic, New Jersey. He was the only child of the late Otto Fred Wallman and Iva Ida Amanda Margaret (née Buntrock) Wallman. The husband of Jean Lorraine Farris, they married in 1957 at Smokey Hill Air Force Base in Salina, Kansas. Bob attended Bloomfield College in Bloomfield, New Jersey where he earned a Bachelor of Math and Science in 1951 and a Bachelor of Divinity in 1955. He earned a Master of Education at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas in 1976. Bob served in the United States Army from 1946-1947 and 1951-1952. He served in occupied Japan as a Military Policeman guarding Emperor Hirohito. He remained in the Army Reserves until 1955 when he joined the United States Air Force as a Chaplain. Bob and Jean globetrotted throughout the United States and Europe during their time in the Air Force. Bob served a year in Vietnam at Pleiku where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He retired from the Air Force in 1973 and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. After retiring from the Air Force he served as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Alpine, Texas and then Memorial Presbyterian Church, Atkins, Arkansas. After he retired from the ministry Bob and Jean moved to San Angelo where Bob did Pulpit supply for many area Presbyterian Churches. He enjoyed running, target shooting, hiking, camping, jumping out of perfectly good airplanes, collecting guns and knives and good conversation over coffee. Never one to remain quietly at home he got involved by volunteering for Code Blue, Fort Concho, Meals for the Elderly, Rio Concho West and Saint Paul Presbyterian church. He was awarded the Jefferson Award for his community service. He was a member of the American Legion, Boy Scouts, Masons, National Rifle Association, RSVP, San Angelo Gun Club, Texas Rifle Association and VFW. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas**. He is survived by three children Sandra Franke (Ronald) and Steven Wallman of San Angelo and Scott Wallman (Tammy) of Newport News, Virginia and four grandchildren William and Robert Franke and Steven and Kimberly Wallman. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife and one daughter Sharon Denise Wallman who died as an infant. Visitation hours were held from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 29th, at the Johnsons Funeral Home, 435 West Beauregard Avenue. A graveside service was on Monday, January 30th, at 1:00 PM at the Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, 4989 FM 1223, with the Reverend Timothy Davenport-Herbst officiating. The pallbearers were Bob Bluthardt and Cory Robinson of Fort Concho. Memorials may be given to Fort Concho, 630 South Oakes Street, San Angelo, Texas 76903; Meals for the Elderly, 310 East Houston Harte Expressway, San Angelo, Texas 76903 or Pregnancy Help Center of Concho Valley, 2525 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Texas 76901. The family wishes to thank all the caregivers who helped Bob in these last years. Bob loved to go out to lunch and went every single day until he was no longer able to do so. He always left a most generous tip. So go out to

lunch, and double your usual tip in memory of Bob. The arrangements were under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home, San Angelo, TX.

C. J. WARD – Died recently in 2016 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 22, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tulsa Chapter #216**.



CLEO JOSEPH "Joe" WAYMAN (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 16, 2017 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 81. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 22, 1935 in Saint Louis, Oklahoma to the late Elves Henry and Delia (née Mossburg) Wayman. He grew up in Antlers, Oklahoma where he graduated high school in 1955. He married Elva M. McGary on December 23, 1959 in Paris, Texas. She preceded him in death on July 15, 2008. He later married Janette (née Falls) Crain on March 28, 2015 in Lawton. Sergeant Major Wayman served in the United States Army and was a veteran of Vietnam, having served two tours of duty in Vietnam. His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Seven Service Stars, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, Three Overseas Service Bars, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Army Commendation Medal with Third Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal Eighth Award, Army Service Ribbon, overseas Service Ribbon Second Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Expert (rifle M-16), Army Commendation Medal with V Device, Meritorious Service Medal with Second Oak Leaf Cluster and the Legion of Merit. He retired from the Army at Fort Sill on July 31, 1982. He was later inducted into the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. Following his retirement he worked for JDL at Fort Sill for several years as a manager of instruction. He later worked for P.A. Chevrolet for seven years. He was a member of First Baptist West but for many years had been active at Grace Fellowship. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751** and a member of the Sergeant Major's Association. He is survived by his wife, of the home; five sons and daughters-in-law, Kerry and Rhonda Wayman, Hollister, Oklahoma, Bobby and Brittany Wayman, Skiatook, Oklahoma, David and Shannon Wayman, Hollister, Oklahoma, Larry and Tina Wayman, Lawton, Oklahoma and Dr. Berry Ellis and Amanda Wynn, Tulsa, Oklahoma; his step children, Lynda Bowers and husband John, Cache, Larry Crain, Lawton, Laura Crain, Austin, Texas and Pamela Craig, Lawton; 14 grandchildren, Kevin, Jessica, Lori, Cheree, Randall, Tearza, Victoria, Callie, Brianna, Scottie, Brandy, Jeff, Samantha and Patrick; two step-grandchildren, Lance and Matt; 11 great grandchildren, Trentin, Preslee, Haylie, Addison, Gage, Skyla, Peyton, Jordyn, Mason, Easton and Whitlee; two step-great-grandchildren, Colton and Everett; his brother and sister-in-law, Donald Leon and Ruth Ann Wayman, Antlers; his sister-in-law, Joyce Wayman, Antlers. His sister, Jolene Wayman, and his brother, Garland Deo Wayman, preceded him in death. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in First Baptist West with the

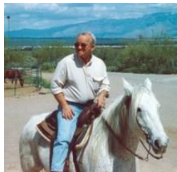
Reverend Harold Gaches, Pastor officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1320 NW Homestead Drive, Suite D, Lawton, OK 73505 or to First Baptist West Building Fund, 7302 NW Cache Road, Lawton OK 73505.

GREGORY J. WEEDEN - Died Sunday, April 2, 2017 at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, New Hampshire at the age of 66. He was a resident of Manchester. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Middletown, New York on November 4, 1950 to the late Oliver and Olive (née Skinner) Weeden. Greg served his country in the United States Air Force from 1969 until 1980. After his military service, he graduated from Hesser College in Manchester and worked in Data Processing for the New Hampshire Department of Corrections. Recently, Greg worked in security for local companies. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #41*. Greg was a longtime Boy Scout volunteer, including time as the Scoutmaster of Troop #113. He also volunteered as an instructor with the New Hampshire Hunter Safety program. He will be greatly missed by his many family and friends. Family members include his wife of 38 years, Joyce (née Matthew) Weeden of Manchester; one son, Christopher J. Weeden, of Belleville, Mich.; one daughter, Shannon Criswell, of Arlington, Texas; one brother, Lance Weeden, of Middletown, N.Y.; two sisters, Sue Lapinski of Duryea, Pa., and Elizabeth Skala and her husband, Robert, of Stephenson, Va.; nieces, nephews and cousins. Calling hours were on Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the J.N. Boufford and Sons Funeral Home, 110 Bridge Street. A committal service took place on Thursday at 11:00 AM in the New Hampshire Veteran Cemetery in Boscawen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a Boy Scout Campership fund in memory of Gregory J. Weeden to Daniel Webster Council, 471 Holt Avenue, Manchester, NH 03109. For more information and online guestbook, please visit www.bouffordfuneralhome.com.



JAMES FREDERICK "Jim" WELCH - Died Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at his home in Granville, Ohio at the age of 74. The cause of death was kidney failure. He was born November 12, 1942 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Carl W. and Martha E. (née Forsythe) Welsh, the owners and operators of Welsh's Grocery of Granville. He graduated from Granville High School in 1961. Jim worked for many years at B & L Motor Freight and with the Granville School District as a bus driver/maintenance. He retired from Contour Forming of Newark in 2009. He was a volunteer with the Granville Township Fire Department for over 30 years, joining them as a high school student and achieving the rank of Chief. Jim served in the United States Army from 1964 – 1970. He was passionate about helping veterans, being a lifetime member of the American Legion Granville Post #398 since 1971. Jim served as Sergeant-at-Arms for the Department of Ohio, 6th District Commander and is the current Finance Officer of the 6th District, and held various chairmanships through the years. Jim is the State Region 4 Commissioner for Legion Baseball and a Buckeye Boys State Commissioner. He won the Granville Sertoma Service to Mankind Award. He was a charter member of AMVETS Post #345

of Newark, where he received the Licking County Veteran-of-the-Year in 2005. He was also a charter member of Licking County Veterans Alliance; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55** and a member of 40-8 Voiture #28. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer L. (née Philipps) Welsh of almost 49 years; daughters, Amy E. Welsh and Jennifer “Annie” (Michael) Quintrell of Granville; granddaughter, Megan E. (Kristofer) Kasson of Heath; a great-granddaughter on the way; sisters, Patricia A. (Jack) Tatham of Columbus, and Nancy S. (Jim) Dumbauld of Newark; brother-in-law, Warren C. (Cheryl) Philipps of Johns Creek, Georgia; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters-in-law, Sylvia Dee (Philipps) McClain and Suzanne L. (Philipps) Wiget; and many aunts and uncles. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations be made in Jim’s name to Buckeye Boys State or Ohio American Legion Baseball, both at PO Box 8007, Delaware, Ohio 43015. The family would like to thank Hospice of Central Ohio for their compassion and care they provided to Jim and his family. A funeral service was held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Centenary United Methodist Church, 102 East Broadway, in Granville. Burial was at the Welsh Hills Cemetery with military honors. Visitation hours were on Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and 5:00 to 7:00 PM with an American Legion service at 6:30 PM at the McPeck-Hoekstra Funeral Home, 133 South Prospect Street, in Granville. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mcpeekhoekstra.com.



RONALD DONALD “Ronnie” WERLING - Died Thursday, July 7, 2016 in Ossian, Indiana at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 5, 1948 in Bluffton, Indiana to the late Donald and Juanita (née Reese) Werling. Ron loved his country and served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War earning a Purple Heart. Afterwards, he served in the Air National Guard. Ron worked as a truck driver, Ossian Town Marshall, and Ossian Police Commissioner. Ron didn't know a stranger and lit up the world with laughter and his smile. He was a great man and will be missed by many. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluffton Chapter #698**. He and his wife Brenda enjoyed staying busy while retired, from camping, craft shows, and tinkering in the shed and garage. Ron loved horses; he was a cowboy at heart. He always looked forward to horse pulls, pony pulls, and other 4-H events. Surviving family include his wife, Brenda Werling; his son, Jamie (Megan Badger) Werling; his stepdaughter, Jen (Austin) Girardot; his granddaughters, Addison and Aubrey Girardot; his brother, Terry (Judy) Werling; his nephew, Lt. Col. Ryan (Shauna) Werling; his niece, Kelli (Matt) Stoll; and great-nieces and great-nephew, Addison, Mason, Madelyn, and Vivian. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Jason Werling. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 West Mill Street, Ossian with visitation one hour prior. Visitation hours were also from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at the funeral home. The burial was in the Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.



THOMAS M. WHITELOCK, JR. - Died Friday, August 8, 2008 at the VA Medical Center in Coatesville, Pennsylvania at the age of 61. He was a resident of Newark, Delaware and formerly of Wilmington, Delaware and Chester, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 21, 1946. He graduated from both Saint James High School in 1964 and Widener University in 1976. He was a United States Air Force veteran during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**. He was predeceased by Rocco. He is survived by a son, Thomas J. of Chester, PA; two daughters, Valerie M. and Michelle A. both of Boothwyn, PA; three sisters, Judith Creppon, Janice Nichols, and Janet Dalquist, all of Norwood, PA; also surviving are his fellas: Guido, Paulie and Shane. Funeral services were held at 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 14th, at the Chandler Funeral Home 2506 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE. Friends visited one hour prior to the service. Burial was private. Memorial contributions may be sent to VA Coatesville Hospice, 1400 Black Horse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320.

EVERETT RAY WIEDERSBERG - Died Saturday, September, 17, 2011 in Overland Park, Kansas at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born Everett Ray Signs in Chicago, Illinois on December 24, 1948. Everett was adopted by loving parents Robert and Mary Wiedersberg and moved to Kansas City, Kansas. After High School he joined the United States Navy and served in Vietnam, he was very proud of his service, and his country. Everett was an active member in the VFW and Mobile Riverine Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. Everett is predeceased by his father, Robert and his two brothers Bob and Victor. Everett is survived by his mother Mary, his sister Elise and three children and many grandchildren. Services were held at the D.W. Newcomer's Funeral Chapel at 112th and Metcalf, Overland Park, KS. Visitation hours were on Thursday, September 22nd from 5:00-7:00 PM and the funeral was held on Friday, September 23rd, at 10:00 AM.

ROBERT LEE WILLIAMS – Died Tuesday, November 22, 2016 in Independence, Louisiana at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 10, 1937. Robert honorably served his country in the United States Army for 9 years and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Natalbany Chapter #1052**. He was married to Ada, who survives him. Relatives and Friends were invited to attend the Funeral Service at Lighthouse Baptist Church Independence, LA on Friday November 25, 2016 at 1:00 PM with Visitation beginning at 11:00 AM. Interment was at the Lighthouse Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Ron Jordan presiding.



DOUGLAS L. "Mr. Will" WILLIAMSON - Died Sunday, March 5, 2017 at the Comanche County Memorial Hospital at the age of 74. He was a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 20, 1942 in Laurens, South Carolina to the late Victor and Mary Lou (née Pace) Williamson. He was a community leader, handyman to all, master mechanic and loyal friend. He enlisted in the United States Army in June 23, 1962 and proudly served his country for over twenty years retiring on June 20, 1982. He did a tour of duty in Vietnam from May 17, 1969 to April 15, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Douglas was a jokester, sweet talker, ornery and smiling to the end. Visitation hours were from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM at the Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Service, 6210 NW Cache Road, Lawton, Oklahoma 73505. Graveside services were on Thursday, March 09, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Jake Dunn Road, Elgin, Oklahoma 73538.

FLOYD WILSON – Died recently in 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 2, 1934. He is survived by his son, Ned Wilson, of Oklahoma City. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**.

WARNER M. WINBORN – Died recently in 2017 in Elmore, Alabama at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 1, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmore Chapter #190**.

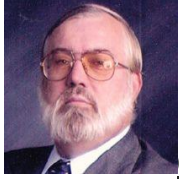


MICHAEL V. "Mike" WISNEWSKI - Died on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at home in Cranford, New Jersey at the age of 74, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on January 4, 1942 to the late Matthew and Verna (née Golick) Wisniewski. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force as an air commando during the Vietnam War. He received his BA from Kean University. He was a resident of Cranford for 30 years. Mike was a weighmaster for Phelps Dodge of Elizabeth, N.J., for 15 years. Most recently, he was a stay at home Dad and full time caregiver for his three grandchildren. He was a *Founding Member* and *Treasurer* for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #688**, and a life member and treasurer for the DAV Chapter #73 of Elizabeth. Mike was a member of the American Legion Post #3 of Westfield. Mike was the beloved husband for 52 years of Eileen (née McGuinness) Wisniewski, and the devoted father of Kathleen Valladares and her husband, George, and Karen DeGregorio and her husband, Thomas, Jr. He was the cherished grandfather of Kaitlyn, Megan and Michael, and the dear brother of Martha Gatto (late), David Wisniewski, Barbara Segarra and her husband, Louis, and Matthew Wisniewski and his wife, Nancy. Relatives and friends were kindly invited to attend

the funeral from the Walter Johnson Funeral Home, 803 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ on Thursday, September 22nd, at 8:45 AM, thence to Saint Agnes Church, Clark, where a Funeral Mass was offered at 9:45 AM. Interment was in the Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia, NJ. Visiting hours were on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. To offer condolences please visit walterjohnsonfh.com. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to DAV, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.



KERRY A. WREN (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Monday, March 27, 2017 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 2, 1946 in Lebanon, Missouri to the late Wilbur and Vivian (née Olsen) Wren. He grew up in Independence, Kansas. Kerry graduated high school and also attended Junior College in Independence. He later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree from Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina. He married Janette Epard on December 30, 1967 in Springfield, Missouri. Kerry served in the United States Army for over twenty-two years and reluctantly retired in 1987 due to health issues. He was a Vietnam Veteran whose awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Army Good Conduct Medal (7), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the M16 Rifle Expert Qualification Badge. Following his retirement from the Army Kerry continued using his gifts for serving others. Kerry was a lifetime member of the DAV, AMVETS and was a *Life Member* and the current *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Through these organizations he used his gift to assist his fellow veteran's and their families. Kerry also invested himself in the Lawton-Fort Sill Community. He initiated Operation Lawton Cares during Desert Storm and played a significant role in establishing the Vietnam Memorial located in Elmer Thomas Park. Kerry is survived by his wife, Janette of the home; five children and their spouses, Krystal and Gary Smith, Lawton, Stephen A. Wren and Erica Stillman, Lawton, Sandra and SFC Jeffrey Polette, Elgin, David Jason Wren and Catherine Henderson, Sterling and Kimberly Kristle Wren and fiancé James Highberg, Lawton; 13 grandchildren, Rebecca, Joshua, Bradley, Zoe, Zechariah, Brittany, Shane, James, Luke, Brianna, Sunny, Kevin and Joseph; three great-grandchildren, Oakley, Ethan and Koa; his twin sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Keith Ackerson and nephew Kent and Kelley Ackerson of Independence, Kansas; and his best and closest friend, Michael O'Rourke, Lawton. His parents, his brother, Dean, and a sister, Pat, preceded him in death. The funeral service was at 12:30 PM on Monday, April 3, 2017 in Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. The family greeted friends from 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, P.O. Box 2483, Lawton OK 73502.



CHARLES J. "Tank" WRIGHT, SR. – Died Monday, December 22, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 30, 1950. He was the beloved husband to Debra (née Williams); dearest father to Charles, Jr. (Dana) and Jennifer; loving Pop Pop to Danielle and Andrew. He is also survived by his siblings: Andrew Jr. "Bud" (Linda), Mary (John) McCurdy, Theresa (Bob) Kane, Denise (Bob Hanson) Wray and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing on Friday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM and again on Saturday from 8:00-9:10 AM at the Murphy Ruffenach Funeral Home (3rd and Wolf Streets). The Funeral Mass was at 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. The interment was in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery. Donations in his memory can be made to the Pennsylvania Wounded Warrior Project 1117 Country Club Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.



GARY A. "Bengy" WRYE - Died Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Health Park Medical Center, Fort Myers, Florida at the age 68. He was a resident of Cape Coral, Florida and was formerly of Altoona, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Tyrone, Pennsylvania to the late William E. Wrye, Jr. and Mary (née McCarty) Wrye. Surviving are nieces and nephews, Darlene, Patty Jo, Kelly, Freddie, Alan and Steve; several great-nieces and nephews; several great-great nieces and nephews; and many close friends. He was preceded in death by siblings, Edwin, Wendell and Patty. Bengy was a 1966 graduate of Tyrone High School and attended Millersville University and Penn State University. He was a United States Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. He was formerly employed for many years as an assistant to Dr. Joseph Basile and later retired as manager of Keystone Novelty Co., Altoona. Bengy was a member of Swiss Club of Altoona and Cesare Battisti Club, Altoona and a volunteer at James E. VanZandt VA Medical Center, Altoona. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing, gambling, horse races and especially spending time with his friends. Not only was he a great and giving uncle, he was also our best friend. A celebration of life service was to be announced at a later date. The family suggests that contributions in Bengy's memory be made to James E. VanZandt VA Medical Center, Altoona.

JOYCE VIVIAN YOUNG – Died Thursday, February 9, 2017 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 26, 1950. Joyce was a resident of Orange Park, Florida at the time of her passing. She was a graduate of William Chrisman High School 1968. She served in the United States Navy. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. She was married to David Young, Sr. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday February 14, 2017 in the chapel of Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home. Visitation hours were from 1:00 PM until the hour of service.

Interment with Military Honors was in the Jacksonville Memory Gardens Cemetery in the Masonic Garden.



WILLIAM J. "Bill" YOUNG, JR. - Died Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1946 to the late William J. Young, Sr. and Virginia (née Hartner) Young. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth Colletti for 43 cherished years; dear stepson of Judy Young; loving brother of Diane (William) Shuman and Robert (Michele) Young; his brother-in-law of Peter (Ilene) Colletti and Lorene (Michael) Case; cherished uncle of Jill and Brian Young, Jessica (Scott) Callahan, Teri (Corbin) Scheumann; Daniel (Allie) and Joseph Case, Natalie (Bryan) Van Dyke and Emily Colletti; great-uncle of Evan Callahan and Kayla Case. He is also survived by many other loving cousins and friends. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Memorial donations may be made to: Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #154, 18205, 15 Mile Road Clinton Township, MI 48035. Visitation hours were on Monday from 3:00-8:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Scripture Service at the Wujek-Calcaterra and Sons, 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd). The funeral was on Tuesday – laying-in-state from 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Hope (Formerly Saint Germaine Parish) 38301 Little Mack at Martin Rd until time of the Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the Great Lakes National Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at WujekCalcaterra.com.



TERRY RANDALL "Randy" ZAHN - Died on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Brookestone Meadows in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 73. He was a resident of Omaha. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Albany, Kentucky on March 27, 1943 to the late Charles and Anita (née Lucia) Zahn. He was a 1961 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was a proud member of the United States Army – 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. In recent years, he served as President of the Midwest Chapter of 101st Airborne Association and was instrumental in the establishment of the Heartland Airborne Memorial. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Weston Chapter #279**. A sprinkler fitter by trade, he served 8 years as President of the Sprinkler Fitters Union Local #669 before his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol of Omaha; sister-in-law, Joann "Jo" Zahn of Phoenix, AZ; stepsisters, Patti Jo Herwig of Plattsmouth, NE and Jane Pennington (Chuck); stepbrother, David "Speed" Tobias (Kathy) of Council Bluffs; sons, T. A. "Taz" Zahn of Omaha and Terry R. Zahn, Jr. (Jody) of Columbus, NE; daughter, Jodie Knop (Brian) of Omaha; stepson, Derrin Pigg (Aleaza Goldberg) of Denver, CO; stepdaughter, Dana Fields (Steven) of Lafayette, CO; grandchildren: Schuyler, Hallynd and Braxton Zahn, Tyler and Lane Knop, Aiden and Noa Pigg, Mason and Madelyn Fields; honorary son/daughter: Dr. Frank and Tina DeVries; honorary grandchildren: Adam, Grant, Sydney and Gabrielle DeVries;

extended family and a host of wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bob; sister, Jan O'Dell; stepmother, Jane Zahn-Vukson. The family received friends on Friday, February 10th from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at the Bel Air Chapel. A celebration of life service was on Saturday, February 11th at 2:00 PM at the Bel Air Chapel, followed by visitation with the family until 5pm. The family requested attendees wear casual dress (Terry's favorite) and feel free to share fun/funny times they shared with him. Interment was in the Omaha National Cemetery. Memorials were request be made to either Heartland Airborne Memorial or DAD's Day (Dollars Against Diabetes) Association. Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler Bel Air Chapel, 12100 West Center Road was in charge of the arrangements.

**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