

JOHN MICHAEL ALBRECHT, JR. - Died Sunday, October 8, 2017, with his cousin, Chris Young, at his side. He was 71 years of age and a resident of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, Pennsylvania to the late John Michael Albrecht, Sr. and Sophia (née Rickard) Albrecht. After graduating from Beaver High School, he joined the United States Army and proudly served. John was a retired owner/operator of Albrecht Trucking with his CDL license, hauling steel. While retired, he stayed busy helping neighbors, cutting grass, shoveling snow and helping the less fortunate. John enjoyed cooking, especially custard, rice pudding, pies and cakes, as he drank his Pepsi. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**, AMVETS and Patriot Guard Riders. He is survived by his sister, Roberta Fuller and her children, Michael and Rebecca; his cousins, Jeani and Chris Young and Sonny Harvey as well as John's stepdaughter, Tammie Musloe. A private celebration of life was held as well as a Mass of Christian Burial. Contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America or AMVETS, in John's name. The Todd Funeral Home, 340 Third Street, Beaver, handled the arrangements.



ANTHONY W. ALDEBOL - Died Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in Greenville, South Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in San Francisco, California to the late Woodrow W. and Frances K. Aldebol. He is survived by his wife, Avanette L. Aldebol; a daughter, Amanda Ethridge (Artie); a son, Jared Aldebol (Ashley); his sister, Cecilia Bertsch; his brother, Clay Aldebol, and; his four grandchildren. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**. A private service was held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. Condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.thomsmcafee.com. Thomas McAfee Funeral Home 639 North Main Street, Greenville.

GARY WILLIAM ALLEN – Died Friday, September 15, 2017 in Bullhead City, Arizona at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Joplin, Missouri on November 25, 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 to 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**.

ROBERT J. ALLOR – Died recently in 2017 in Houghton Lake, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Karen. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter #133**.



RICHARD WAYNE ANDERSON - Died Friday, November 10, 2017 at home in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 70. The cause of death was cerebrovascular accident, post-traumatic stress and atherosclerotic heart disease. He was born in Snohomish, Washington on July 20, 1947 to the late Darrell and Wanda Anderson. When Richard was young the family moved to Whatcom County and he attended Meridian Schools. He was drafted into the

United States Army and served in the 25th Infantry Division as a machine gunner during the Tet Offensive in Vietnam. Richard was awarded two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars (one for valor), and numerous other awards including the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. After returning home he married Kristi Bland on August 1, 1970 and they began their journey of life together. Richard was a jack-of-all-trades (and a master of none). He enjoyed most things, but nothing made him happier than to be with his family. He was always working on a project. He grew a big vegetable garden and saw that the wood was cut for the winter. He loved to fish lakes and the river and anything to do with salt water. He retired after working 27 years at Builder's Concrete (later Landings at Colony Wharf). He never met a stranger. He was our rock and he supported and provided for us. Richard loved us, and we dearly loved him. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 47 years, Kristi; his daughter, Jenna (husband Tim) Chorvat and their daughters, Lily and Sylvie, daughter, Maggie (husband Reed) Stanley and their children, Jace, Zoe and Ivy; his sister, Linda Marie Spencer, of Ellensburg; his brother-in-law Bill Bland; as well as many loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Dennis and sister-in-law, Janice Bland. A Service of Remembrance with military honors was held at the Westford Funeral Home on Monday, November 20th at 1:00 PM. The reception was across the street at Westford's Broadway Hall. Memorials in Richard's name may be made to the Lighthouse Mission, 910 West Holly Street, Bellingham, WA 98225. You may share memories with the family at www.westfordfuneralhome.com.



ROBERT NEAL "Bobby" ATKINS - Died Saturday, July 8, 2017 in Bozeman, Montana at the age of 67, after a short illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 18, 1949, in Bozeman, Montana to the late Elizabeth Josephine "*Betty Jo*" (née Kiefer) Atkins and Robert Jennings Atkins. Bobby was raised and educated in Bozeman, graduating from Holy Rosary High School. He lived with his Uncle Bill in Oregon for a brief time before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Bobby honorably served his country in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971 with the 1st Marine Airwing. Bobby worked as a custodian in the Bozeman School District 7 for most of his career. He also worked part-time as a secretary for the Eagles Lodge #326. In retirement, he worked for Copper Spring Ranch and the Bozeman Public Library. Robert married his best friend and love of his life, Mary Julian, on May 26, 1995. They made their home south of Bozeman in the shadow of the mountains. Bobby was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bozeman Chapter #788**, the Marine Corps League, and the American Legion Post #14. Bob was a proud Marine who served his country well. Bob was preceded in death by parents and his sister Linda. Survivors include his wife Mary, numerous family, friends, and especially his brothers in arms. A graveside committal service was held at 11:00 AM on July 22, 2017, at Sunset Hills Cemetery with military honors. Family and friends met at the Dahl Funeral and Cremation Service at 10:45 AM and proceeded to the cemetery. A gathering to remember Bobby followed at the Dahl Funeral and Cremation Service Tribute Center. Everyone was invited to share a favorite memory or story about Bobby. Memorials may be made in Bobby's honor to the Marine Corps League Gallatin Valley Detachment #1050. Condolences and memories may be shared with his family at www.dahlcares.com.



MICHAEL E. "Mike" BADGELY, JR. - Died Sunday, June 11, 2017 in University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Chautauqua WCA at the age of 66. He was a resident of Kennedy, New York. The cause of death is unknown. A lifelong area resident, he was born on December 4, 1950 in Jamestown, New York to the late Michael E. and Lois M. (née Jones) Badgley, Sr. Mike attended Jamestown High School and was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Army from 1970-72. Prior to retirement in 2013, he was employed by Hartley, Buick Auto Dealership in Jamestown. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. He enjoyed auto racing, having constructed and help construct several race cars. Mike also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Surviving are his wife, Betty J. (née Merchant) Badgley, whom he married July 19, 1975, in the town of Ellicott; his children, Michelle (Scott) Levin, of Falconer, Jennifer (Brian) Brentley, of Jamestown, Jessica (Rodger) Burroughs, of Florida, Michael (Liz) Badgley, of Frewsburg, Hope Badgley and Thomas Badgley, both of Jamestown; twelve grandchildren, Sarah, Samantha, Kristina Levin, Hannah, Connor, Caitlyn, Cara and Camden Brentley, Christopher, Nicholas, Alexis and Rochelle Badgley; a great-granddaughter, Aidah Badgley; a sister, Jacqueline (Maynard) Carlson, of Jamestown; and a brother, Jeffrey M. (Sue) Badgley, of Jamestown. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a stepsister, Anna Anderson. The funeral was at 11:00 AM on Friday in the Falconer Funeral Home. George Tanti officiated. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday and one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be donated to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #865 Bigelow Avenue, Jamestown, NY 14701. Visit our website at www.falconerfuneralhome.net to send a message of condolence.

LAWRENCE F. "Larry" BAKUCZ – Died Sunday, November 5, 2017 in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 2, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Army from July 1940 to March 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from February 1971 to March 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.



VERNON J. BANCROFT - Died Thursday, December 22, 2016 in Paton, Iowa at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa on September 6, 1946 to the late Clifford and Evelyn Bancroft. He attended Paton Consolidated Schools thru 10th grade and graduated from East Greene High School in 1964. As a kid he was active in 4-H and FFA and also helped bale hay and shell corn. He attended Universal Trade School in Omaha, NE. Vernon is an United States Army Vietnam War Veteran. After the War, he came home and started farming/ranching at Paton, IA. On July 18, 1969, Vernon married Corinne Mullins. Vernon was a leader of the Greene County 4-H Horse Project for over 40 years. He was also on the Iowa 4-H Equine Advisory Committee for 20 years. He was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall

of Fame in 2010. For 40 plus years Vernon was a board member of the Greene County Lamb Producers, worked at the Gowrie Livestock Sale Barn, sheared sheep and shod horses. He also served on the Board of the Iowa Associated Saddle Club. Vernon and his family have a long-time association with Deal's Orchard starting with part-time work in his youth to most recently driving his team of Percheron horses giving rides each year at the annual fall festival. Vernon was a Life Member of the VFW #9599 of Jefferson, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Iowa**, American Quarter Horse Association and Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America. Surviving is his wife, Corinne Bancroft, of Paton, IA; sister, Luella Miller of Boone, IA; mother-in-law, Eva Mullins of Jefferson, IA; niece, Lori (Dirk) Westrum of Stratford, IA; nephew, Jim (Jennifer) Miller of Cedar Rapids, IA; great nieces and nephew, Kelsey and Quinten Westrum, Taylor and Sydney Miller; children by choice: Deb (Bob) Elgin of Indianola, IA; Jamie (Matt Brink) Welch of Omaha, NE, and Barry (Brenda) Anderson of Paton, IA; Sugar, the housecat, who is missing his Dad; and friend Lynette Welch of Omaha, NE; many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law, Lewis Mullins, and brother-in-law, Robert Miller. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Greene Co 4-H Foundation, Salem United Methodist Church in Paton or at the discretion of the family.

CLAUDE J. BARBER – Died recently in 2017 in Concord, North Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 23, 1939. He is survived by his stepdaughter, Mary Futch. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**.

JAMES S. "Jim" BARLOW, SR. – Died Friday, December 11, 2015 peacefully at the Jefferson Hospital at the age of 74. The cause of death was a stroke. Jim was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 22, 1941 to the late Richard and Eleanor Barlow, Sr. He was a 10-year veteran of the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War as a combat Navy Corpsman. He retired after 27 years from Delaware Technical and Community College as the instructor of Medical Laboratory Technology. He was also a member of the DE State Retired Teachers Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ellendale Chapter #546**, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US, Disabled American Veterans, as well as a Past Master of the Franklin Lodge in Georgetown. Mr. Barlow is survived by his wife, of 52 years, Sue H. Barlow; his sons, Michael and Helen Ann Barlow, Matthew and Heather Barlow, and Jim Barlow, Jr.; his brothers, Richard Barlow, Jr., and Henry Barlow; and his grandsons, Raiden and Rider Barlow. Jim was a proud husband, father, and grandfather. He was a tough and determined teacher and mentor. He was a patriot and a proud American. A funeral service was held on Thursday December 17, 2015 at 12:30 PM in the chapel of Short Funeral Services, 609 East Market Street, Georgetown, DE 19947 where friends visited after 11:30 AM. Interment was in the Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE. In lieu of flowers donations in Jim's memory can be made to: Home of the Brave 6632 Sharps Road, Milford, DE 19963.



WILLIAM IRVINE "Karaoke Bill" BEAGLE, JR. – Died Tuesday, October 31, 2017 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death was restrictive lung disease. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 16, 1946 to the late William C. Beagle, Sr. and Geneva (née Garland) Beagle. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**. He was the beloved husband for 30 years to Valerie (née Hammitt) Beagle; dear brother-in-law of Jeffrey (Margie) Hammitt, and; also survived by many cousins and friends. Visitation hours were on Monday, November 6th from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral services at Noon at the Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home, 3155 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211. The burial with full military honors was at the Miamitown Cemetery. Donations may be made to the VA Medical Center, Voluntary Service Office 3200 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45220, 1st Floor.

ANTHONY ALLEN "Tony" BECK – Died Friday, August 8, 2014 in Seattle, Washington at the age of 67, due to complications of Agent Orange Exposure. He was a resident of Bothell, Washington. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 4, 1947 in Terre Haute, Indiana to the late Frank and Antoinette Beck. Tony graduated from Amphi High School and received his Associates Degree from Chaparral College. He met the love of his life, Patricia Lackie and they married in Tucson, Arizona and were blessed with two children. Tony served his country as a soldier in the United States Army for 14 years and attained the rank of Sergeant Major. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. His favorite job was being a tour guide for the Olympia Brewery, which he did until they closed the doors. Following this he worked as a security guard. Tony is survived by his wife, Patricia Beck; son, Christopher (Jennifer) Beck; daughter, Tracy (Matt) Hannuksela; and four grandchildren. The family held private services with military honors in Tony's honor at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at: www.FuneralAlternatives.org. Arrangements were made with Funeral Alternatives of Washington, Lacey.

ROBERT A. BERNIER - Died Sunday, July 9, 2017 at his home in Boca Raton, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Britain, Connecticut on September 27, 1944. He attended local schools and graduated from the University of Hartford in 1968. He was a veteran proudly serving in the United States Army at USARV Headquarters in Vietnam. He was a corrections officer for the state of Connecticut retiring in 1997. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester (Connecticut) Chapter #120**. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 19th at the Glick Family Funeral Home in Boca Raton. An Interment at the South Florida National Cemetery was held at a later date.



RICHARD RHEUL "Dick" BOLYARD - Died Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Western Maryland Health Center at the age of 72. He was a resident of Oldtown, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Morgantown, West Virginia on August 13, 1945, to the late Eileen (née Watkins) Bolyard and Chester Bolyard. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Raymond Bucklew. Dick was a graduate of Morgantown High School, class of 1963. Following high school, Dick enlisted in the United States Army where he served in Vietnam. Upon being discharged, Dick was employed by PPG Industries in Cumberland, and Chemetron Industries in Russell, KY. He was later employed and retired from AMM Corporation in Cumberland. Dick was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** and the Oldtown VFW. He was an avid West Virginia University sports fan, and a Washington Redskins football loyalist. Dick is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carla (née Slider) Bolyard; one son, Eric Shane Bolyard and wife Melinda, Cumberland; sisters, Josephine "Jo" Bucklew, Winchester and Linda Queen and husband Louis, Morgantown; brother-in-law, William "Bill" Slider and wife Debbie, Oldtown, MD; sisters-in-law, Pat Correll and husband Rev. Merle Correll, Oldtown, MD, Sandy Beck and husband John, Oldtown, MD, Bonnie Goede and husband Byron, Jacksonville, FL, Linda Nelson and husband Ed, Charlottesville, VA, and Cheri Talarico and husband Jim, Schuyler, VA; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland on Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Merle Correll and Pastor Barney Piper co-officiating. Burial was in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery, Paw, West Virginia. Military Honors were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #172. The family had requested that in lieu of flowers their friends and family members make memorial contributions to the Oldtown VFW, 18504 Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, MD 21555; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172, 17 North Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502; or the Allegany County Animal Shelter, 716 Furnace Street, Cumberland, MD 21502. Condolences for the family may be left at www.ScarpelliFH.com.



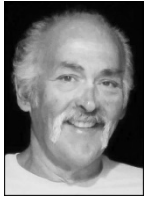
HART EMANUEL BONDI (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Monday, October 16, 2017 at Genesis East, Davenport, Iowa at the age of 75. He was a resident of Bettendorf, Iowa. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on February 10, 1942, in Galesburg, Illinois to the late Leon and Gladys Bondi. A 1960 graduate of the former Davenport High School, he graduated from the University of Iowa with his bachelor of business administration in marketing in 1964. That year he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant with the United States Army and in 2002 he retired after 20 years as Lieutenant Colonel. In 1966, he started his career in advertising with the Ottumwa Courier in circulation and advertising sales. In 1967, he joined

the Quad City Times in advertising, and in 1983, he transitioned to commercial printing sales. In 1994, he went into real estate sales as an Iowa/Illinois real estate broker. He married Cindy Christensen on March 16, 2002, in Davenport. Hart served as past president of Manufacturers Representative Association of the Quad Cities (grocery reps); Quad City Advertising Federation; Quad City Club of Printing House Craftsmen; and Military Officers Association of America, Quad Cities Chapter. He held a single engine private pilot's license and amateur radio (general) license. Hart enjoyed cruising in his dream car, a 1955 Chevy convertible, and was an active member of Quad City Cruisers and the Antique Auto Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. Hart loved spending time with his family, and especially enjoyed his role as "Grandpa Poppy" to his four grandchildren, Rylee and Reece Rumann-Bondi, Forest Hart Bondi, and Moira Bondi. Survivors include his wife, Cindy; his children, Stephanie (Corey Rumann) Bondi of Lincoln, Nebraska, Nicholas (Deborah) Bondi of Chicago, Joseph (Amanda) Bondi of Indianapolis, Indiana, Sara Schultz of Cary, North Carolina, and Leah (Aaron) Dicket of Des Moines, Iowa; grandchildren; and brother, Richard (Carole) Bondi of Bonita Springs, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents; and younger brother, Philip Bondi. A service in celebration of his life was at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 23rd, at the Weerts Funeral Home, Kimberly at Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport. Visitation hours were from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. The burial was in the National Cemetery, Rock Island, where military honors were presented. Memorials may be made to Genesis Cancer Care Institute and Temple Emanuel. Online remembrances and condolences may be expressed to the Bondi family by visiting this obituary at WeertsFH.com.



EARSEL EDWIN "Ed" BONDS - Died Tuesday, January 27, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas at the age of 82. He was a resident of Lovington, New Mexico. The cause of death was congestive heart failure and acute renal failure. He was born on November 5, 1932 in Madisonville, Texas to the late L. B. and Cleo Julia (née Ragsdale) Bonds. Ed came to Lovington in 1968 and in 1971, married Billie (née LaVon) Barnes in Plains, TX. He was well-known in Lovington as one of the "greatest sports enthusiast or fanatic" as he had his own spot for his scooter at the Wildcat ballgames and practices. He would feed the boys, tailgating during their practices, sometimes feeding them pizza, shrimp or other foods. He was a good supervisor, also opinionated and really liked things his way. He loved his yard and gardening and his roses. He was employed by Kerr-McGee for several years and then opened his own insurance agency. He was an avid cowboy fan and enjoyed war movies. Ed served in the United States Army and was proud of his military service and was an extremely patriotic man. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico**. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Edna Joy Bonds and one brother, Doyle Bonds. Ed is survived by his wife, Billie, of the home, four sons, John Bonds, of Artesia, NM; Charles Russell and wife Donna Bonds, of Alto, NM, Loyd Dell and wife Carol Foster, of Hobbs, NM and Billy Dewayne Foster, of Odessa, TX; two daughters, Debra Glee Bonds, of Roswell, NM and Joann Bonds-Prendez Miller, of Maryland; one brother, Jerry and wife Janice Bonds, of El Paso, TX; eight grandchildren, and; five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at the Kirby-Smith-Rogers Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 PM with burial in the Lovington Cemetery. Visitation hours were on Tuesday, February 3, 2014 from 10:00 AM-8:00 PM at the Kirby Smith Rogers Funeral Home.

ANTONIO BORJAS – Died Sunday, November 5, 2017 in Saint Charles, Missouri at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on May 28, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of the home. He served in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War. He served one tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967-1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**.



TIMOTHY BEN "Tim" BOURASAW – Died Thursday, June 15, 2017 in Republic, Washington at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 21, 1952 in Everett, Washington and went on ahead at Skagit Valley Hospital, Mt. Vernon, Washington. His body finally succumbed to his exposure of Agent Orange while serving in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He grew up in Everett with parents, Ben and Betty Bourasaw, who have gone ahead. Siblings, Dave (wife Cindy), Margo Ann Hansen (who's gone ahead), and Debby Stephensen. He attended parochial school at Everett Our Lady of Perpetual Help and graduated from Everett High, class of 1970. He entered the Air Force November 3, 1970. After basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he was deployed to Udorn AFB, Thailand for 18 months. He lived among the people and enjoyed a mutual respect with them. He was an MP and operated the big guns from a Huey doing pilot rescues. He finished his service at Fairchild AFB, Spokane, 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. During his first marriage to Joann Austin, he earned an AA from EvCC, with a degree in Political Science. From this marriage came his first precious daughter, Marletta Jo. He was a Drywall Carpenter, Metal Stud Framer with Local #1144 for 25 years. He worked on the major skyscrapers in Seattle with the Columbia Building being his proudest. His dream was to be a Wildlife Agent. He befriended local Agent Jerry Hendricks and his wife, Carol (who went ahead in 2011) which was the stepping stone for meeting Tim's second wife, their daughter, Janie Jo. Tim gave his life to Jesus in the Spring of 1983 and married Janie November 11, 1983. It was a package deal because he became dad to her daughter, Rebekah JoAnn (hubby, Richard Parkhurst). Their family grew with additional children, Benjamin Mack, Abigail MargoAnn (hubby, Taylor Goheen), and Abraham Phillip (wife, Jolene). Tim's body started breaking down in 1996. Diabetes ended his drywall career. He owned and operated two pawn shops before health issues ended that endeavor. Tim had a fighting spirit. With each new diagnosis he'd say; "I'm gonna beat this and live to 100". In all his afflictions he kept moving forward without complaining and with great patience. He demonstrated unconditional love for God and Country, his wife, kids, 14 grandbabies, and his closest friends; cousin, Jerry Ernesti, Phil Hintze, Bud Berg (gone on ahead), Chris Bakoca, and Billy Clark. He was awarded the Washington State Medal of Valor in 2007 for pulling two men from a burning car. His passions were coaching his boys in three sports, fishing from his boat, the Prophasea, and spending time with his wife at their dream property in Republic, WA (aka, Sasquatch Villa). They had just moved to the Villa on May 24th but sadly, he only spent six nights there. From June 9th-15th we were blessed with a week of his love, humor, tenacity and guidance. His daughter, Abby, miraculously arrived from Papua, New Guinea in time to share in his seven final hours. A Celebration of His Life was on September 23, 2017 at the Arlington Baptist Church, 5th and French, at 11:00 AM.



JOHN VERNON BRYANT, SR. - Died Tuesday October 10, 2017 at Season's Hospice at the age of 71. He was a resident of Marble Hill, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 16, 1946 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania to the late Vernon and Josephine Bryant. He lived in Dawson County for the past 13 years having moved from Roswell, Georgia. Mr. Bryant retired as a building contractor specializing in residential construction. John was a United States Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**. He enjoyed bass fishing and was a member of River Bend Gun Club where he enjoyed competing in action pistol matches. He was a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his brother, Vernon Charles Bryant. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Linda Bryant, of Marble Hill; his children, John Vernon Bryant, Jr., of Marble Hill and Susan and Mike Ganuchau, of Sandy Springs, Georgia; his grandchildren, Ethan Ganuchau, Brendan Ganuchau, and; his brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Marsha Bryant, Scottsdale, Arizona. Funeral services were held on Wednesday October 18, 2017 at 12:30 PM at the Georgia National Cemetery. Vic Wallace officiated. Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA was in charge of the arrangements.



RICHARD WAYNE "Buck" BUCKINGHAM - Died Friday, June 2, 2017 at his home in Franklin, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Richmond, Indiana on May 22, 1947 to the late Charles and Violet Buckingham and was raised on a farm near Eaton, Ohio. He served his country proudly for 8 years in the United States Army from 1964 to 1972. He was in active combat for almost 4 years during the Vietnam War until such time as he was wounded. Richard also served 18 months in Korea on the DMZ and two years in Germany. He was discharged in 1972 with honors. Richard had many interests and talents, he enjoyed Classic Cars and Horses. He was a master Cabinet Maker and ran a cabinet shop for over 18 years. As a hobby, he built models of ships and motorcycles etc. out of all types of wood and chose to gift them to his family and friends. Richard developed programs for the Blind and Handicapped: he started a radio station called 'Words for the Blind' in Maryland; he trained dogs for the Handicapped. Richard had earned four college degrees: two Associate Degrees one in Human Services and one in Urban Service; and two B.S. Degrees one in Business Administration and one in Social Work. He was an author of various writings; 'Survival, The Vietnam War', 'Healing, Post-Vietnam War' and most recently 'Words of The Spirit'. He also has penned many poems. Richard suffered chronic PTSD since his first tour of combat in Vietnam and it continued until his death. This disorder caused him many hardships during his lifetime. He held memberships in the following: AMVETS Post #42, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring (Maryland) Chapter #641**, and Disabled Veterans of America. Richard was involved with various other local groups volunteering his time to help others. He was often asked to be in local Parades and Activities representing the proud Veterans of the United States of America. In spite of the challenges

Richard was faced with his entire lifetime, he led an extremely productive life, he contributed so much to his community; he was very dedicated to his family, especially to his mother. His motto was "He Always Did It the Hard Way"! He was predeceased by his father Charles Buckingham. Richard is survived by his loving mother, Violet I. McCane; three brothers, three children and other family members. He was survived by many loving friends who were blessed to have known him. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 14th at 10:00 AM at the Twin Chapel Cemetery. As a dedicated veteran, Richard received a full Military Honors Service at Twin Chapel Cemetery, 10717 Yohe Road, West Manchester, OH 45382.



ROBERT TIMOTHY "Bob" BUCKLEY – Died Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 8, 1939 in Medford, Massachusetts to the late Robert W. and Mary Jane (née Barr) Buckley. He spent his first two years of life in the Medford area. The family crossed the country in 1941 to the state of Washington, which — despite traveling the globe many times — Bob considered his home for the rest of his life. The Buckleys moved to Bellingham in 1947, with Bob attending the old Roosevelt grade school on Alabama Street, followed by Fairhaven Junior High, and Bellingham High. Bob was a guy of many dimensions, foremost among those: family man. He cherished his family, took pride in his children's accomplishments, strove to set the kids an example and guide them without hovering, and doted on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. After his family, Bob prized the career he created for himself in the military. He enlisted as a teenager and spent most of the next 30 years with the United States Army, serving his country in Vietnam (two tours), South Korea, and West Germany (cold war), along with many stateside postings. Bob began his service with the military police (MP,) and advanced over the years to become a Warrant Officer and special agent in the MP Criminal Investigation Division (CID.) Bob's view was that there were three ways to do a thing: "The right way, the wrong way, and the Army way." Unsurprisingly, Bob's way was the Army way. Following his military service, Bob developed a second career as a counselor specializing in the care of veterans struggling with PTSD, substance abuse, and related complaints. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. Whatever the setting, Bob always enjoyed the respect and admiration of those around him. A buddy from his Army days, Dan White, said when he heard of Bob's passing: "He was a great CID Agent, a great person with a great personality, and a good friend and mentor to many." Bob's extensive overseas postings with the military helped him shape his favorite avocation, that of gourmet chef. Borrowing food, flavoring, and fixing influences that he gathered from around the world, Bob never met a recipe — whether from Julia Child or the Ragin' Cajun — that he didn't believe he could improve through creativity and improvisation. A friend observed that, in Bob's family, he usually wore the pants and did the cooking. Some of what Bob cooked he himself gathered as an outdoorsman, catching fish from the largest oceans and the tiniest streams while successfully hunting game birds and large game. One of Bob's most remarkable hunting feats occurred, as he related it, when two grouse

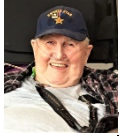
were flushed and he bagged them both with just one shot. No recounting of Bob's robust life would be complete without mention of his accomplishments as a spinner of yarns and teller of tales, gifts acquired from the previous generation — his father on one side of the family, and maternal aunts and uncles on the other. As he had learned in developing his cooking skills, Bob came to appreciate that almost any good story could be improved with embellishment — often a dash of blarney. And his storyteller's serious manner plus deadpan face invariably elicited gales of laughter when listeners snapped to the realization that they were being treated to tall tales, some taller than others — possibly including the "two grouse bagged with one shot" mentioned above. Bob leaves many people mourning his passing: His wife, Barbara; sister, Terri Swan; brothers Bill and Mark; sons Timothy and Patrick; daughters Dorothy Baker (Sam Ginnett) and Lisa Abbott (Jon); stepsons Patrick, Brian, and Terrence Murray; stepdaughters Barbie Odom and Cathy Murphy; grandchildren TerraLee, Sheena, and Shaun Baker; Justin and Charleen Garvin, SammyJo Ginnett, Erin and Alex Abbott, and Liam Buckley; several great-grandchildren; nephew Michael Christensen and niece Tera Christensen; cousins Brad (Dotty) and Billie Bennett (Diane) Barr, Billie and Bobby Barr, Ginger Barr, Peggy Barker, Sue (Dan) Wallace, Sandy Roseburg, Greg (Kathy) Barr, Linda (Bill) Banks, Hal Hamilton, Hallie Stonedahl, Jimmy Cornetta, Janie Cornetta (Dave) Hinckley. Wherever you are, Honey, Daddy, Bobby: So long for now; we'll see you on the other side. Bob's funeral service, with military honors, was held on Friday, April 1, 2016, at 9:30 AM, in the Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th Street, Kent, WA 98042-4868.



FREDERICK A. BORGAN – Died Monday, November 13, 2017 in Westland, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung and liver cancer. He was born on May 1, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan to the late James and Mary Borgan. He was the beloved husband of Sandra; dear father of Wesley, Charlotte (Matthew) Colbert and M. Troy; stepfather of Dawn (Kevin) Stamm, Brenda (David) Miller-Polyenchko and Michael (Amy) Dunn; grandfather of Amberlee, Christopher, Joshua, Kadee, Jared, Sophie, Nicholas, Shane Callie and Emily; brother of Rosemary (Ronnie) Arnold and the late Martha Birch and Larry Borgan, and; also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from September 30, 1965 to October 2, 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. Fred was a strong advocate for helping military vets. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 2:00-8:00 PM with the funeral service on Thursday at 11:30 AM at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, Garden City (Between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). Family suggested memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project.

RONALD BURRUS – Died recently in 2017 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 18, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.

ALBERT D. BYRUM – Died recently in 2017 in Inman, South Carolina at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 3, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lyman Chapter #1049**.



WAYNARD E. CALDWELL - Died Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in Roanoke, Virginia at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 16, 1935 to the late Bernie Caldwell and Thelma Caldwell. He was also predeceased by his brother, Coy Lee Caldwell; his sister Leona Browning, and; his granddaughter, Cara Holley. Waynard is survived by his wife of 59 years, Katherine (Liz) Caldwell; daughters, Sarah (Jay) Wright and Cindy (Harold) Snider; grandsons, Austin Wright and Justin (Amanda) Snider; great-grandchildren, Hannah and Colton Snider; sister, Uldine Lord; uncle, Scotty Robertson; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and many special friends, especially, Ronnie Hartman. He was a Vietnam Veteran. He served in the United States Army for 21 years. He was the first male nurse licensed in the State of Virginia. Waynard worked as a nurse at Walter Reed Hospital and at the Salem VA Medical Center. He was an advocate for all veterans and served on the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council. Waynard was a member of the American Legion, the VFW and Forty and Eight. He was also a longtime member of Celebration Church of God. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roanoke Chapter #81**. The family would like to thank everyone at the Virginia Veterans Care Center and everyone at the VA Medical Center. Services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday November 11, 2017 at the Celebration Church of God with the Reverend Sam Belisle officiating. Interment was in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday, November 10, 2017 at Oakey's South Chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Celebration Church of God, 4429 Buck Mountain Road, Roanoke, VA 24018 or to any veteran's association. Online condolences may be made at www.oakeys.com.



RICHARD LOWELL CARLSON – Died Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City, Montana at the age of 70. He was a resident of Miles City. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 21, 1944 in Alexandria, Virginia to the late Cleo and Irena (née Holmquist) Carlson. He grew up in the Truman, Minnesota area on the family farm. On March 30, 1966 he enlisted in the United States Army. During his service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal; Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Parachute Badge and was a proud recipient of a Purple Heart. He truly was a war hero. He served his country proudly for three years and was honorably discharged on March 28, 1969. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Montana**. Richard moved back Truman, Minnesota, where he was a State Highway Patrol Trooper for a number of years, owned and operated his own

trucking company, and even had his own farm. In 2007, Richard bought a house in Montana out at Moon Creek. On February of 2009 he met Andrea DeCosta and got married in June of 2009. Together they loved being out in the country together and watch all of the wild life from their deck. In 2010 they were informed about Richard's cancer; and in 2014 due to health reasons they moved into Miles City. Richard loved his family. He was very proud of his children, and how his son Garth followed his footsteps in the United States Military. He loved his dog Roxy that he rescued from the animal shelter and the two were inseparable from the minute they met. Richard loved his church and church family as he never missed, no matter what the circumstances were. He was truly a kindred spirit and will be missed by all who knew him. Richard is survived by his wife, Andrea; his son, Garth A. (Lori) Carlson; his daughters, Heather M. (Jason) Mangen and Miranda R. (Mo) Sarmiento; a brother, Douglas (Mary) Carlson, and; six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Cleo and Irena Carlson, and a grandson Aaron. Visitation hours were held on Monday, February 23, 2015 with the family receiving friends from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the First Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment with full military honors was in the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery provided by VFW Post #1579. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting.



DR. DANIEL KEITH "Dan" CHENEY (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Saturday, August 3, 2013 in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 74, at the Hospice House. He was a retired Oral Surgeon. He was born on February 14, 1937 in Lima, Ohio. Those who knew him, whether professionally or personally, knew him to be a man of uncommon integrity, dignity, courage, perseverance, generosity and kindness. Dan grew up in Lima, Ohio and attended Ohio State University where he gained early admission to the College of Dentistry. While at OSU he played Lacrosse and was a three-year letter winner for the Buckeyes, team captain during his senior season and named All American. Dan recently learned that he had been selected for induction into the 2013 OSU Athletic Hall of Fame. As a result, he experienced many hours of joy planning the trip to Columbus on September 27th, and envisioning the honor of taking his place mid-field during halftime of the OSU vs. Wisconsin football game. Following dental school, Dan was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army and began his oral surgery training at Georgetown University. As a true patriot, he interrupted his residency and volunteered to serve in Vietnam. Prior to leaving for war, he managed to talk someone into sending him to Airborne School and became one of only a handful of dental officers to ever qualify as a paratrooper. While serving in Vietnam, Dan was named the Commanding Officer of a Medical Company and Brigade, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. He holds the distinction of being the only Dental Surgeon to ever command a Medical Clearing Company during the war. His decorations include the Combat Medical Badge, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Medal. After Vietnam, Dan returned to Madigan General Hospital where he was Chief of the Oral Surgery Training Program and Director of the General Dentistry Residency. In 1972, Dan left active duty to establish a successful oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in Bellingham, WA. He continued to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve, commanding a reserve unit in Seattle, and then

in Bellingham, and retiring with the rank of Colonel in 1997. Dr. Cheney shared his gifts with many people and his service to his patients and community is legendary. He exemplified the spirit of community involvement, from his civic activities to his commitment to health care both locally and internationally. An Eagle Scout, he was a scouting volunteer at various posts with the Mt. Baker Council. He served on numerous Boards including the American Red Cross, YMCA, United Way, the Bellingham Festival of Music, Mt. Baker Theater, WWU Athletic Advisory Board, Rotary, and Dollars for Scholars. He is past president of the Rotary Club of Bellingham, a Paul Harris Fellow, received the Michael K. Mischaikow Rotary International Award, twice received the Annual Community Service Award and was also named an Honorary Life Member of Rotary. Dan was honored in 1992 with the Interfaith Coalition Volunteer of the Year Award for his work in establishing the clinic. He received the WA State Dental Association Citizen of the Year in 1997. For many years in succession, he spent three weeks as a member of a dental team working in the remote Highlands of Guatemala, providing care to the indigenous people. Despite the continued challenges of an aggressive form of arthritis, Dan always insisted on shouldering his share of the load, often making light of his disease by saying, "I'm kind of the bionic guy." Dr. Cheney maintained a full clinic and served as a clinical professor at the University of Washington School of Dentistry until retiring in 2008. He was *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165*. He was a member of numerous professional societies and associations, including the American College of Dentists. Dan was a beloved man and left his mark on nearly every person he touched, but those who will miss him most dearly are his loving wife of 33 years, Joyce, daughter Dr. Amy Cheney and son, Christopher Cheney. Dan is also survived by his brother, John Cheney, and sisters Mary Lane and Barbara Mulholland all of Ohio, in addition to numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of Dan's life was held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, August 11th at the First Congregational Church of Bellingham. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorial donations be made in Dan's name to Whatcom Hospice House or Bellingham Dollars for Scholars.



GARY EVERT CLOUSE – Died Monday, October 1, 2012 in Holly Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 22, 1937 as the mighty eldest of 7 children to the late Evelyn and Evert Clouse. He spent 48 wonderful years with his beautiful wife, Beverly (née Bowler), before she preceded him in death in 2008. Together they lived extensively with their 4 children while honorably serving for 21 years in the United States Air Force. He was a Korean and Vietnam Veteran and retired at the rank of Tech Sergeant. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter #133*. He will be greatly missed by his mother, siblings, children, 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Family received friends for viewing on Saturday October 6, 2012 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, MI. at 1:00 PM with a service at 5:00 PM.



PATRICK MICHAEL COLLINS - Died Saturday, August 13, 2016 in Kingsville, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 8, 1942. Patrick was a Vietnam Veteran and proudly served 22 years in the United States Air Force ultimately attaining the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. He was married to Norma. The family received friends Friday, August 19th, at 6:00 PM at the Turcotte-Piper Mortuary followed by a rosary at 7:00 PM. A Mass was celebrated on Saturday, August 20th at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Sarita, Texas. A Celebration of Pat's life was held on Saturday, August 20th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Salazar Building, 200 East Richard Avenue in Kingsville. The family requested attendees wear a green article of clothing in honor of Pat's Irish heritage. Memorials may be made to Texas Lions Camp for Kids, PO Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas.



DAVID M. CORRELL, SR. - Died Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Chemung County Nursing Facility after an extended illness. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Elmira, New York. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus – Type II. He was born on May 31, 1950 in Hamburg, Pennsylvania to the late Ernest and Betty (née Kleinsmith) Correll. His father, Ernest; step-father, Clifford Cross Sr.; step-brother, Clayton, Cross preceded him in death. He is survived by his mother, Betty J. Cross; his wife, Nancy (née Wylie) Correll; his children, David (Danielle) Correll Jr., Brian McElroy, Robin McElroy, Renee McElroy (Jeffery) and Heather Watson (Aaron); his grandchildren, Devon Lynch, Zachary Correll, Elizabeth Kostecki, Samantha Easton, Dylan Watson and Zander Jelliff; his brothers, Dennis (Verna) Correll, Jeff Cross (Robin), Cliff Cross, and Roy Cross (Dolly); his sisters, Donna Rice (Larry), Donna Mae Kline (Art) and Rosemary Barnes (Raymond); along with several nieces and nephews. David was an active member of the VFW Post # 901 Elmira, the American Legion Elmira Post and the Military Order of the Cootie. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He also held past membership with the Elmira Heights Fire Department. David was very generous to children's organizations such as the Artic League assisting them with their annual toy distribution and playing Santa at many Christmas parties. He was an avid collector of Marine and NASCAR memorabilia and was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers Fan. At the age of 17, David joined the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country. He attended Hamburg, PA and Elmira NY schools. David worked for Stroehmann's, Toshiba (MT Picture Display Corp) prior to his retirement at Mills Pride. He enjoyed spending time with his family as well as his grandchildren. Family and friends were invited to gather at the Olthof Funeral Home, Inc., 1050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira/Southport, NY on Friday, October 13, 2107 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Funeral Services were after the visitation at 6:00 PM. Military Honors were accorded to Mr.

Correll prior to the service at 6:00 PM by the United States Marine Corps Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the Artie League 248 West Clinton Street, Elmira, NY 14901, VFW Post # 901, 113 Keefe Street, Elmira, NY 14904 or to the American Diabetes Association, 160 Allen Creek Road, Rochester, NY 14618.

LARRY WILLIAM COTY – Died recently in 2017 in North Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 28, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nevada**.



CALVIN RUSSELL "Russ" CRABTREE (USA, MSG-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in North Bend, Oregon at the age of 63 peacefully with his wife, Syndi, and sister-in-law, Stacy Waite at his side, after a three-year battle with cancer. He was born on January 22, 1954 in Winston, Oregon to the Josh and Betty (née Moreland) Crabtree. Russ wanted to serve his country, so at the age of seventeen, he joined the United States Army. Shortly after enlisting, Russ was deployed to Vietnam, where he served two tours of duty from 1971 to 1973. He was assigned to the 60th Assault Helicopter Company, known as the Ghost Riders. After his tours in Vietnam, Russ was assigned to the 6th Infantry in Berlin, where he would serve for three more years, before returning home. Russ continued serving his country in the Army Reserve, retiring after 42 years as a Master Sergeant. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**. In 1979, Russ met his wife and soul mate of 37 years in Coos Bay after she had mistaken him for a good friend of her older sister. Russ allowed her to believe this true until he decided he wanted to date her, and then had to confess his true identity. After a year of dating, they married July 1980 at Shore Acres Garden and began their journey together. Russ had many accomplishments and was always looking for challenges. After returning back home, he was employed with the Port of Bandon, as a harbormaster from 1979 to 1982. At the Port of Coos Bay, he was the Charleston Marina complex manager from 1982 to 1987. At the Port of Newport, he was the marina manager, being promoted to operation manager from 1987 to 1989. At the Port of Brookings, he was the executive director from 1989 to 2005. In 2005, Russ began a new chapter in his life, working for the Smith River Rancheria as the CEO for the Tolowa Nation. While working for the Tolowa Nation, he fell in love and respected the people and their culture. Russ would have remained with the Tolowa Nation, if it was not for his illness, retiring in 2016. Russ dedicated his whole life to helping people; he loved family and friends. Russ enjoyed good books, history, camping, Harley Davidson, music, his collection of guns, and playing board games with his nephews; teaching them how to manipulate, "cheat" if the odds were not in their favor. Russ had a boyish charm, which was rarely seen except by close friends and family. Russ is survived by his loving wife, Syndi; sister, Christine "Kay" and husband, Don Calac; brothers, James and wife, Debbie, Jess and John; aunt, Pattie Parnell Hegele; sisters-in law, Sandy Page, Sheri and husband, Mark Balensifer, Stacy and husband, Milton Waite, Suzanne and husband, Randy Dorosz; loving nieces and nephews, and extended family. Russ was preceded in death by his parents, aunts and uncle. A graveside service was

held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, 2nd Street SE (Oregon 42S) in Bandon, with a dear friend of the family, Dan Thibault, officiating. A reception followed at 612 Exchange Street in North Bend. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial contributions to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 Eighteenth Street NW Washington, DC 20006-3517 and/or Cancer research. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel.

RICHARD SAMUEL "Sam" CRANE – Died Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 70. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born on December 13, 1946 in Edinburg, Texas. Sam proudly served his country in the United States Navy from January 1964 to April 1968 with service in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to AMVETS Post #106, 360 Brown Road, Saint Peters, MO, 63376.



THOMAS J. "Tom" CRAY - Died at home in Webster, New York on Friday, November 10, 2017 at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lyons, New York on January 17, 1950 to Adeline (née Francis) Cray-Moracco and the late Gerald Anthony Cray. In addition to his mother he is also survived by his daughter, Lindsay Cray; her mother, Jean and son-in-law, Nicholas Brow; his sister, Debra Cray-Sloane; his brother, Steven (Carma) Cray, and; several nieces and nephews, and; special friends, Bill, Lori V, Mary and Katie S. and many more. A graduate of Newark High School, he entered into the United States Navy, serving two tours in the Vietnam War between 1969 and 1973. After returning home, he began his crusade for veterans with the Veterans Outreach Center where he continued ceaselessly for the next 40 years. Tom's contributions went beyond his immediate community; Tom knew great devotions and spent himself in a worthy cause in his lifelong service to his country and its veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Calling hours were held on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM at Falvo's Funeral Home, 1295 Fairport Nine Mile Point Road, Webster, NY. A celebration of Tom's life was held on the 18th of November at Monroe Community College Theater at 11:00 AM with a reception immediately to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's name to the Coyote Veteran Wilderness Rehabilitation program at www.earthworksinst.org.



LARRY DOUGLAS CROMER - Died Tuesday, January 10, 2017 in Pauline, South Carolina at the age of 64. He was surrounded by his loving family at his home after a long and courageous battle with stomach cancer. He was born on November 29, 1952 in Waco, Texas to the late Roy W. and Thelma Marie (née Hutchins) Cromer. After graduating from Dorman High School, he faithfully served his country in Vietnam as a security police K9 dog handler in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lyman Chapter**

#1049. Mr. Cromer was a member and Deacon of Friendship Baptist Church where he was a Sunday school teacher and choir member. He also served as past Assistant Fire Chief at Pauline Glenn Springs Fire Department, where he was currently serving as Chaplain. Mr. Cromer served as past Worshipful Master of Calhoun Masonic Lodge #81, and in the past, on the Deacon Board of Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church. He was employed with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center for 23 years and enjoyed a roll of Santa Claus there for 21 years before his retirement. In addition to his wife, Debra (née Smith) Cromer, of 42 years, he is survived by his daughter, Dana Lorraine Cromer, of the home; his son, Brian Douglas Cromer (Amy), of Union, SC; and seven grandchildren, Brittany Lynn Cromer, Robert Smith, Andrew Smith, Raegan Bond, Zoie, Addison, and Maddox Cromer. He was predeceased by a brother, Steve; and a sister, Cindy. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 14th, at 2:00 PM at Friendship Baptist Church, officiated by Reverend Brian Harris. The family received friends following the service at the family home. A special thanks to hospice nurses, Cindy, Kathy, Rebecca, Cheri, Deb, and Chaplain Andrew Fischer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home, 1530 Drayton Road, Drayton, SC 29333. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.JMDunbar.com. Dunbar Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of the arrangements.

WOODROW WILSON "Bud" "Pops" CULPEPPER, JR. – Died Wednesday, January 25, 2017 in his home in Cherokee, North Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus – Type II. He was born on September 23, 1948 in Chesapeake, Virginia to the late Woodrow Wilson Culpepper, Sr. and June Culpepper. He was also predeceased by his loving partner, Mary. He is survived by his daughter Carissa Culpepper (Tom Mahan) of Tennessee; Sons, Tim Major (Louise Ferraro) of California and Brian Major (Debbie Clayburn) of Alabama; Best friend Lyndia "Gal" Mitchell Roehler of Alabama; Cousins, James E. "Butch" and Janet Sanders of Cherokee, Lori Sanders, Dr. Blythe Sanders Winchester, and James "Little James" Sanders II all of Cherokee; and several cousins from Chesapeake, Virginia. He loved to travel, watch Action Movies, Old Westerns, listen to Rock & Roll Music, Dance, and had a passion for muscle cars. He was the former Post Commander of his local VFW and served our country as an United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. He was loved by all who knew him. Graveside services were held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Sanders Family Cemetery.



EARL VERNON CURTIS – Died Monday, October 2, 2017 in Carson, California at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 20, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53**.



THOMAS LEE “Skyhawk” “Tom” CURTIS - Died Saturday, December 2, 2017 in Waynesville, North Carolina at the age 66, after a courageous battle with cancer. Tom was born in Haywood County on January 29, 1951, to the late Frank and Mildred (née Messer) Curtis. Tom was a very helpful and giving man. He was active in the American Legion-Post #47, American Legion Riders (Director), the VFW, and Folkmoot. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clyde Chapter #980**. Tom was a substitute teacher and bus driver with Haywood County Schools. He graduated from Tuscola High School and Gardner-Webb University. Tom honorably served his country in Vietnam while in the United States Air Force and was a former NC State Trooper. In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by a sister, Darlene Curtis Jolley. Tom is survived by his wife Rhonda “Morning Star” Curtis; stepsons C. Travis Hyatt, II, Cory Carlson, and Josh Carlson; brother Skipper Curtis and his wife, Janice; sister Donna Rodgers and her husband, Sonny; uncle and aunt Joseph and Jane Curtis; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Riders - Post #47 at 171 Legion Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786.

THOMAS J. “Tom” CZERPAK, JR. - Died Sunday, December 10, 2017, in Heritage Valley Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. He was a resident of Midland, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 16, 1948 in Greensburg, Pennsylvania to the late Thomas J. Czerpak, Sr. and Rita (née Hasala) Czerpak. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from April 21, 1967 to April 12, 1971. He did a tour in Vietnam from July 1969 to July 1970. He served aboard the carrier that rescued Apollo 13. He was a retired police officer, and served Vanport as their Sergeant, Industry and Shippingport Boros. He was a dedicated firefighter, and was Chief of Shippingport and worked with Vanport Fire Departments. He was an EMT with former Community Ambulance Service. Tom was a member of Saint Blaise Parish Family, Veteran of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post #481, Midland, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Tom is survived by his cherished family, his wife, Neva (née Hurst) Czerpak; his daughters and sons-in-law, Tanya and Frank Work, Sr., Georgetown; Lena and Ron Cataldo, Midland; Teresa and Harry Petock, Moon Township; his grandchildren, Ashley Czerpak and special friend, Sean Hudson, Midland; Kaitlyn Work and special friend, Stefan Romaniuk, Georgetown; Frank Work, Jr., Georgetown; Xavier Petock, Moon Township; Page Cataldo Janicki, Beaver; Peyton and Parker Cataldo, Midland; his sister, Marian Czerpak, Midland, and mother-in-law, Mary “Betty” Hurst, Midland. Friends were received on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the D. L. Williams Funeral Home, 848 Midland Avenue, Midland. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday at 10:30 AM in Saint Blaise Parish with Reverend Father Michael Yaksick officiating. Interment was in the Beaver Cemetery, where American Legion Post #481 presented full military rites.



ROBERT W. "Bobby" DAMINSKI - Died Tuesday evening, August 29, 2017 at Brooks Memorial Hospital in Dunkirk, New York at the age of 70, following a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Fredonia, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 21, 1946 in Dunkirk to the late Edward J. and Thelma (née Gross) Daminski. A lifelong area resident, Robert was the first employee hired in the maintenance department of Dunkirk's Ralston Purina plant, where he had worked for many years. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. A past commander and life member of the John T. Murray VFW Post #1017, he also was a member of Cassadaga American Legion Post #1280, **Vietnam Veterans of America - Dunkirk Chapter #459** and former member of the Dunkirk Joint Veterans Council Honor Guard. A loving father, grandfather and companion, Robert was affectionately called "*Poppies*" by all of his grandchildren. He was a fun loving energetic man who was always willing to help anyone in need. An avid hunter and fisherman, Robert loved to take his children, nieces and nephews fishing. He enjoyed camping with family and friends. In later years, he looked forward to taking rides around Lake Erie with his fiancée, Carol Bane, and driving by and stopping at the homes of friends. Quite often he could be seen riding down Route 60 on his "*scooter*" (wheelchair). Robert will be missed as an active member of the Laona community where he made his home. Survivors include two daughters, Rhonda (Don Clement) Daminski and Amy (Tim) Reed, both of Dunkirk; one son, Douglas Daminski of Clarence; loving fiancée and caregiver, Carol Bane; two sisters, Shirley (late Stanley) Poremba of Buffalo and Linda (Richard) Richmond of Westfield; five grandchildren, Genevieve Riddle, Alyssa Clement, Don Clement, Gillian Reed, and Andrew Daminski-Hunt; several nieces and nephews, and; also survived by his loving companion's children, Kim, Crystal, Brenda, Carolyn, John, Michael, and Derrick. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Edward J. Daminski and his loving companion's daughter, Johnette. Military Honors were accorded by the Dunkirk Joint Veterans Council Honor Guard on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM in the John T. Murray VFW Post #1017, 111 Deer Street, Dunkirk. A Celebration of Life was after the service. Flowers were gratefully declined. Arrangements were by the McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home.



EDWARD DALE DEAL (USA, SSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the VA Medical Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 71. He was a resident of Accident, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 4, 1946 in Accident to the late Clarence Walter "Bud" and Sarah Alice (née Herring) Deal. Mr. Deal was a retired Staff Sergeant in the United States Army and of the Baptist faith. He was a member of Accident Post #208, American Legion, where he was past Commander, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** and Mt. Beulah Restoration Association. He is survived by his wife, Diana Sue (née Rounds) Deal; two sons, David L. Deal and Jason E. (Misty) Deal, both of Cumberland, MD; one brother, Melvin James (Christine) Deal, Red House, WV; three sisters, Ruth (Roger) Paugh, Accident; Mary Ellen (Chester) Deal Jones, Bethel, DE; Sandra

(Sidney) Nazelrod, Oakland, MD; five grandchildren, SPC E-4 Blake E.A. (Tessa) Deal, Cameron D. Deal, Vianca (Tanner) Buckbee; Alexandra (fiancé, Khyle Klemm) Black and Tharon Black; two great-grandchildren, Remington Buckbee and Eyan Deal. Friends were received at the Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 179 Miller Street, Grantsville, MD, on Thursday, November 2, 2017 from 1:00-4:00 PM. A funeral service was at 4:00 PM in the funeral home with David Deal officiating and military rites accorded by Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172 and Accident Post #208, American Legion. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Accident Post #208, American Legion Monument Lighting Fund. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.

DAVID WAYNE DEVILLE – Died Monday, October 23, 2017 in Ville Platte, Louisiana at the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Ville Platte on December 7, 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ville Platte Chapter #632**.



MICHAEL P. DINSMORE, SR. - Died Thursday, November 2, 2017 in Rochester, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange- related metastatic bladder cancer, pneumonia and acute hypoxic respiratory failure. He was born on February 17, 1947 in Rochester to the late Charles J. and Gertrude (née Rehwinkel) Dinsmore, Jr. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Charles III, Stewart and Douglas. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy-Jo (née Arnold) Dinsmore; his children, Michael P. (Kristie) Dinsmore, Jr., Andrew (Marcia) Dinsmore, Jonathan (Sarah Faulknor) Ford; his grandchildren, Alyssa, Spencer, Abigail and Alicja; his brother, Kevin (Tina) Dinsmore; his sister-in-law, Nancy Dinsmore, and; nieces, nephews and many friends. Mike was a proud United States Army Veteran, serving in Vietnam. He was past-grand of Humboldt Lodge #138 (IOOF) and a member of the VFW Chili Memorial Post #412 and the American Legion Post #468. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Family and friends were invited to call on Monday, November 6th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Miller Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 3325 Winton Road South, where services were held on Tuesday, November 7th at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the White Haven Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to VFW Chili Memorial Post #412 or Foodlink.

JAMES EDWARD DOLES – Died Sunday, January 11, 2015 in the Loma Linda Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the age of 64. He was a resident of Newberry Springs, California. The cause of death was hepatitis C, diabetes, Parkinson's disease and leukemia. He was born in Los Angeles, California on September 5, 1950. He is survived by his wife, Ramona Doles, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.

MARVIN "Marv" DOMARADZKI – Died Wednesday, October 25, 2017 in Sterling Heights, Michigan, surrounded by his loving wife at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 29, 1947 to the late Fred and Dorothy Domaradzki who survives. He was

the beloved husband of Darlene (née Jensen); cherished father of Steve (Kim), Suzette Schutt and the late Sara; proud and adored grandfather of Morgan, Lindsay and Dominic; admired uncle of Kelly and great-uncle of Sophia and Benjamin, and; he is also survived by many dear nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends and loving caregiver of his two faithful and furry rescue dogs, Murphy and Hannah. Marv was a proud United States Air Force Veteran and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He enjoyed watching his Tigers and Red Wings and was hoping to see his Lions go to the Super Bowl this season. He also took great pride in maintaining his impeccable lawn and flowers. Visitation hours were on Saturday from 3:00-9:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Pass and Review Service by the Vietnam Veteran Chapter #154 and visitation on Sunday from 1:00-9:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Scripture Service at Wujek-Calcaterra and Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr Road at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Instate on Monday from 9:30 AM until the time of the 10:00 AM Mass at Holy Innocents - Saint Barnabas Church, 26100 Ridgemont (Off Frazho between Groesbeck and Gratiot). Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com.

GARY DWIGHT DOWLER – Died Friday, October 6, 2017 in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer of the liver. He was born on July 14, 1946 in Highland Park, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Dianne. He served in the United States Navy with the Blue Water Navy from September 27, 1965 to July 30, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950**.



BOBBY LEE (née Cole) DROZD - Died Monday, October 30, 2017 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 8, 1941 in Wharton, Texas to the late Robert E. Lee Cole and Lilah Epsa (née Wilkinson) Cole. Bobby's father died when she was 6 years old. When she was 9 years old, her mother became the manager of the Cole Theater in Hallettsville, TX. Bobby graduated in 1959 from Hallettsville High School. After attending what was then Southwest Texas in San Marcos she attained her childhood dream of joining the United States Navy in 1960 and proudly served for 4 years. After boot camp at Bainbridge, Maryland, she attended Radioman "A" School, learning the Morse Code, Naval Communications & Cryptology. She was then stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas. It was her thrill and privilege to communicate by Morse Code to the still commissioned USS Lexington. Her plans were after 4 years to work at the newly being built NASA in Houston. While working in Houston she re-connected (thanks to her Mother) with her special person, Daniel Drozd. They met in the 8th grade. Daniel and Bobby were married on October 3, 1965 at Saint Peter Lutheran Church, Hallettsville, TX. Many believed they got married too soon – little did they know it was a 10-year off and on romance. They then began a life long journey among family and friends. Bobby and Daniel loved to dance; so much time was devoted to following Czech bands, for many years. It was especially fun in the early years of marriage as the whole Drozd family would go dancing. If

someone whistled, they were ready to dance. They also did several years of square dancing as well. They so welcomed the birth of their son, Robert Lee Drozd on August 30, 1968, followed by their daughter, Leanne R. Drozd on June 16, 1971. Bobby and Daniel were privileged to see Robert graduate from high school and then from South West Texas where he met and brought Cally (née Thompson) Drozd, the love of his life, into our family to love. They made us the proud grandparents of Zachary Daniel Drozd and Katy Lee Drozd. They have been such a joy in our lives. Leanne, after graduating high school, joined the United States Army, she was in military intelligence with the 82nd Airborne Division during the Gulf War and later became a Warrant Officer and a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, her first love being to rescue those in need. She did 2 tours of Afghanistan, and then taught others to fly at Fort Rucker, Alabama before retiring after 20 years. Bobby worked off and on for Lavaca County for over 30 years. She worked as the County Attorney's secretary two different times, the Lavaca County Clerk's Office, the Lavaca County jail as secretary and jailer, 10 years as the Clerk for Justice of the Peace #1, before completing her final working years as Administrative assistant for the Lavaca County Sheriff. Bobby loved to travel, anywhere, anytime. They also got to visit and enjoy trips to places Leanne was stationed, with a lot of laughter. The hardest part of these last few years was not being able to do so. Bobby has served as a member of the Hallettsville Independent School Board of Directors for 12 years, a member of the now retired Lavaca County Crime stoppers, Inc. for over 20 years, a member of the American Legion for over 22 years, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hallettsville Chapter #854** for over 20 years. She is a Charter Member of the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C. Bobby is survived by her husband, Daniel of 52 years; her daughter, Leanne; her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and his wife Cally; two grandchildren, Zachary and Katy Drozd, and; her cousin, Don Wilkinson. She is also survived by her very special family – her brothers-in law and her sisters-in-law. They have been a huge blessing in her life. Bobby was preceded in death by her parents Lilah Epsa Wilkinson Cole and Robert E. Lee Cole, and cousin Gypsy Cole. The Memorial Funeral Service was at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Hallettsville. Visitation hours were from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday at the Church with Pastor Jared Stillion officiating. Memorials (in lieu of flowers) were requested to be sent to the Breslau Lutheran Cemetery Association (337 County Road 957W, Hallettsville, TX 77964) or the charity of your choice. The burial was in Breslau Lutheran Cemetery. The reception was held in the Saint Peter Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

ROBERT G. DUNLAP - Died Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at his home in Washington, DC at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related natural causes. He was born in Englewood, New Jersey on October 3, 1948. He served in the United States Army from November 1967 to November 1970 with service in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington DC**. He is survived by his wife, Dianne of the home; his brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Laura, and; adopted siblings, Theresa and William. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on December 1, 2017 at Holy Comforter - St. Cyprian Catholic Church, 1357 East Capitol Street, SE, Washington, DC at 10:00 AM. Inurnment was in the Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, MD at 12:00 Noon.



BILLY GENE EDENS (USAF, COL.-Ret.) - Died Sunday, December 10, 2017 at Memorial Hixson Hospital after a brief illness. He was a resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee and 94 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 21, 1923 in Tyronza, Arkansas to the late Fred Edens and Georgia Edens. He was also predeceased by his wife Kitty Jean Edens. A retired United States Air Force Colonel, Billy and his wife Kitty settled in Chattanooga after a 32-year military career that took the family to various bases across the U.S. and Europe. He began his second career as a financial advisor with American Express, retiring again after 29 years. Billy was a member of St. Luke Methodist Church and was active in the Downtown Lions Club of Chattanooga. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Raised in Tyronza, Arkansas, the colonel began his military career in 1942 training to fly gliders, eventually piloting single-engine P-47 and P-51 fighter aircraft with the 56th Fighter Group in World War II. He was a fighter ace, flying 83 missions that included being shot down, captured, and escaping multiple times, eventually being held as a POW for 13 months. After WW II, he served in every conflict until his retirement, flying F-84's in the Korean War and completing two tours of duty in Vietnam. Billy was preceded in death by his wife, Kitty Jean, his parents Georgia Edens and Fred Edens of Tyronza, Arkansas, his brother Max J. Edens of Marked Tree, Arkansas, and his daughter-in-law Rebecca Edens of Chattanooga. He is survived by his sister, Marietta Green, currently of Memphis, Tennessee. Survivors also include two sons, Scott Edens and Michael Edens (Dawn), both of Chattanooga, two daughters, Phyllis Artz (John) of Dayton, Ohio, and Nancy Larimer (Michael) of Kennesaw, Georgia. He was a grandfather to eight grandchildren: Jennifer (Dave), Francis (Wendy), Erin (Adam), Jeff, Eden (Eric), Susan (Marcelo), Courtney and Storm, and was a great-grandfather to: Shelby, Hayden, Megan, Tate, Emily, Turner, and Jack. Visitation hours were from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, at North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343. A family burial service was held at the Chattanooga National Cemetery, officiated by Billy's colleague and friend, Allen Johnson. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project. Arrangements were under the direction of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist-North Chapel, Hixson, TN.

PATRICK ARTHUR EDWARDS – Died Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 67. The cause of death was hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He was born on August 22, 1950 in Amarillo, Texas to the late George E. Edwards and Elma Josephine (née Jewell) Edwards. He is survived by his sister, Maureen Coronado, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tulsa Chapter #524**. A memorial service was celebrated at 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Gary Kelley's Advantage Funeral and Crematory Services, 9761 East 31st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma was in charge of the arrangements.

MICHAEL LEE ELLIOTT - Died Saturday, January 10, 2015 at his home in Halifax, Virginia at the age of 63. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. He was born on January 25, 1951 in Clover, Virginia to the late Rufus Lee Elliott and Virginia (née Farrar) Elliott. He was married to Amy (née Throckmorton) Elliott who survives. He attended McCanless Memorial United Methodist Church, was retired from ABB, was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, was a member of American Legion Post #8, and VFW Post #8243. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Halifax Chapter #840**. He was survived by his wife, Amy T. Elliott, of Halifax; a daughter, Tonya Michelle Elliott, of South Boston; a son, Adrian Dax Elliott and wife Carisa, of South Boston; his stepmother, Sally Ingram Elliott, of Grassy Creek, NC; his sister, Debbie E. Claiborne, of Halifax; three half-sisters, Lisa Cates, of Rougemont, NC, Patti Elliott, of Oxford, NC and Gina Elliott, of Huntersville, NC; two stepsisters, Judy Boyd, of Bullock, NC and Joan Rogers, of Timberlake, NC, and; four grandchildren, Alex Elliott, Jaxson Elliott, Callie Snyder, and Chloe Clay. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Joe Trickey officiating. A reception and meal followed the service at Ernies. For memorials, please consider the Parkinson's disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

JOHN K. FAULKNER - Died Tuesday, November 21, 2017 in Canandaigua, New York at the age of 69, with his loving family by his side, after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born in Oneida, New York on October 2, 1948 and raised in Warsaw, New York to the late William and Bonnie (née Bertrand) Faulkner. He is survived by his wife of 5 years, Rena (née Van Scott) Faulkner; daughter, Kailee Faulkner (Sarah Crouse); three brothers, Robert (Karen) Faulkner, Paul (Sylvia) Faulkner and Mark Faulkner (Kathy Manne); sister-in-law, Linda Faulkner; Kailee's mother, Shelley Simmons; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, James Faulkner in 2014. He was a United States Air Force Veteran and served in Vietnam. John retired from RG&E after 38 years there. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed skiing, golfing, hunting, fishing, hiking and kayaking. John was a ski instructor at Bristol Mountain and worked in the Oasis Program there, with disabled veterans. Friends visited on Sunday, from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home, Inc., 2 South Avenue, Bloomfield. His memorial service was held on Monday, at 11:00 AM, at the United Church of Bristol, 7177 County Road 2, Bloomfield (Town of Bristol). Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Open Door Mission, P.O. Box 14236, Rochester, NY 14608.



RICHARD L. "Rich" FEAR - Died Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Wisconsin Veteran's Home, Union Grove, Wisconsin at the age of 78, from complications of a stroke and renal failure. He was a resident of Racine, Wisconsin. Richard was born in Iowa, City, Iowa on May 3, 1939 to the late Dea and Wanda (née Seley) Fear. At the age of seventeen, Rich joined the military and proudly served his country for 21-1/2 years, first serving in the United States Navy and then in the United States Army. Rich said, "Jobs were scarce. I decided I was going to serve my country." After his discharge, he realized he liked military life and enlisted in the Army, where his career took him to Panama, Vietnam

for three tours of duty, Germany, Korea and several bases throughout the United States. On July 26, 1974 in Rochester, Minnesota, he was united in marriage to Sandra K. Duryee. Shortly after they were married, he was assigned a tour of duty in South Korea. Sandy joined him there and it turned out to be quite an interesting experience for them both. After retiring from the military in 1978, Rich worked for a short time as a prison guard in Jefferson City, Missouri, then for a short time as a security officer for three Brinks companies. In 1983 they moved to Racine, WI, with their two children. Rich became employed with the post office as a letter carrier. He enjoyed getting to know his customers on his various routes and made many friends during his 17-1/2-year career. Rich retired from the post office in 2001. In his spare time, he loved to go on fishing trips with his buddies, was a Green Bay Packer fan, enjoyed reading and doing word search puzzles, had a tolerance for taking his wife to rummage sales-but "secretly" he had fun looking for a bargain. Richard will be best remembered for his deep commitment to serve fellow veterans through the many military organizations he belonged to which included: Past Disabled American Veterans past 12th National Executive Committeeman for WI and IL, Past Dept. Commander of Purple Heart, Past Commander and Chaplain of VFW Post #1391, Past Dept. Commander and last Dept. Chaplain of the Military Order of the Cooties, Past Dept. Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Past Chapter Commander of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. He also volunteered for close to 20 years at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee serving his fellow veterans. On April 15, 2016 Rich was honored as the recipient of The Veteran-of-the-Year Award at the Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife of nearly forty-three years, Sandra; his children, John (Paula) Fear of Racine, Angela Fear-Murray of Kenosha; his grandchildren, Dylan Ison, Braxton and Mason Murray; his "adopted great-grandchildren", Carmine, Emily, and Angelo; extended family-Caitlin, Miguel, Michael and Alana; sister, Lyndola Jennings; sister-in-law, Donna Fear of MO; nieces, nephews, several other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brothers, Ray Dudley, Donald and Doug Fear; sisters, Inace Miller and Tycene Sargent. Funeral services with Full Military Honors were held at the funeral home on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Private interment was held at the Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Town of Dover. Relatives and friends visited the family at the funeral home on Friday from 4:00 PM until the time of the service at 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family were suggested. Maresh-Meredith and Acklam Funeral Home, 803 Main Street, Racine, WI was in charge of the arrangements. Please send condolences to www.meredithfuneralhome.com.



JAMES ROBERT FERGUSON - Died Sunday, March 26, 2017 at the Princeton Community Hospital at the age of 75. He was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia. The cause of death was sepsis and ischemic bowel. He was born on February 5, 1942 in Gardner, West Virginia to the late Thomas Jesse Ferguson and Ruby Lucille (née Rowland) Ferguson. James was a veteran of the Vietnam War and while serving he was combat wounded and received a Purple

Heart Medal and continued to serve his country for 20 years with the United States Army where he retired as a CW2. After his retirement from the Army, he worked for Downard Hydraulics for 15 years before moving on to the U.S. Post Office. He was of the Methodist faith and had attended Peaceful Valley Church. James belonged to several groups including the Black Knight Organization (3/5 Cavalry) and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue-Gray (Princeton) Chapter #628**, being his most cherished. Those left to cherish him, his wife of 49 years, Diana (née Dean) Ferguson; his son, Thomas J. Ferguson and longtime companion, Misty Hill; his daughters, Melissa A. White and husband Bill, Tammy S. Sizemore and husband Weaver; his sister, Sandra Kay Oxley and husband, Fred; his grandchildren, Joshua Gray and wife Sabrina, Matthew Gray and companion, Alexandria Campbell, Tyler Ruble and companion, Chelsey Meadows, Zachary Ruble, and Isabel Munos; his great-grandchildren, Sawyer Gray, Peyton and Tylee Ruble; his nephews, Brian Oxley and wife, Kim, Steven Oxley and companion, Michael Paxton and Connor Oxley; his niece, Kaitlyn Oxley, and; a host of aunts and uncles. Services to celebrate the life of James Ferguson were held at 1:00 PM on Friday, March 31, 2017 from the Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Johnny W. Gray and Fred Oxley speaking. The burial was in the Rowland Cemetery in Gardner with Military Honors provided by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. Friends visited the family on Thursday from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Dave Heinle and the members of VVA Chapter #628. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the Blue/Gray VVA Chapter #628, Vietnam Veterans of America, P.O. Box 5295, Princeton, WV 24740. The Ferguson family was served by the Memorial Funeral Directory and Cremation Center on Athens Road in Princeton.



EDWARD JAMES FLORENCE, JR. - Died Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in Farmington Hills, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 13, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Edward and Bessie Florence. He was the dearest brother of James (Elizabeth) and Carole Florence (Charles Shaver). He was preceded in death by sisters, Mary Anne Anglin and Suzanne Hett. Edward was a huge advocate and volunteer for veterans' rights and benefits. He donated and volunteered his life to improve the quality of life and care for all military veterans. He was actively involved with the American Legion Post #1, AMVETS Post #27, Jewish War Veterans, Knights of Columbus, Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 16, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**, Michigan Trust Fund for Veterans, Michigan Commanders Group Chairman, and finance and secretary positions. He served three years of active duty in the Army during the Vietnam Conflict, 40 plus years as veteran advocate, a VA Hospital volunteer, and provided comfort and support as a chaplain whenever necessary. Edward was a faithful follower and viewer of the Big Bang Theory, which incorporates the song, Soft Kitty, Warm Kitty, Little Ball of Fur, "Bazinga." He made it his mission to make other people's lives better. Everything he did, he did 110% and in his own unique way. He loved to make others smile and laugh. Edward was taken care of at the L.J.

Griffin Funeral Home in Westland 7707 Middlebelt Road at Ann Arbor Trail on Wednesday, May 10th, from 1:00-9:00 PM. The recitation of the Rosary was at 7:00 PM. His funeral service was on Thursday, May 11th at 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Edward James Florence Scholarship Fund-Detroit Cristo Rey School, formerly Holy Redeemer High School.

ROBERT L. FOURNIER – Died recently in 2017 in Alpena, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 23, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alpena Chapter #583**.



WESLEY LEE FOX (USMC, COL-Ret.) - Died Friday, November 24, 2017 in his home in Blacksburg, Virginia at the age of 86 with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Herndon, Virginia on September 30, 1931 to the late John and Desola Fox. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dotti Lu, and his three daughters and sons-in-law, Dixie Lee and Mick Davis of Orlando, FL, Amy Lu and Andy Hill of Virginia Beach, VA, and Nicole Fox McCabe of Richmond, VA. He was dearly loved by his grandchildren, Westin, Shelby and Megan Davis, Andrew, Abbey and Aidan Hill, and Michael, Morgan and Millie McCabe. He is also survived by his brothers, Ray Fox, James Fox, David Fox, Elmer Fox; his sisters, Betty Monroe, Dorothy Iden, Molly Cordaro and Linda Flynn. He was predeceased by his sister, Ruby Fox. He is also survived by brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Fox was a Mustang officer who began his service in the Korean War. He was wounded and sent to Bethesda Naval Hospital. Sergeant Fox returned to Korea as a platoon sergeant after his wounds allowed him to go back. After the war, he became a drill instructor and a recruiter eventually earning promotion to First Sergeant, then attended the Officer Candidate Course and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions as a First Lieutenant in Vietnam. He was a dedicated United States Marine, husband, father and grandfather and was loved by all his family and friends. COL Fox was awarded the nation's highest honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for his combat actions in Vietnam. As a career Marine, he wore the uniform for over fifty years. He served 43 years active duty, retiring as a Colonel in 1993. From 1993 until his full retirement in 2001, COL Fox served as Deputy Commandant of Cadets at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. During his time in the Marine Corps, he fought in the Korean and the Vietnam Wars. In addition to the Medal of Honor, COL Fox received two awards of the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star with Combat V, four awards of the Purple Heart and numerous commendations. He is also the author of three books, "Marine Rifleman", "Courage of Fear" and "Six Essential Elements of Leadership". He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. The family received guests at the McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, VA on Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. He was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers,

memorial contributions may be made in the name of Wesley L. Fox to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

LOUIS EDMOND FROELICH – Died Wednesday, October 25, 2017 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Vineland, New Jersey on April 26, 1947. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**.



JAMES RUSSELL FRY - Died Monday, October 30, 2017 at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, West Virginia at the age of 72. He was a resident of Grafton, West Virginia. The cause of death was stage four hepatocellular carcinoma, bilateral lung metastases, bilateral pulmonary emboli, hypertension, fatty liver and hyperlipidemia. He was born on March 9, 1945 in New Martinsville, West Virginia to the late Russell S. Fry and Carolina (née Whitsett) Fry Harper. He is survived by one nephew, Chris Frye of the Bahamas and one cousin, Susan Jones of Marion County. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Nancy Jean Fry and one brother, Melvin Fry. Jim was in the 82nd Airborne Division of the Army during the Vietnam War from 1967-1969 where he earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals. He worked as a machinist in Ohio and was co-owner of the Fry-Harper Skate Company in Grafton. He was a member of the Blueville Church of Christ, Veteran of Foreign Wars - Post #7048, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – White Hall Chapter #874**, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He enjoyed collecting and also reuniting with his 82nd Airborne brotherhood. He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying kayaking, rock climbing, scuba diving, snow-skiing, and cycling. The family received friends at the Donald G. Ford Funeral Home in Grafton on Friday, November 3, 2017 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Funeral services were at the funeral home with Doug Stevens officiating. Military services were conducted by the Taylor County Honor Guard and the Army National Guard from Kingwood at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Riverview Cemetery in Williamstown, WV. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made in Jim's memory to the Blueville Church of Christ Food Pantry 310 Victory Avenue, Grafton, WV 26354.



WILLIAM FRANCIS "Bill" GALLAN - Died on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 11:50 AM at Promedica Monroe Regional Hospital in Monroe, Michigan at the age of 64. He was a resident of Monroe. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 14, 1953 in Monroe to the late Albert and Lillian (née Millner) Gallan. Bill graduated from Monroe High School and went on to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He

married Paula Brown on December 6, 2008 in Monroe. Bill was a proud member of the VFW Post #1138, the Marine Corps League, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**, the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. He participated in the Toys for Tots program and loved working with and mentoring children. Bill was a generous, caring and quiet man. For more than 41 years, he made his living working for the United States Postal Service. In his spare time, he liked to bowl and fish but most of all he enjoyed cooking at the VFW Post. To cherish his memory, Bill leaves his loving wife Paula of Monroe; three sons, Patrick Gallan, of Ann Arbor, Justin Brown, of Monroe and Tyler Brown, of Monroe; four daughters, Barbara (Phillip) Zagornik, of Livonia, Brandy Brown, of Monroe, Amanda Brown, of Monroe and Sara Brown, of Monroe; four brothers, Albert (Sue) Gallan, Tom Gallan, Mark Gallan and Jimmy (Elida) Gallan; two sisters, Ann Mexico and Veronica (Larry) Wilkerson; seven grandchildren, Kyle, Mackenzie, Sebastian, Isabella, Jace “Peanut”, Owen and Caden, and; a very special friend, Dennis Noble. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger and Johnny Gallan and a sister-in-law, Debbie. Family and friends visited from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 2nd at the Rupp Funeral Home. He laid-in-state at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 3rd at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Monroe. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 11:00 AM by the Church Pastor, the Reverend Father Raymond Arwady. Interment was in the Roselawn Memorial Park, LaSalle, Michigan with military honors provided by VFW Post #1138 of Monroe, Michigan. Online condolences to the family may be sent through www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com.



MORRIS PHILLIP GARDNER - Died Friday, November 25, 2016 in Wildwood, Florida at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 1, 1935 in Pitt County, North Carolina to the late William Churchill and Edna Jane (née Hoffman) Gardner. He was a Veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam War serving for over 20 years and retiring as a United States Army Medic. Morris moved here in 2013 from Roseboro, NC. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Roseboro, the VFW in Clinton, NC, the American Legion in Wildwood, the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star in Roseboro along with many other organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. Survivors include his loving wife of 10 years, Frances; his stepsons, Tommy Powell of Roseboro and Jason Hall, of Autryville, NC; his stepdaughter, Judith Braun, of Dunn, NC; his brothers, Felix Gardner, of Roseboro and Kenneth Gardner, of Savannah, GA; three grandchildren, and; three great-grandchildren. Family and friends celebrated his life at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 in the Banks/Page-Theus Chapel, Wildwood and with another service in the First Baptist Church of Roseboro. Interment was in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778 or www.donate.cshopice.org.

GARY D. GARLAND - Died Monday, April 13, 2015 at the James Lovell VA Medical Center in North Chicago, Illinois at the age of 66. He was a resident of North Chicago, Illinois and formerly of Kenosha, Wisconsin and Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. The cause of death is

unknown. He was born on September 8, 1948 in Kenosha, to the late Donald and Shirley (née Vernezze) Garland. He attended Mary D. Bradford High School and enlisted in the United States Army on March 3, 1966 serving during the Vietnam War and received his honorable discharge on August 20, 1968. On July 15, 1972, in Chicago, Ill., Gary was united in marriage to Shirley Cameron. She preceded him in death on July 28, 2008. Gary was proud to serve his country and became active and involved with several surrounding area veteran's organizations. Most notably, he served as the 5th District Commander of the Illinois VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. He is survived by his children, Scott (Patti) Garland and Julie (Angela Petroschius) Garland; two brothers, Walter (Jeanie) and Kenneth (Kim) Kukawski; and his granddaughter, Amber Garland. Along with his parents and wife, Gary was preceded in death by his stepfather, Walter Kukawski, and a sister, Janice Sherman. A visitation was held on Friday, April 17, 2015 at the Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Home from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM, with full military honors. Private entombment was held in the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances directed to family will be used to support local veteran organizations.



HENRY BRUCE "Bud" GARRISON - Died Friday, January 27, 2017 in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in DeKalb, County, Georgia on February 15, 1949 to the late Johnny Garrison and Mary Garrison Cagle. He was a telephone contractor; was of the Christian faith; and proudly served in the United States Navy on the USS Forrestal Aircraft Carrier during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. Survivors include his wife, Margie Wilson Garrison of the home; a daughter, Rebecca Garrison (Jeff) of Franklin; two sons, John Garrison (Phylliss) and Henry "Bo" Garrison (Ashley) both of Franklin; two step-children, Phylliss Garrison of Franklin and Teresa Piva of St. Louis, Mo; nine grandchildren, Johnnie Garrison, John Garrison, Jr., Ayden Garrison, Andrew Garrison, Estella Bradley, Jediah Stanfield, Amanda Piva, April Piva, and Devan Smith; two great-grandchildren, Serenity and Braige Courtois; two sisters, June Inman (James) and Jewel Parker both of Franklin. Bud was preceded in death by his parents; a step-daughter, Jody Smith; and a grandchild, Emileigh Garrison. A Military memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Veterans Memorial Park. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday evening, February 1, 2017 at the Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made in memory of Bud Garrison to a school scholarship to help children go on school trips. ATTN: Margie Garrison 390 Stamey Mountain Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Online condolences may be left at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Garrison family.

THOMAS J. "Tom" "Grizz" GILLIS – Died Wednesday, November 1, 2017 in Kingsport, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kingsport on May

22, 1949. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**.



GORDON WILLIAM “Gordy” GOODREAU - Died Sunday, July 23, 2017 at the age of 66, with his wife Mary (née Luke) Goodreau by his side at the Holyoke Soldiers Home. He was a resident of Ludlow, Massachusetts. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 13, 1951 in Ludlow to Frances and the late Albert Goodreau. He attended Ludlow schools and graduated from Ludlow High School in 1969. After he graduated he joined the United States Army where he served our country in the Vietnam War with two overseas tours of duty. After returning, he worked in area foundries including Bay State Cast for many years and later at Mass Mutual as a security guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. Gordy enjoyed his family, Saturday night card games, watching Nascar races and going to different tracks with his brother-in-law, Robbie Charron, playing Keno with his buddies at “Our Town Variety”, gardening both vegetables and flowers, cooking where his seafood salad was a treat at all special occasions, and talks with his brother-in-law, Stephen Sawyer. He will be sadly missed by his devoted wife of 44 years, Mary (née Luke) Goodreau, of Ludlow; his daughter, Shannon Goodreau, of Holland, MA; his son, Joseph Goodreau, of Ludlow; his granddaughters, or as he would call them, his tweeties, Alexis Williams and Miyah Boyce, of Holland; his mother, Frances Goodreau, and; his siblings, Jeannette Veroneau and Tom, Louise Janitis and husband, Mario, James and his wife, Sandy, Larry and his wife, Dolly, Donna Ingelis and her husband, Victor, Charlie and his wife, Jackie, Toni Owens and husband, Mike, Mabel Charron and her husband, Robbie; his good friend, Bruce Galarneau who was always there for him; Mary's side of the family, Steve Sawyer and wife, Dolly, Hope Dudek, Claire Dembek, Kathy Woz and husband, Bill, along with many nieces and nephews. All have so many stories and will carry on his memory by sharing them. A special man has gone from our physical world, but he will be around us forever. Also, he was predeceased by his father, Albert Goodreau; his brother, Albert “Buddy” Goodreau, and; his sister, Beverly Mackie. As we know life can change in an instant, tell the ones you love every day you love them. Our world is saddened but the stories we will share will surely make us smile. Calling hours were held on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at the Ratell Funeral Home, 200 Main Street, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts from 2:00-5:00 PM with a religious service at 4:30 PM. Burial with military honors at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam was privately held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Holyoke Soldiers Home, 110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.



FRANK P. GOTTLIEB - Died Tuesday, October 24, 2017 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born on April 12, 1945 in East Liverpool, Ohio to the late Abraham and Nettie (née Bondy) Gottlieb. He was the beloved brother of Florence Gottlieb Krakoff (late Samuel), of Industry and Marcus A. Gottlieb (Carole),

of Pittsburgh; nephew of Janet Bondy Eisen (Bernard); uncle of Richard Krakoff, Lisa Krakoff Biancucci (Richard), Michael Gottlieb (Laurie), Linda Gottlieb Gordon (Alan), Amy Gottlieb Cook (David), and the late Daniel Krakoff; also survived by many cherished great and great-great-nieces and nephews, numerous cousins and countless friends. He was raised in Midland, Pennsylvania and was a journalist who graduated from Duquesne University. He was a United States Vietnam Veteran and former News Director at KQV News Radio. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He was the recipient of the Golden Quill Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. Funeral services were held at the Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Thursday at 11:00 AM. Visitation was one hour prior to the services from 10:00 –11:00 AM. The interment was in the Temple B'nai Israel Cemetery, McKeesport, PA. Contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. www.schugar.com.

DAVID ALAN GREATHOUSE – Died Sunday, May 14, 2017 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas on February 26, 1948 to the late Wade Greathouse and Mary (née Brooks) Greathouse. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from December 1, 1967 to November 28, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**.



CLAUDE THOMAS "C. T." "Tom" GREEN – Died Saturday, October 28, 2017 in Riceville, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was sudden cardiac death, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and diabetes mellitus – Type II. He was born in Sweetwater, Monroe County, Tennessee of July 4, 1947 to the late Robert Lee and Olive Louise (née Sutton) Green. As a decorated United States Marine Corps Veteran who served two tours in Vietnam and fought in the battle of Khe Sanh, Tom was dedicated to the cause of veterans and their loved ones." He retired from McMinn County after over 20 years as Veteran's Service Officer, and he continued serving for many years as a volunteer in various groups. Member of the IUOE Local #917, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, the Third Marine Division Association, Khe Sanh Veterans, VFW Post #5146, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**, Disabled American Veterans Monroe County Chapter #93, AMVETS Post TN #106, American Legion TN Post #68, Thomas A. Hamilton Lodge #317, Scottish Rite, Alhambra Shriners, and Tennessee SAR Knoxville. Left behind to honor his memory are his wife of 48 years, Betty (née Williams) Green; his son, Paul Green and wife Sarah (Chrissy), Niota; his daughter, Christie Green and husband Darrell Hager, Orlando, KY; lovingly called "T.T." by his grandchildren Caroline Green and Ira Hager, Samuel and Andrew Green; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Bobby and Connie Hall Green, Kenneth and Bessie Green, all of Madisonville, Nelson and Becky Green of Athens; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Shelby Sours, Helen and James Hobbs, Jay C. and Mary Adams Williams, Tommy Williams. He was predeceased by his daughter, Stephanie

Marie Green. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Friday in the Hiwassee Church of God Cemetery with military honors provided by VFW Post #5146, McMinn County Veteran Honor Guard and the U.S. Marines. In lieu of flowers, Tom requested donations to the Hiwassee Church of God Cemetery Fund (267 Cold Stream Farm Road, Madisonville, TN 37354), or to a Veteran's scholarship program of your choice. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday at the Bierley Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville, Tennessee.

THOMAS D. GREENWAY – Died recently in 2017 in Era, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 7, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**.



EDWARD AKERS "Ed" GREER (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died peacefully at SECU Hospice House in Smithfield, North Carolina on November 27, 2016 at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. The oldest of 15 children, Edward was born on December 20, 1932 in the Little Gap Community on Grassy Hill in Franklin County, Virginia to the late Harry Thomas and Oveeda (née Hodges) Greer. He was the first in his extended family to graduate from Franklin County High School (1953) and later obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Columbus State University in Georgia (1989). Edward spent 24 years in the United States Army, including 12 years in Explosive Ordnance Disposal. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and a parachutist. While in the military, he received a Bronze Star for valor. Later in his career he worked as an engineer with NASA at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Recently, he served as guardian ad litem for Johnston County, NC and as an officer of the American Legion in Smithfield. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. A born storyteller, genealogist and writer, Edward wrote short stories and compiled a pictorial history of the "Misty Mountain" families from Grassy Hill. He was a proud Scots-Irish descendent of Clan MacGregor in Scotland and James "the Emigrant" Greer. Edward is survived by his wife, Gary Ann (née Cate) Greer; his daughter, Dr. Edrie Greer (Charles Menn); his stepchildren, Rachel Mills (Freddie) and Dr. John Dowling; his grandchildren, Cassidy and Hannah Dowling and Freddie and Cate Mills; his sisters, Lonnie Holland, Virginia Hodges, and Carolyn Lyman (Mike); his brother, A.J. (Jim) Greer; a best friend, Grover Miller; and many nieces, nephews and cousins as well as two cats, Mr. O and Mz. Purdy. His beloved dog, Andy, preceded him in death by just two weeks. Special thanks go to the staff at 3HC Home Health and Hospice, Johnston Health and the SECU Hospice House-Johnston Health in Smithfield for making Edward's final days peaceful and dignified. The family will never forget their kindness. Per his request, there were no funeral or memorial services. However, donations in Edward's memory may be made to The Nature Conservancy, Johnston County Animal Protection League of NC, or Children Incorporated.

TERRY RUSSELL GROVE - Died Wednesday, October 25, 2017 of Friendsville, Maryland at the age of 70 at the Garrett Regional Medical Center, Oakland Maryland. The cause of death is

unknown. He was born on Friday, June 27, 1947 at 2:55 AM at his family's home in Mill Run, Garrett County, Maryland to the late Floyd E. and Thelma J. (née Frazee) Grove. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents; Lloyd Jasper and Mary E. (née Becket) Grove, Alexander Donald and Orpha B. (née Fike) Frazee; a brother, Floyd Allen Grove; and his father and mother-in-law, John E. and Ruth E. (née Yowler) Clymer. Terry is survived by the love of his life, Donna J. (née Clymer) Grove. They were married on April 20, 1968 in Friendsville, by the Reverend H. B. Rittenhouse. To this union was born two children, namely, a son, Joshua Jeremy, and his wife, Melinda D. (née Frazee) Grove, Akron, Ohio; and a daughter, Jamie Alisia and her husband, Jesse D. Warner, Annapolis. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jackson W. and Katherine E. Grove; and Lianna J. Warner, sister-in-law, Anna Mae Grove and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Prior to retirement he was employed as a Product Engineer by Fruehauf Trailer Operations, Uniontown, Pa., and TREMCAR Inc., Iberville, Quebec, Canada as a Sales/Engineer for the US market. He served in the United States Army and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal while serving in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division. Terry was passionate about genealogy and spent many hours researching and documenting family history. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, a member of The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mount Union Church Camp #502, Department of Pennsylvania, the Maryland General Society of the War of 1812, and Sons of The American Revolution, Little Meadows Chapter. Friends were received at the Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 943 Second Avenue, Friendsville, on Friday, October 27, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Services were conducted in the funeral home on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 11:00 AM with Pastor Daymond Schmuck officiating. Interment was in the Addison Cemetery. Military graveside rites were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #172. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.



J. D. GULLEY (USA, SGM-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in Salada, Texas at the age of 81. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related to prostate cancer with metastases to the lungs and liver. He was born in the town of Rosston, Arkansas on September 14, 1936 to the late DeWillie Gully and to John Clark's little Ruby, A hard-working man of honor of service and of duty. Just 12 days after he was born, his dear mother sadly died, so uncles, aunts and grandparents kindly took him to their side. Inquisitive and a fast learner, he gained skills both to fish and farm, and he made some good decisions, though his life was far from charmed. He left Uncle Sid and Aunt Lucy's at a young age, to be sure, and was drafted by the United States Army for his first of many tours. He served for over 32 years with distinction and with pride; Vietnam vet with 2 bronze stars, Sergeant Major, yes, certified, from "No Man's Land" in Korea to Missouri's Fort Leonard Wood; Company B's "Man with a Mission"—heavy construction oh so good. With highly above average intelligence, he did security for LBJ; Then to the White Sands Missile Range for a "Top Secret" getaway. Next came an Engineer Battalion and Vietnam's "Vegetable Road"; Then to Phoenix as a Senior Advisor, commendations just

flowed and flowed. To Thailand for work in transportation then the 51st Asphalt Platoon; 2 million pounds of asphalt was laid in a record breaking afternoon. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. Back to the States to Michigan, again a Senior Enlisted Advisor; A tribute from the Governor—what a leader and supervisor. Then on to Massachusetts where he covered six New England states And to Seoul's 8th Army Headquarters to monitor and coordinate. He returned to the States to Fort Lewis and the 593rd Support Group, Then Korea, Dallas and Korea again, but his performance never drooped. He paved the way for minorities through quality work and great success; He retired in March of '87, one of the Army's very best! He bought property in Salado and became a "gentleman rancher," and up to 80 years of age, he continued as quite the dancer. He liked his cars and trucks, for sure, and to spend time on his Gator; A fisherman and a cattleman and a tractor operator. He had a great love for family and made many "drop in" visits; Clark Family Reunions were attended till his health would not permit it. He liked a good party, loved to cook, but his recipes were "classified"; He enjoyed watching Jimmy Swaggart, but Fox News he could not abide. He was blessed with quite the daughter, he and Myra were alike in ways; He tried hard to be a good father, she stood by him in his final days. He served his country very well in a career that was unsullied; we commit him to his Savior now, our beloved J.D. Gulley!



LeROY EARL GUY – Died Thursday, October 26, 2017 in his daughter, Sonja Thompson's home in McKinney, Texas at the age of 82. He was a former resident of Leavenworth, Kansas. The cause of death was a 2 ½ year battle with metastatic bladder cancer. He was born in Amberg, Wisconsin on February 18, 1935 to the late Earl and Bessie Guy. After graduating from Amberg High School he secured employment at the Oster Manufacturing Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Two years later, in 1955 he made the "best decision of his life" and joined the United States Army. LeRoy spent the next 20 years in the Army; the last 13 years as a pilot both fixed wing and rotary wing culminating his career as a Rotary Wing Instrument Flight Instructor. Prior to attending flight school, he wanted some assurance that if he had a mishap while flying he could survive, so he enrolled in Airborne school and obtained his paratrooper badge. He served two tours in Vietnam earning numerous medals to include Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medal with Valor, Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Commendation Medal. LeRoy's 2nd best decision of his life was marrying Katharina Jaud of Ellbach, Germany. He and Katharina spent 52 wonderful and interesting years together until she passed away in 2010. LeRoy was a truly remarkable man, a genuine Renaissance man. He was generous, kind and gentle, never uttering a harsh word. He was incredibly creative, and interested in life. He had numerous diverse hobbies: beekeeping, fishing, weaving, scuba diving, woodworking, gardening, acting in and set designing for community theater groups. He was active in multiple fraternal organizations: Viet Nam Helicopters Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fort Leavenworth Rod and Gun Club just to name a few. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75**. He could and did it all. LeRoy is survived by his daughter, Sonja Thompson; his grandson, Jason Thompson; his granddaughter, Kerry Doke, and; his great-grandson, Carson Doke, all of

McKinney, Texas. He is also survived by his brother, Wayne Guy of Omro, Wisconsin and Bob Guy, of Iron Mountain, Michigan. Interment of his cremains was at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

THOMAS E. "Tom" HACKER – Died Wednesday, August 5, 2015 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death was respiratory failure. He was born July 16, 1941 in Milwaukee. He was the beloved husband of 50 years to Randy Hacker; loving Dad of Thomas N. (Bonnie) and Jennifer (Mark) Stadler; "Grandpa" of Cassidy, Jack, Erin and Shane; cherished brother of Billy (Kay) and Rickey, and; dear friend of Pat (the late Jerry) Miszewski. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Gary (Arlyne). Tom was an active member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Southern Wisconsin All Airborne chapter and the Richard Bong chapter of I.P.M.S. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. Tom retired from the Milwaukee Police department after 30 years of service. The committal service was on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 21731 Spring Street, Union Grove, WI. The arrangements were provided by the Prasser-Klecza Funeral Homes - Bay View Chapel, 3275 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



DAVID MICHAEL "Dave" HENDRIX - Died in his home in Ovid, New York on Monday, August 7, 2017 at the age of 70, following an extended cancer illness. Dave was born in Seneca Falls, New York on December 3, 1946 to the late Charles J. and Rose (née Asay) Hendrix. He was drafted by the United States Army and he proudly served his country in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. He was a Member of the VFW Post #6200, where he held many offices and had been an active member of the Color Guard. In addition, he was a member of the American Legion Post #463, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**, Ovid Fire Department, the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), FL Harley Club, and the CB Hounds CB club. He was a founding member of the South Seneca Ambulance Corps, where he also held many offices. Dave was a loving family man, with a wide variety of hobbies. He was a hunter, musician, painter and craftsman through his works at Hendrix Wood Working. He enjoyed bike weeks, local rides and camping, not to leave out his NASCAR and Washington Redskins. His family welcomed many Fresh Air Kids, and they blended in with his loving children during summer vacations. In addition to the love and companionship of his family, Dave had his dogs, Billy, Peanut and Paquito. He is survived by his loving companion of 15 years and wife, of 29 years, Linda; and by his children, Michael (Kathleen) Mills, Kevin (Deanna) Mills, Margaret Mills, Danielle Hendrix; his brothers, Tommy, Harry and Robert (Mary) Hendrix; a sister, Carol (Larry) Cooper; 13 grandchildren, (of whom Daniel and Jacob spent countless hours giving personal care to him), and; many nieces and nephews. Dave was preceded in death by his daughter, Cinnamon Pettingill; and granddaughter, Lacy Hendrix. A Memorial Service with military honors was held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The family hosted a reception at the VFW Post #6200 in Ovid, following the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a donation to the Ovid Color Guard, PO Box 401, Ovid, NY 14521, Beverly Animal Shelter, 50 East River Street, Waterloo, NY 13165 or South Seneca Ambulance Corps, PO Box

280, Ovid, NY 14521. For additional information, please contact Covert Funeral Home at 1-877-828-3411 or visit www.covertfuneralhome.com.



JOHN MARC HERINA - Died Monday, August 7, 2017 at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia at the age of 71. He was a resident of Fairfield, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Jersey on September 6, 1945 to the late John and Marie (née Pinnix) Herina. He was married to the former Peggy Grant who survives. John proudly served his country during the Vietnam conflict with the United States Navy, while on board the USS James Monroe (SSBN 622). After his discharge from active duty he became a *Life Member* and *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Englehard Chapter #561**, Hyde County Chapter, Hyde County American Legion Post #561 and the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. John never met a stranger, always willing to lend a helping hand especially to a fellow veteran. He was an avid hunter and a commercial fisherman for over twenty years. He enjoyed the outdoors and for over forty years he worked as a tug boat captain most recently with Kirby Corporation. Surviving in addition to his wife is a son; Charles Herina and wife Jennifer of Swan Quarter; two daughters; Dawn H. Wescoat and husband Elwood, Colleen H. Freye and husband Rob, both of Buxton; two stepsons, Scott Langanke and wife Debbie of Fenton, MO, Tim Langanke and wife Irina of Kill Devil Hills; five grandchildren, Adriana Simpson and husband Kevin of Swan Quarter, Billie Herina of Swan Quarter, Jeffrey Wescoat, III, Kai Wescoat and Hobson Freye all of Buxton; six step grandchildren, Sara Connors, Zack Langanke, Anthony Laganke, Thomas Langanke, Kate Hamilton, Colette Langanke; two brothers, Kevin Herina and wife Cindra of Southern Pines and Chris Herina of Orville, CA; two sisters, Marie H. Boden and husband Bob of Coquille, OR and Kathy H. Karthousen of Prosser, WA. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffrey Herina and a sister, Patricia H. Young. A memorial service was held at 1:30 PM on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Bryan Funeral Service, Swan Quarter.



MARK EDWARD HERMAN - Died peacefully at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the age of 64, with his beloved sister at his side. He was a 12-year survivor of pancreatic cancer. Mark was born in Racine, Wisconsin on January 25, 1952 to the late Howard and Helene (née Mitschka) Herman. After attending Washington Park High School, he faithfully served our country with the United States Army in Germany during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. Mark went on to become an accomplished machinist – primarily at A&E Mfg. and Pioneer Products. Mark was passionate about his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and fishing. He was the director of the Southern Wisconsin HOG Chapter from 1997-2006. Mark was also a member of the Harborlite Yacht Club

and the Deutscher Manner Verein (German Club). Surviving are his beloved sister, Maggie Herman; his “brothers”, Steve Fox and Gary Boehler; numerous cousins, other relatives and friends – too numerous to mention all by name. In addition to his parents, Mark was preceded in death by his aunts and uncles. In accordance to Mark’s wishes, private services were held at a later time. A special note of thanks to everyone at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center for the compassionate care and support given to Mark in his time of need! Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home and Crematory, 4600 County Line Road was in charge of the arrangements. www.draeger-langendorf.com.



RICHARD ALLEN “Dick” HITSON - Died Sunday, July 30, 2017 at his residence in Mooreville, Mississippi at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Colorado on June 21, 1936. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. A memorial service was at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the American Legion, Post #130, Baldwyn, MS. Holland Funeral Directors was honored to assist the family with arrangements. Condolences to the family may be e-mailed to hollandfuneraldirectors@comcast.net. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Saint Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



THOMAS RICHARD “Tom” HOLMIN – Died Thursday, April 28, 2016 in Woodbury, Minnesota at the age of 67. The cause of death was infections, amputation of left leg, kidney failure and heart disease. He was born on March 11, 1949. Tom fought for his health since his service in the United States Army in Vietnam (Bronze Star, Purple Heart) and spent his life devoted to supporting others. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. Tom is survived by his wife and son, Vicki (née Bailar) Holmin and Scott Holmin and countless others his spirit has inspired. A Celebration of Life was held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, May 1st, at the O'Halloran and Murphy-Woodbury Funeral Home (8700 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, Minnesota). Tom was interred in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery with full military honors on Monday, May 2nd, 2016 at 1:30 PM, Lane 4.

JAMES MICHAEL “Jim” HOPKINS – Died Thursday, July 5, 2012 in Richardson, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 1, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix (Arizona) Chapter #432**.



RONALD WILLIAM "Ron" HOWARD - Died peacefully on Friday November 17, 2017 at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Lebanon, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. He was a resident of Middletown, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. Ron was born on August 15, 1948 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to the late William Howard and Evelyn (née Biever). Ronald served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1968-1969 and later in life as his career he worked as a Real Estate Officer for M&T Bank. During his spare time, Ron enjoyed golfing, riding his motorcycle, bowling and socializing with anyone he met. He was a member of several organizations including; the VFW in Highspire, the American Legion, the Middletown Hunters and Anglers and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Pennsylvania**. Ron was also an active member of Saint Mark Church in Harrisburg and he made it a point to go to the Saturday's Market in Middletown often. Ronald is preceded in death by his grandparents and his parents. Surviving are his loving wife, Linda Howard, of Middletown; his son, Kenneth Howard and his wife Andrea, of Camp Hill; his seven nieces and his two nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America by going online at <https://vva.org/donate/> or the Veteran's Hospital in Lebanon by mailing donations to the Voluntary Service Office Building 18, 1st Floor Lebanon, PA 17042 or online at <https://www.lebanon.va.gov/giving/>. Funeral services were held on Monday November 27, 2017 at the Neumyer Funeral Home with the viewing from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM and services starting at 12:30 PM. There was a committal service at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville immediately following the services at the Neumyer Funeral Home. Arrangements were entrusted to the Neumyer Funeral Home.

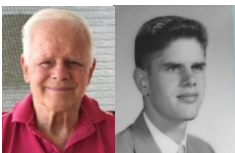


GLENN HUBRIG - Died unexpectedly in his home in Hankinson, North Dakota on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 28, 1951 in Breckenridge, Minnesota to the late Melvin and Doris (née Cossette) Hubrig, of Great Bend, North Bend. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend. He attended Waldo No. 1 grade school. Glenn graduated from Hankinson High School in 1969, then attended ND State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1970, served in Vietnam, and was honorably discharged in 1972. He then worked for Hoppert's Plumbing and Heating until 1977. Glenn married Cheryl (née Bohn) Hubrig on November 22, 1975 at Trinity in Great Bend, and they raised three children in Hankinson. He worked with his father in their business, Hubrig Plumbing and Heating. He enjoyed working at Saint Francis Convent for the last 6 years. Glenn loved the Lord, his family, history, wood working, singing with The Challengers, spending time at the lake, reading newspapers, and the American Flag. He was deeply patriotic, and was a lifelong member of the American Legion, VFW, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**, serving as ND State American Legion Commander 2001-2002. Glenn was also a retired member of the Hankinson Volunteer Fire Department. He served at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hankinson as a church elder and 7th-8th grade Sunday School teacher of Bible history. He

loved to build and fix things, and was a collector of many tools and parts. He will also be remembered for his sense of humor, his stories, and his odd bits of trivia. Glenn is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his children: Tara (Mike) Hough, Nancy (Adam) Tykwinski, and Andrew (Kristin) Hubrig; his grandchildren: Abigail and Leah Tykwinski, Audrey, Claire, and Eli Hough, Grant and Retta Jo Hubrig; his mother, Doris Hubrig; his siblings Gary (Kari) Hubrig, Ron (Gloria) Hubrig, Dianne (Jim) Sedler, Doreen (Leon) Bladow, Cheryl (Allen) Held, Steve (Lori) Hubrig, Brenda (Scott) Radloff, Renae (Mark) Bassingthwaite, and Debra (Kevin) Mauch; and many other friends and family. He was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Hubrig and infant sister, Stacey Hubrig. Visitation hours were on Monday, October 30, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hankinson, ND. Visitation continued on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 9:00-10:00 AM followed by the funeral service at 10:00 AM all at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial with military honors was at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Great Bend, ND.



JOHN DAVID "J.D." HUDSON - Died at 2:38 PM on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at the Southbrook Care Center in Springfield, Ohio at the age of 69. He was a resident of Chicago, Illinois and formerly of Jackson Center, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Piqua, Ohio on December 16, 1947 to late John H. "Jack" and Dolores "Dee" (née Ware) Hudson. J.D. is survived by his two brothers, Jerry Hudson, of Russia, and Larry (Marie) Hudson, of Headland, Alabama; his nieces and nephews, Thara Winstead, Hope (Scott) Hoffman, Aaron (Yuko) Hudson, and Justin Hudson; several great nieces and nephews, and; a special friend, Annie Smith. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. J.D. was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and American Legion Scherer Post #493, both in Jackson Center, Ohio. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wapakoneta (Ohio) Chapter #1126**. The family received friends from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the Eichholtz Daring and Sanford Funeral Home, 214 West Pike Street, Jackson Center, Ohio with the Reverend Dr. Cathi Braasch officiating the funeral service at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 6th, at the funeral home. The burial was in the Glen Cemetery in Port Jefferson, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made, in J.D.'s memory, to the American Legion Scherer Post #493, 627 College Street, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Funeral arrangements were in the care of the Eichholtz Daring and Sanford Funeral Home in Jackson Center and online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.edsfh.com.



DOUGLAS E. "Doug" HULL – Died Saturday, November 18, 2017 in Gold Canyon, Arizona at the age of 76, from complications with cancer and a lifelong struggle with diabetes. He died peacefully with his life partner and love, Catherine M. Reed, at his side, and after saying farewell to many of his close friends. He was born in Windsor, Vermont on July 28, 1941 to the late Douglas H. Hull and Hilda (née Jock) Hull. His early years were marked with just enough deprivation to instill in him an indomitable work ethic and resourceful spirit that would serve him well throughout his life. Being a ROTC officer from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, during Vietnam, he served in the United States Army's 41st Signal Battalion

during 1965 and 1966. Never conflicted about the war or his role, he always possessed a quiet but fierce patriotism that was never jingoistic. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Swanton Chapter #829**. His patriotism was only matched by his interest in trying to talk with and meet the other, even if they had no common language. Both his children can remember standing to one side, a bit embarrassed as he carried on a jovial and largely one-way conversation with some shopkeeper or passerby in whatever country he was in. Passing the CPA exam on the first try, he started his own practice in 1973. He didn't care too much about numbers - the people he was able to meet and talk to about their lives was the real motivation. If people needed his help but couldn't pay, there were always other accommodations. He often joked that he was happy to do taxes for friends in return for a nice dinner and good company. He and Cathy adopted three children. Kim died in infancy, but Lyn Soon and Yang grew and now live in North Carolina and Illinois, respectively. He and Cathy also hosted Gil Sirmaskasem Grimes, an exchange student from Thailand. She still calls him Dad, and lives and works in Tokyo for the U.S. State Department. His family is also survived by his brother, Stephen Hull, of South Royalton, Vermont. Doug also made it to grandfatherhood with the arrival of WooJoo, Yang's child, adopted from Korea, just as Yang was 41 years earlier. He found this new status deeply enjoyable and satisfying, constantly amazed at how much energy a 3-year-old can muster. Always a prolific writer, Doug filled his retirement writing two books, drafts of others, and innumerable letters. He also edited and assisted other writing projects like the history of Worcester, Vermont, written by J. David Book. Throughout everything, he travelled alongside Cathy. They just made it past the 50-year mark this year. She continues to reside in Arizona, a state they both have come to love deeply. Doug loved the warmth, the light, the easy spirit of the fellow northern refugees in their retirement community. All these things made his last years full of life and more than mitigated his declining health. If a remembrance is preferred, Doug's request is that any gift in his memory be given to: Worcester United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 125, Worcester, VT 05682; or the Worcester Historical Society, P.O. Box 329, Worcester, VT 05682.



JAMES MICHAEL “Jim” HUNKELE - Died at his home in West End, North Carolina on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the age of 68, while courageously battling lung cancer. He was also a resident of Seven Lakes, North Carolina. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 6, 1948 to the late Lester and Agnes Hunkele. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Bill; his sister, Pat; his brother, Dan, and; his sister-in-law, Cindy. Jim is survived by his wife, Stephanie Gorman; his brothers, Les (Diane), Joe (Charlie); and his sister, Peggy; as well as several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Jim was a kind and gentle man. Quick of wit, his talents, interests and vast knowledge seemed limitless to those who knew him. He enjoyed writing and was published as an aspiring writer, playing the guitar, singing, woodworking, crossword puzzles, sudoku, golf, joining his coffee group each morning and most of all spending his life with his wife, Stephanie. He was a member of the American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America - West End Chapter #966** and served in the United States Navy. He attended Belmont Abbey College, the University of

Alabama and the Navy's Nuclear Power School. Although his careers were varied throughout his lifetime, he found his niche as an adjudications officer at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Foundation First Health, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374; or Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

LYNWOOD B. HURSTON, Sr. - Died Friday, May 12, 2017 in Decatur, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 5, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Atlanta Chapter #883**. The Willie A. Watkins Historic West End Chapel in Decatur was in charge of the arrangements.

DAVID K. HUSKEY – Died Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 8, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Dakota**.



DANA GARTH ISHMAN - Died peacefully at his residence in Racine, Wisconsin on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the age of 71, surrounded by the love of his family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Racine on December 8, 1945 to the late Allen and Catherine (née Forde) Ishman. Dana was united in marriage to the former, Donna G. Domokos on October 1, 1994 at the Wustum Museum in Racine. Dana graduated from Horlick High School in 1964. He proudly and faithfully served his country in the United States Air Force for 38 years, retiring from service in 2004. Dana served courageously in Vietnam and Desert Storm. Following his military service, he was the Warehouse Manager for Lakeside International until his retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767** as well as VFW Post # 1391. Dana was a "farmer at heart" living in the city. He had a passion for tractors, trains, and airplanes. He was a member of the Illinois Railway Museum, Ford Fordson Collectors Association, and the SE WI Antique Power and Collectibles. Above all, Dana loved his family dearly and treasured all the time he was able to spend with them. Dana leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Donna Ishman; daughter, Shelly Palmer; grandsons, Corbin Palmer, Easton Lafreniere; brother, Ronn Ishman; sisters, Cheryl Brown, Pamela (Tim Jones) Ishman, Beth (Bill Urick) Koleske; mother-in-law, Florence Domokos; brothers-in-law, Glenn (Jo) Domokos, Darrell (Lynn) Domokos, Doug (Laurel) Domokos; sister-in-law, Maralee (Vaughn) Groen; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends too numerous to mention. In addition to his parents, Dana is preceded in death by his father-in-law, Martin Domokos; brother-in-law, Ray Brown; many other aunts, uncles, and cousins. A celebration of Dana's life was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home and Crematory, 4600 County Line Road, with Pastor Doug Domokos officiating. Visitation hours were from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. The burial with full military honors was in the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove. The family would like to extend a heart-felt "Thank You" to Dr. Michael Mullane and his staff, as well as the Aurora Home Hospice staff for the care given to Dana during this difficult time. Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home and Crematory, 4600 County Line Road, Racine, WI was in charge of the arrangements. www.draeger-langendorf.com.

ERNEST JACKSON – Died Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the age of 74. The cause of death was end-stage renal disease. He was born on April 15, 1941 in Independence, Louisiana to the late Alexander and Emma (née Evans) Jackson, the fourth child of seven. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from October 20, 1966 to October 18, 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baker Chapter #852**. Deacon Jackson leaves to cherish his loving memories, his devoted wife, of 41 years, Sherian (née Judson) Jackson; two sons, Bryant Jackson, Hampton, VA, Eric Jackson, Sr., Baton Rouge, LA; one daughter Kristy (Patrick) Rowe, Baton Rouge, LA ; five grandchildren, Tierney Rowe, Journi Rowe Amari Rowe, Eric Jackson, Jr. and Ericka Jackson, all of Baton Rouge, LA; four brothers, Reverend Jefphroe (Arabella) Jackson, Hammond, LA, John L Jackson, Wilmer, LA, Collier (Gloria) Jackson, Wilmer, LA, Alexander (Sadie) Jackson, Jr., Hammond, LA; two stepsisters, Lillie Ruth (Damon) Smith and Pauline (Austin) Harvey, Titusville, FL; one sister-in-law, Mary Williams, of Bogalusa, LA; one godchild, Tumeca Renee Jackson, Wilmer, LA, and; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, Church family and friends. Visitation hours were at the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 16443 Plank Road, Baker, LA, from 9:30 AM until religious services at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Services were conducted by the Reverend Kenneth Chandler. The Greenoaks Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



LARRY DOUGLAS JACKSON - Died Thursday, October 12, 2017 in Rockford, Illinois at the age of 70. The cause of death was Suicide, PTSD, and Agent Orange-related issues to his stomach, heart and intestines. He was born on March 8, 1947 in Haleyville, Alabama to the late Lenward L. and Mildred V. (née Coltrain) Jackson. He married the former April "Sue" Tucker in Rockford on November 21, 1967. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving in Vietnam, 1965-1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**. He retired from Teamsters Local #325. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Machesney Park, and was a member of many local veterans' clubs. Larry attended Rockford East High School and joined the Marines in 1964. He volunteered his time in many local ministries and veterans' activities. He enjoyed time with his family as well as hunting and fishing. Survivors include children: Rick (Jennifer) Jackson, Keith (Lisa) Jackson, Tammy Jackson (Ronald Newman) and Mr. and Mrs. David Jackson all of Rockford; grandchildren, Britney, Kianna, Kaley, Kiersten, Tate, Cole, Kort, Mackenna, Ryan, and Indica; great-grandson Asher; brother, Gary Jackson; sister, Sherry Spears; and numerous nieces and nephews, significant other, Barb Hornbeck and special family friend, Tyler Jaxson. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Terry, and wife April. Visitation hours were from 9:30-11:30 AM on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the First Baptist Church, 718 Harlem Road, Machesney Park with the service at 11:30 AM with the Senior Pastor Heath Tibbetts officiating. The burial was in the New Milford Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Sundberg Funeral home, Ltd., 215 North Sixth Street, Rockford, IL 61107. Online condolences can be sent at sundbergfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the family.



BRUCE W. "Hose" JOHNSON - Died Thursday, August 3, 2017 at his home in Joplin, Missouri at the age of 78, following an illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 8, 1938 in Des Moines, Iowa to the late William and Pauline Johnson. He had been a resident of Joplin since 1961. He served in the United States Air Force. Bruce married Judy Beam June 20, 1988 and together they raised four children. Bruce was a Firefighter/EMT for the city of Joplin for twenty years retiring with the rank of Captain, he also was a Sergeant with the Jasper County Sheriff Department and worked at Cycle Connection and finally at Midwest Material. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #345 AF & AM and was a Shriner. He was also a member of the local Hog Chapter, Freedom of the Road Riders Local #11. He was an *At-Large Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri*. He is survived by his wife, Judy, of the home; three sons, Kevin Johnson and wife Diane, Graham, of NC, Kyle Johnson and wife Melissa, Francisco, of IN, Kraig Johnson, of Joplin; one daughter, Susie Apollonio and husband Richard, of Fort Worth, TX; two sisters, Margaret Johnson and partner, Marcia, of University City, MO, and Joyce May and husband David, of Joplin; seven grandchildren, and; one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by a son, Keith; a brother Jim, and; his stepmother Pearl Johnson. A Memorial Service was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday at the Mason-Woodard Mortuary. The family received friends from 1:00 PM to service time. Contributions may be given to the Joplin Humane Society in care of the Mortuary. The family would like to thank the caring staff from Integrity Hospice and the staff at Freeman Dialysis. The arrangements were under the direction of Mason-Woodard Mortuary and Crematory.



CAROL KAY JOLL - Died Friday, September 15, 2017 at her home in New Bern, North Carolina at the age of 70, with her family by her side. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 6, 1947. She is survived by her husband, Harold R. Joll; her son, Sean C. Joll (wife Betsy); her grandson, Graham R. Joll; and; her sister, Lily Makuch (husband Don). She is preceded in death by a son, Dwight R. Joll. In her spare time, Carol enjoyed scrapbooking, collecting antiques and spending quality time with her family. She was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886*, as well as a former Sunday school teacher and greeter for many years. A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Bethany Christian Church. The family received friends on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Cotten Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make memorial donations to Bethany Christian Church, 3475 NC-55, Cove City, NC 28523; or Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800. Arrangements were entrusted to the Cotten Funeral Home & Crematory.



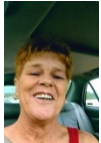
CARL DEAN KAMER - Died Saturday, December 3, 2016 in Harriman, Tennessee at the age of 70, surrounded by family at Roane Medical Center in Harriman. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 17, 1946 in Oakdale, Tennessee to the late Henry and Dorothy Kamer. Dean's love of fishing was second only to his love for God and his church. A genuine Christian man, Mr. Kamer was an active member of Pine Orchard Baptist Church and selflessly served others in the name of the Lord. Mr. Kamer was a United States Military Veteran, having served in the United States Army and earned the Purple Heart Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal with V for valor with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 1968 to January 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin (North Carolina) Chapter #994**. Dean was a cherished family man, who invested his time and love into his children and grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, David Kamer and wife Karen and Marvin Kamer and one brother-in-law, Dean Crass. A beloved husband, daddy, Papa, and brother, Mr. Kamer is survived by Barbara Kamer, his wife of 50 years; three children, Marti Higgins and husband David, Michael Kamer and wife Kellie, Misti Clark and husband Larry "Peanut"; eight grandchildren, Lindsey, Abigail, and Mary Kate Higgins, Noah, Nathan, and Natalie Kamer, Amelia and Madelyn Clark; one sister, Evelyn Crass; three brothers, Edwin Kamer, Gary Kamer and wife Kim, Dale Kamer and wife Sheila, and; one sister-in-law, Linda Kamer. The family received friends on Tuesday December 6, 2016 from 6:00 PM. until 8:00 PM at the Davis Funeral Home, Harriman. The funeral service was at 8:00 PM with Brother Ronnie Nickell officiating. Mr. Kamer was laid to rest at the Pine Orchard Baptist Church Cemetery on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 11:00 AM.



DAVID JOHN KEENAN, SR. - Died at WFH – All Saints on Wednesday, April 2, 2015 in Oak Creek, Wisconsin at the age of 66. The cause of death was Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) – Lou Gehrig's disease. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin on April 23, 1948 to the late Robert and Catherine (née Lukawski) Keenan. He graduated from Saint Catherine High School. He later received an Associate Degree from Gateway Technical College and a Bachelor's Degree from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. In between high school and college David served his nation with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. On August 4, 1973, he married Katharine Johnson in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. David worked as a quality assurance engineer at Western Publishing for 23 years. He was a proud veteran and was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767** and the VFW Post #1391. David enjoyed golfing, bowling and being in the company of his family. In addition to his loving wife, Katharine, David is survived by his children, David Keenan, Jr. of South Milwaukee, Rebecca (Michael) Friedel, Brenda Keenan both of Orlando; his granddaughter, Sydney Cotton of Orlando; his sisters and brother, Kathleen (Richard) Lane of Orlando, Dennis Keenan of Racine, Barbara (Melvin) Jarrell of Bloomfield, MO; as well as many dear nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Mary Keenan. Family and friends were invited to meet at Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home on Monday evening from 5:00-8:00 PM for a visitation. The

celebration of his life and funeral Mass took place at Saint Patrick Catholic Church (1100 Erie Street) on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Father Anthony Thomas officiating. There was also a visitation in the church from 10:00-11:00 AM. His interment took place at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery following the Mass. Memorials have been suggested to The Vietnam Veterans of America, Racine/Kenosha Chapter #767 or Saint Catherine High School. The Keenan family sincerely thanks the entire staff at WFH- All Saints; especially the 3rd floor staff; as well as the ALS team at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center for the loving and professional attention David received while under their care. Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home and Crematory 4600 County Line Road, Racine, WI were in charge of the arrangements. www.draeger-langendorf.com.

STEVE KELLEY – Died in 2016 in Herculaneum, Missouri at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 11, 1947. He served in the United States Air Force with a tour of duty Vietnam from January 1968 to January 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**.



PAMELA RUTH “Pam” KILGORE - Died peacefully Monday October 30, 2017 in her home in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 7, 1961 in Chattanooga to the late William Francis Sr. and Crystal Turner. She was a lifelong resident of Chattanooga. She was a waitress in the restaurant industry for many years. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Pam is preceded in death by partner in life Gene Shomper. Pamela is survived by her daughter, Amanda Burt, of Birchwood; her son, Jimmy Songer, of West Virginia; two granddaughters, Briana Shahan, of Birchwood and Abigail Meza, of Arizona; two grandsons, Ryker Shahan and Ryley Shahan, both of Birchwood; two sisters, Tammy (Jim) Dagnan, of Signal Mountain and Gayle Haynes, of Chattanooga, and; her brother, Rick (Donna) Francis of Chattanooga. The family received friends on Wednesday, November 2, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Lane Funeral Home, Ashland Terrace and on Thursday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The funeral service for Pamela was conducted at 12:00 Noon on Thursday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Shannon Greer. Interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to the Lane Funeral Home, Ashland Terrace, 601 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga, TN 37415.

CURTIS RANDOLPH “Randy” KIMES – Died Monday, September 4, 2017 in California at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on October 31, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pasadena Chapter #446**.



PHILIP WHITMAN KNAUTH – Died Wednesday, July 24, 2013 in Hong Kong, China at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Connecticut on October 6, 1943. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam as an Airborne Ranger with the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a First Lieutenant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham (Washington) Chapter #165**. He is interred in the States Veterans Cemetery in Middletown, Connecticut.

CLIFFORD JEALD “Jerry” KNOWLTON, SR. - Died Sunday, February 26, 2017, at the Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 79, following a sudden illness. He was a resident of Blackshear, Georgia. He was born in Waycross, Georgia on October 8, 1937 to the late Clifford Lee and Julia Neal (née Davis) Knowlton. He had grown up in Blackshear but had lived in Brunswick for several years before moving back to Pierce County in 1980. Mr. Knowlton was a 1955 graduate of Blackshear High School. He attended the University of Georgia and Middle Georgia College before being drafted into the United States Army for which he served during the Vietnam War. Once out of the service, Mr. Knowlton returned to Athens where he went on to graduate from the University of Georgia with a degree in Biology. Following his college graduation, he went on to work for the State of Georgia in the Department of Natural Resources as a Marine Biologist and retired in 1997. Mr. Knowlton had served in the Bishopric in Brunswick as well as serving as Bishop at the Waycross First Ward and in Douglas, GA in the Stake Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was a faithful servant and follower of Jesus Christ. He had also served as secretary and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070** and had been very active in the Scouting Program and the Young Men’s Program. He will be remembered as a kind and loving husband, father, and grandfather who had a larger than life personality. He will be dearly missed will always be loved very much by his wife and family. He was also preceded in death by a son, Jay Lawhorne and by a great-grandchild, Aniston Lawhorne. Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances (née Williamson) Knowlton, of Blackshear; two daughters, Mary Kellie Landoll and Anna Mangum, both of Blackshear; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Danna Knowlton, of Brunswick, Cliff and Leah Knowlton, Jr., of Douglas, and Jason and Jessica Knowlton, of Italy; a sister, Sandra Huckaby, of Saint Simons Island; a brother and sister-in-law, Neil and Judy Knowlton, of Blackshear; twelve grandchildren, Janna (Matt) Peebles, Brandi Mangum, Jeffree Knowlton, Sloan Knowlton, Johnathan (Cindy) Lawhorne, Justin (Amy) Lawhorne, Joseph Lawhorne, Cotton Lee, Brady Knowlton, Garrett Knowlton, Jett Knowlton, and Evan Knowlton; eight great-grandchildren, Emmalynn Knowlton, Dean Dahlem, Jr., Marissa Mangum, Alyssa Mangum, Sohpie Lee, Abby Lawhorne, James Lawhorne, and Sarah Lawhorne, and; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral services for Mr. Knowlton were held on Saturday morning, March 4, 2017 at 11:00 AM from the Waycross First Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Interment was in the Enon Cemetery. Visitation hours for Mr. Knowlton were held on Friday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. The family kindly requested the Elders and the High Priest of Waycross First Ward to serve as honorary

pallbearers. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #1070, PO Box 87, Blackshear, GA 31516. Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at www.pearsondial.com. Pearson-Dial Funeral Home, Inc., of Blackshear was in charge of the arrangements.



EDWARD R. KOSINSKI – Died Friday, July 28, 2017 in Macomb, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 8, 1944. He was the beloved husband of the late Joan (née Wisniewski); loving brother of Casmira (Peter) Sapienza and the late Genevieve Bringard; dearest uncle of Anthony (Lisa) Sapienza, Karen (Jeff) Haase, Victoria (Steve) Bringard, Johanna (Willie) Bringard and Vincent (Sarah) Bringard; great-uncle of Jacob, Joseph, Nolan, Jonathan, Eric, Jacquelin and Julieann; dear cousin of Gerry Izzard, Rose Brys and the late Joan Margerum. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**, the American Legion and retired from Ford Motor. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 3:00-9:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Scripture Service at Wujek-Calcterra and Sons, 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Road (Shelby Township). The Funeral was on Friday, at 9:30 AM at Saint Isidore Church, 18201 23 Mile Road at Romeo Plank until the time of Mass at 10:00 AM. Donations are welcome for Masses at Saint Bonaventure Monastery. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.



ROBERT HARRISON "Captain Bob" LAMBETH, JR. - Died at Wheaton Franciscan All Saints on Tuesday, October 21, 2015 at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Palo Alto, California on August 24, 1944 to the late Robert Harrison Lambeth, Sr. and Annetta (née LoCicero) Lambeth. He was mostly raised in Boulder, Colorado. He joined the United States Navy in July 1962 until April 1967 where he served two tours of duty in Vietnam aboard the USS Buck. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. He eventually settled in Racine and joined the fire department on August 19, 1967 where he selflessly served his community having saved numerous lives until December 31, 1997. He made Lieutenant on February 28, 1987 and Captain January 1, 1992. His time there is probably best known as Captain of Station 1, Shift B. He married Catherine Reischl, his wife of 37 years on November 3, 1978 and is survived by her along with children Tonya, Robert (Jana), and Kelly and grandchildren Declan and Ethan, sisters Lorinda Hood, Susan (Glenn) Wilson and Suzanne (Rich) Hakissian, brother and sisters-in-law, Greg (Kris) Reischl, Tom (Cathy) Reischl, Robert Reischl, Joe (Missy) Reischl, Margaret (Steve) Wedemeyer and many nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by his extended family and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Annetta LoCicero, father, Robert H. Lambeth, Sr. and father-in-law, Al Reischl. Bob is best known for his generosity, sense of humor and his love of cooking and riding Harley-Davidsons. He was a charter member of the Southeastern HOG chapter where he served as director and head road captain. He also served on the committee for the Wisconsin State HOG Rally for 10 years. Cathy and Bob took numerous cross-country trips on

their motorcycles and made many friends along the way. He could often be found at Rojo's and Cham North taverns telling jokes and stories from his many adventures. As per Bob's wishes there was a funeral service, family and friends gave him a "Life Party" last May. He also donated his body to the Medical College of Wisconsin. The family would like to thank all family and friends for their support. They also want to thank the Wheaton Hospice for their kind support, especially Emily, Isaac, Chris, and Katie.



THOMAS JOSEPH "Tom" L'AMOREAUX - Died Monday, April 24, 2017 in Horseheads, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 24, 1948 in Elmira, New York to the late Frank and Florence L'Amoreaux. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Maria; children Mark and Julie (Ferris) L'Amoreaux, Lissy L'Amoreaux and Chris Burkhalter, Laurie L'Amoreaux and Greg Remy; grandchildren Luke L'Amoreaux and Ella Remy; cousins Marilyn and Homer Monroe, Eugene, Mary and Thomas Ploucha; and brother and sister-in-law Steve and Vicki Dowzycky. Tom had great pride in his country. He faithfully served in the United States Army as a military policeman during the Vietnam War in 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Following that he finished his degree at Corning Community College and entered the world of sales where he boasted a successful career for over 35 years. He retired from Keebler Foods in 2007. He enjoyed attending many Broadway shows with Maria and held a passion for sports. Tom was a dedicated fan to the Yankees and Notre Dame teams, and was a New York Giants season ticket holder for over 30 years. This passion carried over to him coaching his daughters' softball teams for many years as well as playing basketball and golf. He considered his greatest accomplishment to be his three successful children and especially adored his two grandchildren. Tom had a very kind heart and quick wit and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Tom's funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 28th at Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 410 East McCanns Boulevard, in Elmira Heights, New York. Interment and committal prayers with full military honors were in the Saint Nicholas Cemetery. All were invited to a celebration of his life following services at the Elmira Heights Legion, 236 Scottwood Avenue, Elmira, NY from 4:00-8:00 PM. All services (including church) were celebrated in Tom's style wearing your favorite fan gear. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Tom's name to the Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, or to your charity of choice. Walter J. Kent Funeral Home was in charge of assisting the family.

ANDREW G. LANDON – Died Friday, November 3, 2017 in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death was a stroke and a fall. He was born on July 20, 1940. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**.



RUSSELL DEAN "Russ" LaPOINTE – Died Tuesday, August 15, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the age of 70. The cause of death was liver cancer, dementia and when combined with his PTSD. He was born in Salt Lake City on October 2, 1946 to the late Norma and Delbert LaPointe. He graduated from Granite High. He got his draft notice and was in the United States Army for 22 months. He spent one year in Vietnam. That experience would color the rest of his life. He worked at Union Pacific Railroad for 30 years before receiving a military disability. It was about that time we found he had PTSD. Russ married Barbara Mason on June 28, 1968 and had two children, Glenn (Melanie) and Leslie (Casey) Speer, and; eight grandchildren, Elowyn, Adrienne, Samantha, Caitlin, Kira, Zack, Makayala, and Ava. He spent time hunting, fishing and camping. Russ loved cars (Camaros), NASCAR, motorcycles (Harleys), Ratfinks but he really loved his Miata. He collected so many other things; golf balls, knives, Chevron cars, pens, etc. His body has been donated to the University of Utah Medical School in hopes they can learn some things that will help others. Instead of flowers please donate to the University of Utah National Center for Veterans Studies or a charity of your choice. Tell a veteran you are grateful for their service. There was no service at this time. Thank you Rachael with Hearts for Hospice for the loving care you provided.



CHARLES WILLIAM LARIMER, JR. – Died Friday, September 8, 2017 in Warrior, Alabama at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on March 17, 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Charles and Mary Larimer. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Dawn Larimer; twin daughters, Becky Larimer and Christy (John) Keyes; one grandson, Denton Keyes; one granddaughter, Becca Keyes; and other extended family. He is preceded in death by one sister, Sheril Chapman. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. He retired from US Steel in 2000 after almost 30 years of service. Visitation hours were on Friday, September 15, 2017 from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM at The New Gardendale Funeral Home. A graveside service with full military honors was held at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo at 1:15 PM on Friday.

STEVEN CLAIR LARSON – Died Saturday, October 21, 2017 in Ronan, Montana at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 11, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Chapter #1087**.

THOMAS BUNG KEE "Tommy" LAU (USAF, MSG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, October 12, 2017 in Pearl City, Honolulu, Hawaii at the age of 94. He was born in Honolulu on May 6, 1923. He graduated from McKinley High School in 1941. He served in the Air National Guard, Navy Reserves and the United States Army. He retired a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force culminating in over 30 years of service retiring in 1970. He participated in the Berlin Air

Lift, Korean and Vietnam Wars and various European and Asian missions. He was awarded several commendations for going "beyond the call of duty" which included helping with an aircraft mechanical problem and for attaining 17,000 flight hours. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Honolulu Chapter #858**. He was a volunteer at the Pacific Aviation Museum at Ford Island. He loved sharing his experiences and worldwide travels over a cold beer. He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Elfreda Lau and his siblings, Gilbert, George, John, Joseph, William and Grace. He is survived by his daughters, Cookie Thompson, Charmaine "Maine" Ishikawa, Karin McCorriston; his sisters, Lucille Wong, Marjorie Nahahodo, Mae McGinnis; eleven grandchildren, and; nine great-grandchildren. Visitation hours were from 9:30 AM on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Mililani Memorial Park and Mortuary's Downtown Chapel (20 South Kukui Street, Honolulu, HI) followed by the funeral services at 10:30 AM. The burial service was on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.



JOHN R. LAUER - Died Thursday, October 26, 2017 at Oak Leaf Manor Nursing Home at the age of 98. He was a resident of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania to the late Robert R. and Maude (née Schroll) Lauer. John proudly served in the United States Air Force during WWII, Korean War and the Vietnam War. He retired from the Air Force after 27 years of service. He later worked for the Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of Employment retiring in 1981. John was a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association and the Retired Enlisted Association both in Washington D.C. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Lancaster Chapter #1008**. He enjoyed traveling and watching sports especially Penn State Football. John is survived by a sister, M. Elizabeth Lauer, of Lancaster. The services were private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice For All Seasons, 280 South Hill Drive, Grantville, PA 17028. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sheetzfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS F. "Tom" LA ZEAR – Died Sunday morning, June 11, 2017 in Maryland Heights, Missouri at the age of 69. The cause of death was complications subsequent to surgery. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on January 22, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. Tom and his big love, big hugs and big laugh will be greatly missed by everyone, especially his children, Tommy, Lou and Kate. His grandchildren, Hayden, Easton and Adrianna will miss "Papa" playing silly games and being at every game, every time and his big hugs and "raspberries"! Tom's siblings, Stephanie Wilson and Mike LaZear will always miss and love their baby brother, Tommy. Tom also will be missed by his nephews, Little Mike, Steve and Danny and his only niece, Cherie whom he gave his last big smile to. Tom served his country in Vietnam and remains a proud soldier. For the last two decades Tom has devoted his life to improving his golf game and more importantly helping others in their recovery. Words cannot express the depth of his love for family and friends. The funeral service was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 10:30 AM.



FLOYD EDWARD LEFFERT - Died at 2:09 PM on Friday, August 4, 2017, in the Fort Wayne, Indiana VA Medical Center. He was a resident of Roanoke, Indiana at the age of 73. The cause of death was coronary myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure and anemia. He was born on June 12, 1944, in Logansport, Indiana to the late Robert F. and Mary E. (née Marlatt) Leffert. A 1962 graduate of Logansport High School, Floyd received a bachelor's degree from IPFW. He was a United States Army veteran, having served in Vietnam, and was a member of the American Legion and life member of the VFW. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**. Floyd was retired from both NIPSCO and the Indiana Department of Transportation, where he was a Union Representative for the UAW, AFT Local 9212. He had been a volunteer firefighter for the Markle Volunteer fire department. He enjoyed NASCAR, and professional baseball. Surviving are his children, Scott (Deeanna) Leffert, Chesterton, Denise (Bill) Tiede, Winamac, Michael Leffert, Logansport and Jesse (Deeda) Leffert, Markle; two brothers, Paul (Vicky) Leffert, Aldie, Virginia, Robert Leffert, Jr., Las Vegas, NV; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 11, 2017, at the Kroeger Funeral Home, with the Reverend Dean Snyder officiating. Visitation hours were from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, also at the funeral home. Interment was in the Veterans Square section of Mount Hope Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

PAUL J. A. LEHNARD, JR. – Died Tuesday, July 18, 2017 Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 20, 1946. He was the former husband of Phylis Schmidt; dear father of Shannon Cain; dear grandfather of Amanda Holmes; our dear cousin, and; a friend of many. Paul proudly served in the United States Army with the 11th Armored Cavalry Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028** and VFW Post #1102. The funeral service from the Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road on Friday, July 21st, at 9:00 AM to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Church for the 9:30 AM Mass. The interment was in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions were suggested to be made to the American Cancer Society. Visitation hours were held on Thursday from 4:00-8:00 PM.

RICHARD LEE “Dick” LENNINGTON - Died Monday, December 25, 2017 at the Heath Nursing Care Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Newark, Ohio. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on January 18, 1946 in Newark, Ohio to the late Floyd E. and Mary Louise (née Beal) Lennington. Richard was an independent truck driver for thirty-five years before retiring. Throughout his travels he was able to see and visit many beautiful parts of the United States. He was a member of the Moundbuilders VFW Post #1060 and the Buckeye Lake VFW Post #1388 where he served as Quartermaster. Dick was a member of the Masonic Order and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. He was a Boy Scouts Scoutmaster with Troop #7, and a volunteer firefighter with the Madison

Township Fire Department. Dick also enjoyed watching and collecting trains and had an extensive hat collection. Most of all Dick proudly represented his country by serving in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his partner, Eloise F. England; a son, Chad (Dale) Lennington of Newark; a daughter, Jennifer (Billy) Smith of Newark; a sister, Ruth Ann Shoemaker; grandchildren, Tyler Givens and Ginger Durbin. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Lennington; and a sister, Frances Seacat; daughter, Kimberly Sue Lennington. Friends and relatives were received from 4:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, December 28th at the Newark Chapel of the Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral and Cremation Service, 59 North Fifth Street, Newark. A funeral service celebrating his life was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 29th, at the Newark Chapel of the Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral and Cremation Service with Reverend Mark T. Shoemaker officiating. The Licking County Veterans Alliance conducted military honors at the Newark Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Memorial contributions may be made in Dick's name in care of the funeral home. The Newark Chapel of the Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral and Cremation Service was in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT N. "Bob" LINDSEY - Died Saturday, October 28, 2017 at VCU in Richmond, Virginia after sustaining critical injuries in an auto accident a few days earlier on Thursday, October 26, 2017. He was 77 years of age and a resident of Callao, Virginia. Bob was born in Akron, Ohio on July 16, 1940. After college graduation, Bob worked as a printer, a boutique owner, a soldier in Vietnam with the United States Army, a builder of custom log cabins in upstate New York, and a machinist for Singer. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America**. He moved to Washington, DC in the 1980's to work in the campaign of a major presidential candidate. He then found his true vocation in DC as a teacher of construction skills to troubled young adults in the city's Anacostia area. In the two years prior to retirement, Bob served the Environmental Protection Agency as a trainer for regional staff administrators. When he retired to the Northern Neck in 2003 with his wife, Barbara Shine, Bob became a leader in the Northumberland County Democratic Committee. He also was an ardent volunteer for Friends of the Northumberland Public Library, the NNK Citizens Climate Lobby, The Haven Shelter and Services and other local groups. Bob was intellectual, philosophical, deeply ethical and freely giving; he tried at every turn to make this region and this world a better place. Survivors include Shine, his wife of 26 years; daughter, Margaret Hewitt of Orlando, Florida; daughter, Julia Ross of Newport News; stepdaughter, Marcia Shine Brown of Glen Burnie, Maryland; stepsons Robert E. Shine and John N. Shine of Gaithersburg, Maryland; and eight grandchildren and step-grandchildren. A family and friends' celebration of Bob's life was planned for mid-December. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers or other gifts, donations be made in Bob's memory to the Haven Shelter and Services in Warsaw (havenshelter.org) or the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance in Richmond vsdvalliance.org.



JOHN STEPHEN "Steve" LONG and KRISTI JO (née Allen) LONG – They both died on Saturday, August 19, 2017 in Marietta, Ohio. John was 67 years of age and Kristi was 66 years of age. They were residents of Union, West Virginia. They

both died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Steve was born at Red Sulphur Springs, West Virginia on February 14, 1950 to Reba (née Saunders) Long, of Greenville, West Virginia and the late Orville “Shorty” Long. He was a carpenter and owner of Long’s Construction, a Veteran of the United States Navy and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #1108**. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by a brother, Milton Grey Long. Kristi was born at Pearisburg, Virginia on February 25, 1951 to the late Robert Nevitt and Dorothy (née Sibold) Allen. She was a teacher in Monroe County Schools, music director at Trinity United Methodist Church and pianist at Mount Prospect Baptist Church, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Monroe County 4-H Leaders Association, WV 4-H All Stars and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #1108**. Surviving are children; Janena Long Davis and husband, Jeff, of Bridgeport, Stephanie Long, of Union, John Long and wife, Samantha, of Union, Scott Baker, of Lindside, Todd Baker and wife, Korie, of Union; grandchildren, Lilly, Steve and Nick Judy, Zoe and Cat Long, Hailie and Kendall Davis, Emma, Owen, Aaron, Abbie, Ean and Amiee Baker; brothers and sisters, Linda Dixon and husband, Dickie, of Union, Vickie Francis and husband, Nathan, of Peterstown, Mike Allen and wife, Becky, of Union, Dave Allen and wife, Joan, of Rainelle and Terri Allen, of Roanoke, VA.; special family members, Hayley, Asia, India and China Collins and DeShawn Hayes. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 25, 2017 at the Groves Funeral Home Chapel in Union with the Reverends Terry Utterback and Frank Naglic co-officiating. Burial was at the Red Sulphur Springs Cemetery at Red Sulphur Springs. Friends visited the family at the Groves Funeral Home in Union from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 24, 2017. The family requested that Memorial Donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1108, P.O. Box 126, Union, WV 24983. Military Graveside Rites were conducted by the U.S Navy Honor Guard. Those wishing to send online condolences to the Long Family may do so by visiting www.grovesfuneralhome.com.



THOMAS CHARLES “Tom” LOOMIS - Died Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at his home in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. Tom was born on December 19, 1949 to the late Rex Loomis and Doris (née Pollitz) Loomis in Monroe, Michigan. He was a 1968 graduate of Britton Macon High School, in Britton, MI. On December 12, 1970, he married Shirley May Miller. She preceded him in death on December 1, 2006. Tom served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968-1972 and was a Vietnam Veteran. After his military service he worked for the Ann Arbor Rail Road Co, from which he retired. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. He was very proud of his military service and continued serving and socializing with other vets. He also loved hunting, fishing, target shooting, and bingo. Tom was an avid reader, he loved all types of books, and was especially fond of old westerns. Tom is survived by a daughter, Angela Kasack, of Toledo; two grandchildren, Chase Loomis, also of Toledo, Kayla Hess; and a great-granddaughter, Lilianna, both of Coweta, OK. Also surviving are, brothers, Bob (Patti) Loomis, of Adrian; Chuck (Cindy) Loomis, of Tecumseh, and; sisters, Mary Crutchfield, of Westland, MI; Donna (Rick) Klught, of Britton, MI; Betty (Art) Erickson, of Manitou Beach, MI; Joyce (Larry) McAnally, of Adrian, MI;

Linda Friday, of Orland Park, IL, Jane (Dan) Heiden, of Hillman, MI, and Judy (Phil) Burgard, of Charlotte, NC, and; many nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents, and brothers-in-law, Keith Crutchfield, and Henry Friday. Family and friends were received at the Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home, 1163 West Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, 43612 on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 with visitation from 10:00-11:00 AM and the service was at 1100 AM. Interment was in the Highland Memory Gardens, 8308 South River Road, Waterville, OH 43566. Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



JOHN PAUL LYNCH - Died Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at home in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 71, unexpectedly of natural causes. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 11, 1946 in Madison to the late Clarence E. and Jeanette C. (née Schmitt) Lynch. John was a graduate of East High School in Madison. He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was proud of his service and remained very active with VFW Post #7591 where he was the service officer. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitewater Chapter #409*. He worked for 20 years as a mechanic for the U.S. Postal Service. John was the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back and help in any way he could. He enjoyed fixing cars, was the go-to-guy if your car broke down, and he passed his knowledge on to his sons and others. He adored his grandchildren and they were his pride and joy. John is survived by his children, Scott (Stacy) Lynch, Paul (Merranda) Lynch, Cathy (Chris) Davis, David (Alyssa) Lynch, Tina (Donald) Bryant; seven grandchildren, Megan, Marin, Noah, Hannah, Ava, Evan, Eian; a sister, Barbara Nisius and niece and nephew, Jeanie and Jim Nisius. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, Neville Ward. The family extends their thanks to Dennis Landen for always being there. A memorial service was at 11:00 AM on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at the Ryan Funeral Home, 2418 North Sherman Avenue, with Military Honors and VFW Pass and Review Honors accorded. Visitation hours were at the funeral home on Sunday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. To view and sign this guestbook, please visit: www.ryanfuneralservice.com.

CHARLES GREGORY MANN – Died Wednesday, August 23, 2017 in Wadsworth, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 30, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385**.

THOMAS K. MARRINAN – Died recently in 2017 in Arlington Heights, Illinois at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 15, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**.



REVEREND CHARLES JOSEPH MARSHALL – Died Saturday, (Veterans Day) November 11, 2017 in Saint Petersburg, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 21, 1940 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late Charles and Lorraine (née Zimmerman) Marshall. He served in the United States Army as a Military Chaplain in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Petersburg Chapter #522**. Charles Joseph Marshall went to be with our Lord Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017. He was married to his loving wife, Barbara (née Icenogle) Marshall for 57 years. He is survived by two sons, Joe (Melanie) of Tomah, Jim (Ruth) of Stoughton, WI; one daughter, Julie (Jesse) Mull of St. Petersburg, FL. He also leaves behind 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren, who blessed his life greatly. He is also survived by a brother, Marty (Patty) Marshall of Bridgeville, PA. Charles graduated from Johnson Bible College, Christian Theological Seminary, and the University of Wisconsin. He served as a Chaplain with the U. S. Army for 20 years. His tours of duty included Vietnam, Korea, Germany, as well as multiple Army Posts in the U.S. After retiring from the Army, he pastored churches at the Winnebago Indian Mission, Black River Falls, and in the United Church of Christ, Earl, Wisconsin.



JEROME L. "Jerry" MASE - Died Monday, June 26, 2017 in Lodi, New York at the age of 69, after a courageous battle with cancer at the Bath VA Medical Center. He was born on June 3, 1948 in Elmira, New York to the late Thelma (née Sechrist) Mase and Milton Mase. Jerry graduated from Southside High School then enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam from 1968-1969, serving with the Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Upon his return he attended BOCES for machinist training. He worked for several machine shops around the area and retired in 1996. Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Donna (née Spencer) Mase; daughter, Laurie (Vince) Haduck; sons, Steven Moretz and Toby Mase; grandchildren, Andrew, Alexander, Colby and Amber; great grandchildren, Aubriella, Mason and Liam; brothers, James (Kurina) Mase, John (Janet) Mase and Jeffery (Brenda) Mase; sisters, Jackie (Bucky) Peel and Joy (Ermen) Paulo; sisters in law, Leatrice (Skip) Caseman and Deborah (Jeffery) Wilson; along with several nieces and nephews. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Thelma and Milton; daughter, Heather Mase; brother, Joseph Mase; sister, Jenny Edwards; and nephew, John Caseman. Jerry was an avid Dale Earnhardt fan, enjoyed hunting and going to see the elk at Benezette each fall. His special joy was being with his grandchildren and living at the lake. Family and friends were invited to gather at the Olthof Funeral Home, Inc., 1050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira on Friday, June 30, 2017 from 4:00 PM

to 6:00 PM. A Memorial Service honoring his life followed the visitation at 6:00 PM. Interment took place on Saturday in East Canton Cemetery at 10:00 AM, where the Chemung County Veterans Honor Guard, which Jerry used to be a part of, accorded him with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Chemung County Humane Society and SPCA, 2435 Route 352, Elmira, NY 14903.



DAVID LEWIS MAYS - Died Friday, November 24, 2017 at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 75. He was a resident of Mayfield, Kentucky and formerly of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 19, 1942 in Tioga, Pennsylvania to the late Stuart and Sara (née Bliss) Mays. He attended graduated from North Penn Senior High School. David worked for Southern Machine Tool and Dye and later for Technical Plastics in Poplar Bluff. Throughout his 17-year military career David served in the United States Army, United States Marine Corps, and the Missouri National Guard where he was a reservist and recruiter. He married Barbara L. Knuckles on September 16, 1977. She preceded him in death on May 21, 2009. When he married Barbara, he gained five children; Dottie (Kenny) Scott, Duke (Kim) Brannum, Mary Jo (Don) Lynn, Nola (Randy) Scott, and Teresa "Tee" (Russell) Gaddis. On May 15, 2015 he married Peggy McReynolds in Graves County, KY. He was a member of Agee Fellowship Church and the Poplar Bluff Masonic Lodge #209. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harviell (Missouri) Chapter #1056**. David is also survived by his wife, Peggy Mays; two daughters, Tina Tedone and Lia (Alphonse) Domingo; 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 2 great-greatgrandchildren; five siblings, Lorraine Nearing, Esther Harer, Stu Mays, Skip (Deborah) Mays, and John Mays. He was preceded in death by his first wife and parents. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 10:00- 11:00 AM at the Moore Funeral Service in Poplar Bluff, MO. Funeral services were held immediately following visitation at 11:00 AM in the Moore Funeral Service Chapel with the Reverend Jim Hoyt officiating. The burial took place in the Black Creek Cemetery.

ROBERT L. "Bob" McCULLEY - Died Thursday, October 26, 2017 at his residence in Harriman, Tennessee at the age of 69, with his family be his side. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born in Anderson County, Tennessee on October 3, 1948 to the late Rosemond and Emma McCulley. Bob was of the Baptist faith. He was a retired machinist with 41-plus years. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War, where he attained a Bronze Star and various other service medals. He served from 1967 to 1971. Bob was a member of the American Legion and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Tennessee**. Above all, Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Bob was preceded in death by parents, Rosemond and Emma McCulley; and several sisters and brothers. He is survived by wife of 47 years, Mary C. McCulley, of Harriman; daughter, Michelle McCulley Roberts (Howard), Virginia; son, Kevin McCulley (Kelly), Kingston; 12 grandchildren;

two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Ken and Jo Cline, Harriman. Evans Mortuary, Rockwood was in charge of the arrangements.



DENNIS L. McLAUGHLIN - Died Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at Ministry St. Joseph Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin at the age of 68. He was a resident of Saratoga and Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 15, 1945 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Leo and Gertrude McLaughlin. He married Janet Wells on October 11, 1980 in Wausaukee, Wisconsin. Dennis served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1964 until 1970. He was employed by Wisconsin Gas Company for 17 years. Dennis was a member of the Knights of Columbus Third and Fourth Degree. He also served as Grand Knight. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish and served as an usher. He was a member and past president of Historic Point Basse. Dennis was a member of Engle Fellowship Lodge and I.O.O.F. (International Order of Odd Fellows), where he served as Nobel Grand and secretary. He also was a member of the Nekoosa VFW Post #5960, where he served as Senior Vice-Commander and Chaplain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101**. Dennis was a storm watcher for Wood County Emergency Management. His interests included riding motorcycles, boating, rescuing wild animals, operating his ham radio, reading, and researching history for Point Basse. He is survived by his wife, Janet; and his sister, Kathleen McLaughlin of Milwaukee. Funeral services were held on Monday at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Nekoosa, Wisconsin. Reverend Father John Swing was the Main Celebrant. Visitation hours were held at Sacred Heart Church on Monday from 9:30 until 11:00 AM. The Feldner/Ritchay Funeral Home of Nekoosa assisted the family. Online condolences may be expressed at ritchayfuneralhome.com.



RANDALL CLYDE MEAD - Died Tuesday, October 24, 2017 in the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center of Mishawaka, Indiana at the age of 75. He was a resident of Mishawaka. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on June 23, 1942 to the late Oscar Clyde and Blanche (née Bowerman) Mead. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps for fifteen years and then in the United States Air Force Reserves for another six. He was a member of the American Legion Post #303. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. On June 2, 1976, he married Marvetta Lynn Runnels. Randall retired from the US Postal service. Randall is survived by his loving wife, Marvetta, two children, Constance Lynn Mead and Glenn Allen Mead, two step sons, Kevin Bruce Batchlor and Timothy Lynn Batchlor, and one grandchild, Alexander Atlas Archambault. He also leaves behind his siblings, Vickie Monroe and Sandy Plummer. Friends visited with the family on Thursday, October 26th from 10:00 AM until service time, in the Bubb Funeral Chapel, 3910 North Main Street, Mishawaka. A memorial service celebrating Randall's

life was held at Noon in the funeral chapel. He was laid to rest in the Military section of Fairview Cemetery.



LOUIS GENE MILLER – Died Sunday, October 8, 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 69. He was a resident of Newcastle, Oklahoma. The cause of death was intracranial hemorrhage. He was born on April 3, 1948 in Blanchard, Oklahoma to the late Roy and Loretta (née Garrett) Miller. He attended Bridge Creek and Newcastle School and he was of the Baptist faith. Gene served in the United States Army for 6 years. He arrived in Vietnam during “Tet” February of 1968, where he served one year with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, known as the Legendary Blackhorse. After being discharged from the Army, he married Marsha Sifers on November 15, 1969 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Gene was a carpenter, where he had worked with his dad building homes around the Tri-City area and diesel mechanic. He and his wife had a Truck Road Service for several years until his health forced him to retire. He was a life member of the 11th Armored Cavalry’s Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia, Blackhorse Association. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma City Chapter #291**, Blanchard VFW, American Legion, DAV, Blanchard VFW Honor Guard and VAMC Volunteer. He loved fishing, riding motorcycles, but really enjoyed building high performance small block Chevrolet engines. Gene is survived by his wife, Marsha Miller of 48 years; his daughter, Jennifer Turner and her husband, Scott; and his “lil punkin” granddaughter, Julia Turner; his brother, Paul Miller; his sister, Evelyn York; his nephews, Chris Morris and his wife, Brandy; Carl Miller, David Miller and his wife, Charity; Raymond A. York and Tim York; his favorite niece, Melissa York; his grandnieces, Destanie Miller, Mikayla Miller, Rylie Miller, Kelsi Miller, Lexi Miller, Maddi Miller, and; his two grandnephews, Noah Gene Miller and Carter Louis Morris, whom he enjoyed being his “Papaw”, and; his sister-in-law, Phyllis Been and numerous relatives. Memorial donations may be made to the Blanchard VFW Children’s Fund.



JOHN “Monty” MONTANARO, JR. - Died Saturday, May 6, 2017 after a courageous battle with Leukemia. He was a resident of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina and was 71 years of age. He was formerly of West Springfield, Massachusetts. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on August 31, 1945 to the late John and Mary (née Ramponi) Montanaro. He served his country during the Vietnam War, in the United States Coast Guard as an Engine Man Third Class and honored with the Medal of Defense. He later transferred to the Coast Guard Reserves. He was a member of the Auxiliary Police of Springfield. He retired as Crew Supervisor from Western Massachusetts Electric Company (now known as Eversource Utilities). John was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219** of Westfield, Massachusetts. He leaves his loving wife of 39 years of marriage, Margaret “Peggy” (née

Santinello) Montanaro, of Murrells Inlet, SC; a son, John, Montanaro, his wife Heather; and a grandson, Sonny, of Falmouth, MA; a daughter, Stephanie Vitale-Brown, granddaughters, Gia and Sophia of Florida two sisters, Barbara Hansel, and Irene Wysocki, both of Springfield; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Gus Montanaro, a sister Rose Coughlin, and his twin sister, Sandra Kenyan. The family received friends from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 25, 2017 in the Colonial Forastiere Family Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam. A funeral home service took place at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 26, 2017, followed by burial with military honor in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Hospice of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina for their compassion and support in John's final days. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701. Please visit www.forastiere.com to share a personal message with the family.

KENNETH MARTIN MORRIS – Died Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in Elkton, Virginia, at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 7, 1944 in Rockingham County to the late Ernest G. and Oneda (née Conley) Morris, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two brothers, John W. and Ernest G. Morris, Jr. On November 9, 1968, he married Sandra F. Morris who survives; together they enjoyed 48 years of blissful marriage. Also surviving are two brothers, Fred Morris (Mary Ann) and Wayne Morris; sisters, Janet Ford (Gary), Kitty Villescas (Nick), Cathy Corral (Lupe) and Lois Gutierrez (Freddie). Also surviving are Kenneth's God Children, Jeff, Rodney and Charles Morris, all of Fulks Run. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. Kenny served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and after was a salesman for 38 years at Pepsi-Cola. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bridgewater Chapter #1061**. He loved sports, hunting, softball, NASCAR, boxing, football and going golfing every week for over 20 years with Don Morris, Jerry and Eddie May. Every Friday morning, he attended a prayer breakfast at West Valley until his illness made it impossible. He also enjoyed playing cards, listening to Bluegrass and could quickly dance a jig. Kenny was a loving man giving lots of hugs. He was a trusted and dedicated friend to many. Never meeting a stranger, he would engage in conversation easily forming many friendships upon his first acquaintances. His many lifelong prized friends did not forsake him during his illness. Many dear friends will cherish his memory and his family extends their deepest gratitude to all those who helped in ways large and small during his illness. A funeral service was conducted at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Kyger Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, officiated by Pastors Jim Harrison and Lane Turner. Interment was in the Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 1:00-2:00 PM.

LARRY GENE MORRIS – Died Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in Hoboken, Georgia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 12, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070**. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday in the Miles-Odum Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery. The family received friends on Saturday at the funeral home beginning at 1:00 PM.

WILLIAM ROBERT MULLINS - Died Monday, September 18, 2017 in Bradyville, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lebanon, Tennessee on March 15, 1940. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089** and was a retired route supervisor for Landshire Foods. Funeral Services were at 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2017 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Brother Tony Burnett officiating. Interment was in the Amity Cemetery. Visitation with the family was from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

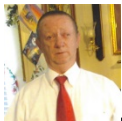
THOMAS CHARLES MURTHA - Died Sunday, November 5, 2017 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 14, 1933. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a former president of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was the beloved husband of the late Ella M. (née Burkett) and dear father of Maria, Katherine, Thomas Jr., Ella and Genevieve; and survived by six grandchildren. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his funeral service on Friday at 12:00 PM from the Aldworth Funeral Home, Decatur and Charles Streets, Philadelphia, PA followed by the interment service at 2:00 PM in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA. Calling hours were held on Thursday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 PM and again on Friday after 10:00 AM.



ROBERT JAMES “Bob” NELSON, SR. (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Friday, October 20, 2017 in Anchorage, Alaska at the age of 74. The cause of death was pneumonia and a stroke. He was born on January 24, 1943 in Fort Myers, Florida. Bob leaves behind his wife, Barbara, of 51 years; his sons, Bob, Jr., Brian, and Brad; his daughters, Beth, Brandi, BreAnn, Jackie, and Esha; in addition to their spouses and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his third son, Brook. After serving in the United States Army for 30 years, Bob and Barbara moved to Alaska in 1993, where they immediately knew they were home. During his 30 years in the Army, he was a broadcast journalist for much of his career while serving two combat tours in Vietnam and then as an advisor during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Following 9/11, he volunteered and was deployed to New York City four times to counsel veterans and first-responders through his nationally recognized PTSD programs. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville (Alabama) Chapter #373**. He again volunteered to deploy and assist after Hurricane Katrina while serving Alaska for 23 years with the Veterans Resource Center. During Bob's time with the Vet Center, he developed support programs for both active duty and family members at both Fort Richardson and Elmendorf AFB along with veterans at the Anchorage Correctional Facility. He was instrumental in assisting local and state governments to advocate for veteran issues and you would always see Bob as he spoke at Veteran's and Memorial Day ceremonies for most of his career in Anchorage. One of his proudest accomplishments was his pivotal role as one of the organizers of Stand Down Alaska, a

nationally based organization recognized as the most valuable outreach tool to help homeless veterans in the nation today. Bob made an enormous impact and touched the lives of countless people in the community through his unwavering commitment to serving veterans and their families. Bob was often referred to as "hero" and everyone that knew Bob felt his passion for taking care of people and knew that there was nothing that he wouldn't do to help. He will be immensely missed by his family and friends all over the world and his impact and commitment to Alaska will continue to be felt for generations. A memorial service was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at St. Patrick Parrish on Muldoon Road with Reverend Father Dan Hebert officiating followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be directed in his name to Stand Down Alaska, PO Box 92135, Anchorage, Alaska, 99509-2135.

WAYNE ROBERT NEWSOME – Died recently in 2017 in Chesterfield, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 27, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



JAMES EDWARD NICKELS - Died Thursday, October 26, 2017 at University of Tennessee Medical Center at the age of 69. He was a resident of Kingsport, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kingsport on November 19, 1947 to the late Stanley W. Nickels and Louise Nickels-Sulfridge. He was a veteran of the United States Army and National Guard. James enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He attended Parker's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. James was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley W. Nickels and Louise Nickels Sulfridge; brothers, Stanley Nickels Jr. and Alex (Johnny) Nickels. Survivors include his loving wife of 11 years, Linda Nickels; his stepson, James Lane and wife Cathy; his stepdaughter, April Barton; his sisters, Gwenda Mitchell and husband Doug, Teresa King, Sherry Jenkins and husband Toy, Anna Johnson, and baby sister Lisa Barnett; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his beloved dog, Max; along with several nieces, nephews, and a host of special friends. The family received friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, October 30, 2017 at Parker's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church or anytime at their residence. A funeral service followed with Pastor Mark Ball and Larry Winkle co-officiating. Music was provided by the church choir and Blood Bought. A military graveside service was conducted on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at the Mountain Home National Cemetery with honors conducted by American Legion Hammond Post #3/265. Family and friends served as pallbearers. To send a condolence to the family please visit our website at www.cartertrent.com. Carter-Trent Funeral Home downtown, Kingsport served the Nickels family.

HARVEY D. NIXON – Died in 2002 in Panama City, Florida at the age of 53. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 13, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



FRANKLIN DELANO "Frank" NORRIS - Died Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in Warsaw, Missouri at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Du Quoin, Illinois on January 29, 1937 to the late William Scott and Jesse Leoma (née Griffin) Norris. He attended school in Du Quoin and at the age of 18, joined the United States Army. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and Fort Riley in Kansas and other bases domestic and foreign in the four and a half years he was in the Army. He then joined the United States Air Force and served another four and a half years stationed at bases in Illinois and Alaska. He was united in marriage to Iris Sigler on April 8, 1965. After his service to his country, he started a career in paint and interior and exterior decorating which expanded over forty years working in Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Geneva Chapter #693**, American Legion, American Chemicals Society, NIPDI, Northern Illinois Home Builders, FOP, Masonic Lodge #254, VFW, Moose Lodge #400, UCT, Easter Seals telethon participant, and the 101st Airborne Rangers Tenth Infantry Division. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Janice, aka Babe, and Joyce Odessa, and one brother, William Norris. He is survived by his wife Iris, of the home, his children, Kalli Norris, of Aurora, Illinois, Robert (Laura) Norris, of Seattle, Washington, Fran (Scott) Christner, and William Norris, all of Warsaw. He is also survived by grandchildren: Arthur Griffis, Aurora, IL, Joseph Banuelos, Denver, CO, Rachel Norris, Seattle, WA, Michael Norris (Kimberly), Moorhead, MN, Iris K. Norris, Rochelle, IL, Amanda Hester, Harvard, IL, and Adam Rivera, Naperville, IL, great-grandson and best buddy Aiden Hester, Warsaw, MO and his seven other great-grandchildren. Funeral services and Military Honors for Frank was held on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at 11:00 AM at the Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw. The family received friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the services.



HARRY RAYMOND OAKLEY, JR. - Died Wednesday, November 15, 2017 in Avon Park, Illinois at the age 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 15, 1937 in Byesville, Ohio to the late Harry Raymond Oakley, Sr. and Doris (née Peyton) Oakley. He was a 1955 graduate of Cambridge High School and attended Muskingum College before entering the United States Air Force in 1958. Harry and Mildred (née Casterline) were married on June 12, 1960 at the Beckett Avenue United Methodist Church in Cambridge, OH. Harry was a highly decorated U.S. Air Force veteran. His military career included the Ohio Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force Reserves, where he attained the rank of Chief Master Sergeant (CMSGT). In the 1970s, he served as a lay minister at the Middlebourne United Methodist Church, OH. His assignments were spread across the U.S. and included a total of six years duty overseas. Having served his country faithfully and honorably for 35 years, CMSGT Harry R. Oakley, Jr. retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1993. Upon retirement, Harry and Mildred moved to Avon Park, FL

and Harry worked at the Avon Park Air Force Range with base operations. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sebring Chapter #1097*. On May 29, 2008, he was recognized for 12 years of outstanding and dedicated service with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the State of Florida. Harry's passion was serving others, especially veterans. He served as Past President, Veterans Advisory Board of Highlands County for the Board of County Commissioners; Past President, Veterans Council of Highlands County; Past Commander, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 49 Ridge, Sebring, FL; and Chairman, Florida Medal of Honor Memorial. On Feb. 20, 2016, Harry was the recipient of the Veterans Council of Highlands County "2015 Veteran of the Year" Award. Harry enjoyed family time, traveling to visit family and friends, reading, and walking his dogs. He was a member in good standing in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Guernsey Lodge No. 66, Cambridge, OH for 58 years. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He is deeply loved by all and he will be dearly missed. In addition to his parents, Harry was preceded in death by his grandson, Mitchell Oakley. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mildred, of 57 years of marriage, and his children, Michael (Terri Selsor) of Geneva, FL; Kathryn of Herndon, VA; Patrick (Laura) of Chandler, AZ; Byron (Heather) of Avon Park, FL; brothers, Robert (Judy) Oakley and Pete (Sandy) Oakley both of Kipling, OH; sisters, Joyce Lucas of Cambridge, OH; Patricia (Bob) Wilhelm of Byesville, OH; many nieces and nephews; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many friends who will miss him. Visitation hours were held from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 111 East Circle Street, Avon Park, FL 33825. Full Military Honors were held at 1:30 PM. Personal condolences may be extended to the family at www.stephensonnelsonfh.com. Following visitation hours, a "Celebration of Life" was held at 3:00 PM at the VFW Post #4300, 1041 Lake View Avenue, Sebring, FL, 33870. The family suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Harry's memory to (1) Florida Medal of Honor Memorial, 6223 US Hwy 27 N PMB 16, Sebring, FL 3370 or (2) Veterans Council of Highlands County, Inc., 7209 South George Boulevard, Sebring, FL 33875. Harry was laid to rest in the Guernsey County Memory Gardens, Cambridge, OH.



RICHARD EMORY "Rick" O'DELL - Died Monday, December 4, 2017 in Roanoke, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death was congestive heart failure, end-stage renal disease status post nephrectomy, diabetes mellitus type II and atrial fibrillation. He was born on August 9, 1947 in Bluefield, West Virginia to the late Hubbard Wiseman O'Dell and Jacqueline (née Pettitt) O'Dell. Richard is survived by his wife of 24 years, Dale O'Dell; one brother, Robert (Jill) O'Dell of Telluride, Colorado; sister, Roberta O'Dell of Brewton, Alabama; nephew and niece, Booker and Teagan O'Dell of Telluride, Colorado; uncle, James R. (Rebecca) O'Dell of Newton Grove, North Carolina; and numerous cousins. He served as a Sergeant in the United States Army from 1967-1970. He first served in Europe with the 2nd Armored Cavalry

Regiment and then had combat service (Tank Commander and Gunner) with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam and Cambodia before being honorably discharged. Rick, a lifelong veteran's advocate, serving as Treasurer and Vice President of **Vietnam Veterans of America** and was a *Life Member* prior to becoming the Director of the Virginia Department of Veteran's Affairs. He also co-authored several publications to assist veterans. The family received friends on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Oakey's East Chapel and other times at the residence. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund, Ollie Pickral, 571 Ditchley Road, Kilmarnock, VA 22482 or a charity of your choice. Inurnment was held in Arlington National Cemetery.

JOSEPH "Joe" "Buddy" OLIVER, JR. – Died Monday, December 4, 2017 in Angola, Louisiana at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 17, 1955. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam from August 2, 1974 to December 11, 1974. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angola Chapter #689**.



JAMES M. "Jim" OLSEN – Died Sunday, October 8, 2017 in Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born on January 7, 1941. He was the beloved husband of Dorothea (née Lodato) for 55 years; dear brother of Richard (Karen), Donald (Lynn) and the late Robert; brother-in-law of Joseph Lodato; also, many nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Visitation at the Sterling Heights Chapel of Bagnasco and Calcaterra Funeral Home, 13650 East Fifteen Mile Road (at Schoenherr) was on Thursday from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM with evening Rosary at 7:00 PM. The funeral was on Friday at San Francesco Catholic Church, 22870 South Nunneley Road (off Metro Parkway, East of Gratiot). He laid-in-state from 9:30 AM until the time of Mass at 10:00 AM. He was an avid golfer, a starter at the Maple Lane Golf Course and a 1996 retiree from Michigan Caterpillar Corporation after over 30 years of service. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Inc., 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or The Carmelite Monastery of Saint Thérèse, 35750 Moravian Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035 would be appreciated by family.



ALVIN THEODORE "Al" O'VERY, SR. – Died Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 1, 1943 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late Alvin R. O'Very and Merry Lee (née Zorn) O'Very. He was a graduate of McLure High School. Al was a United States Naval Veteran during the Vietnam War having served onboard the USS Enterprise on the flight deck. He was a member of the original crew when the USS Enterprise was first commissioned. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Al was a former employee of the Kelly-

Springfield Tire and Rubber Company and retired from Lions Manor Nursing Home. He was a member of Our Lady of the Mountains Parish and Saints Peter and Paul Shrine. Al was also a member of the Queen City Lodge #131 A.F.&A.M., the Ali Ghan Shrine Club, the Scottish Rite, and the Knights of Saint Andrew. Al was an avid outdoorsman. Al is survived by his wife of 52 years, Cynthia O'Very; his daughter, Lisa O'Very; and his sons, Alvin "Ted" O'Very, and; Michael O'Very. He also leaves behind his sisters, Merry Geisler and Sandy Walls; and his brother-in-law, Bill Lang and wife, Darlene. Al is also survived by his grandchildren, Alec and Olivia Wilson; Taylor, Teddi, and Chloe O'Very; and his great-grandson: Zayden. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, on Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Queen City Lodge #131 A.F. & A.M., conducted a service at 7:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM, with Father James Watson, OFM Cap., officiating. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Laura Crawford, a close family friend, for all the help she has given to the family.

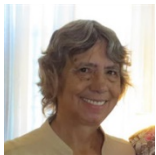


DENNIS JAMES OWENS - Died Friday, December 16, 2016 in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 4, 1944 to the late James and Josephine Owens. He was a loving husband to Cathy just shy of 48 years (adopting her surname Campbell as a second middle name when they married), a beloved dad to Camp (Vivienne), Mollie (Stephen), Mary Theda (Igor), and Sean (Marlin), and a doting "Pap-O" to Jameson, Sawyer, and Magnus, and; survived by three brothers, four sisters, and many nieces and nephews. He was an appellate attorney of renown, respected by his peers, having won a case in the Supreme Court of the United States and editor of the Appellate Practice Journal for 25 years; a winner of many awards including "Lawyer of the Year," once interviewed by the White House for a federal judgeship. He graduated from St. Joseph High School in Shawnee, Rockhurst College in Kansas City, and received a Jurist Doctorate from University of Notre Dame. He led a platoon of United States Marines in combat as a First Lieutenant in Vietnam, 1969-70. He was named by the Jaycees as an Outstanding Young Missourian in 1980. He served in the Kansas City Consular Corps as the Honorary Consul General of Austria for 30 years. He held memberships in the American Law Institute, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Sons of the American Revolution, *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**, Heart of America Council Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Knights of Columbus, and Missouri Republican Party, serving as state committeeman and Presidential Elector. He thoroughly enjoyed model railroading through several model train clubs and as a member of the Burlington Route Historical Society. He exhibited a lifelong love of reading and owned a personal library of more than fifteen thousand books, donating many to schools, libraries, and universities. Last but not least, he was a winner on TV's "Hollywood Squares" and a champion on "Jeopardy." These are all things we love and will remember forever about our Dennis Owens. Visitation

hours were from 6:00-8:00 PM on December 26th at McGilley Memorial Chapel (Midtown) with a Celebration of Life Mass at 10:00 AM on December 27th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City. Burial was in the National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kansas. Donations may be made to Morning Glory Ministries at the Cathedral which benefits the needy and homeless, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation or a charity of your choice. Fond memories and condolences may be offered at www.mcgilleymidtownchapel.com.



NEAL C. PACCAGNELLA - Died Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 78. He was a resident of Racine, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Milwaukee on February 2, 1939 to the late Pasquale and Mary (née Picciolo) Paccagnella. Neal proudly served in the United States Army in Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and served as Honor Guard with the VFW Post #1391. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. He retired from the Ladish Company after over thirty years of employment. He co-owned Neal's Casual Fine Dining. Neal was a longtime dedicated member of Roma Lodge where he coordinated hundreds of weddings. A Harley enthusiast, Neal loved riding his Harley and belonged to the Wisconsin HOG Chapter. Neal also enjoyed cooking and gardening, but above all, he loved his time with his family and attending his grandchildren's activities. He will be dearly missed by his children, Kellie (Rick) Smetana, Dean Paccagnella; loving papa to Kasey Lynn Paccagnella, Isabella, Olivia, and Sophia Smetana; great-grandson, Devendra; his fiancée, Lorraine Zacher; her children, Lynn (Robert) Berndt, Lisa Langsdorf, Rebecca (Kyle) Cunningham, Robert Zacher; loving papa to Tyler and Morgan Berndt, Caitlin and Mitchell Langsdorf, Zachary Heiman, Jordy Cunningham, and Robert Zacher; brother, Jack (Beverly) Paccagnella; Aunt Rose Pauli; his canine companions, Vinny and Willie; other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia "Penny" on February 3, 2005; and his son, Darrell on February 11, 2012. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 12:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment with Full Military Honors followed at the Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Town of Dover. Relatives and friends met with the family on Monday at the funeral home from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM and on Tuesday at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until the time of the service at 12:00 PM. Donations to the family for a memorial to be established in Neal's name have been suggested.



ANNE THERESA "Annie" (née Hummel) PANCRAZIO - Died Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 5:15 PM in Mesa, Arizona at the age 67. The cause of death was small cell lung cancer which was quite aggressive. She was born on September 5, 1950, in Akron, Ohio, the sixth of seven children born to the late Richard Charles Hummel and Charlotte (née Burdette) Hummel. She went to Saint Sebastian Elementary School and Our Lady of the Elms High School. She was a life-long member in good standing of the Dirty Dozen Club, a ridiculous and fun family club of all who were descendants of Charlotte Hummel. She loved to listen to rock music growing up. Her mother drove her and a few siblings to Cleveland, OH, to hear The Beatles play in concert when they first became a hit. She also got to see Simon and Garfunkel, Z Top and Emerson

Blake and Palmer. Later in her life she got to an Alice Cooper concert. Drinking Coca Cola was part of her teen ritual. She also loved working on her computer and playing computer games. A Commodore 64 was the first computer she worked on. She also liked anything Irish. She liked the music and the pleasure she got from it. She gathered people together and would march in local parades with her Irish Potato People. Fun was always a necessary part of her life. Receiving a B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Akron, she taught for two years. Finding that too stressful, she chose to do a variety of other jobs instead. Some of the jobs she had were as a Jingle Scoot ice cream truck driver, manager of a gas station for 8 years, volunteer buddy to AIDS sufferers, printer in a screen printing shop, library aide, care giver in hospice and assisted living facilities and child care. She worked at two golf courses. At one of them she met Harry Chapin and his son. Another time she met Omar Sharif's son. She cared about people and showed that she did. She lovingly took care of her mother for several years as she was aging and getting sick. A very happy moment in her life was when she met Johnny Pancrazio online in a Vietnam Veterans chat room and started a friendship. Ultimately, they got married and lived in Illinois, then Las Vegas and finally in Arizona. They were married for about 20 years until October 14, 2016, when Johnny passed away. She then decided, in her words, to "Move Bravely Forward." She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Prescott Chapter #95**. She had a child when she was a teen and gave her up for adoption because she couldn't take of her. Always thinking about her, when the OH Adoption records opened up for search by the birth mother and the adopted child, she and her husband looked to find that young woman. They did find Jamie and started a very loving relationship with her and her adoptive mother, Judy. Annie was very happy to have found Jamie and her three grandchildren. She was quite a voracious reader, devouring books as if they were food. She was always thin so maybe she did eat books instead of food! She had a sharp memory and could remember many minute facts. That was a wonderful way for her to enjoy the world. Annie loved children's literature as she loved children since they see the world in such a delightful way. She also did some traveling and took road trips with one of her sisters and her brother-in-law. She got to Ireland, Yellowstone, the Netherlands and even closer, Winslow, AZ, where she could be "standing on the corner in Winslow, AZ" after she had visited the Petrified Forest. Loving life was a favorite activity of hers. Everyone has trials and tribulations in their lives, but Annie always rose above those moments and turned lemons into lemonade. She didn't have a lot of money, but she was organized, frugal and a great manager of her finances. She lived within her means. Her minimalist lifestyle resembled the life of her Uncle Rich. She was born Roman Catholic but decided later in life that she was more spiritual and not necessarily religious. She LIVED her good works every day by her kindnesses to others. That fed her daily. She loved pets, having had a dog named Puppy and many cats. Her last three cats were named Peaches, Rascal and Scampy. She also seemed very fond of a cat she had named Squeaky. They were her little furry friends. Annie always helped stray cats too. She had a respect for all living creatures. In her retirement, she read a lot, volunteered at the Mesa Public Library and joined the birders at the Desert Botanical Garden. She made many good friendships in those places. She also went out to lunch or dinner with some of them, went to listen to jazz, watched Game of Thrones and Comedy Central with friends, and took walks in many places where she could view birds. She was a very fast walker. She had a lot of nervous energy to expend. Her eyesight was very good, so Annie could see birds that people with binoculars were

having trouble spotting! She always shared what she saw with the others around her - a touch of the teacher in her. She loved to eat cheese anyway she could - plain, in burgers, on foods. She also liked her peanut butter fold-over sandwiches. Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks would handle her caffeine desires. In the evening she would sometimes enjoy a glass of Zinfandel. Mayonnaise was a good friend of hers as it was to many Hummels in her family. She loved to mix ketchup and mayonnaise together and put it on burgers and dip fries in it. A Swenson's burger was heavenly to her. She stopped eating shellfish when she started breaking out in hives! Tuna noodle casserole was another favorite dish. She loved all of the dishes Jamie cooked. I think it was because Jamie was cooking them. The other thing was that she didn't have to cook then! Hmmm..... She amused herself by using creative visualization when things or people annoyed her. It seemed to save many lives! She collected pigs and hearts for pleasure. She had a special pig named Pleasant Pig that her husband gave to her when she was going through radiation treatments for breast cancer 11 years ago. Annie was a quiet, mild-mannered person. A bit shy, she could climb out of her shell when she needed to. She had spunk and was quite determined in what she did. She was very realistic about her life. She also possessed humility. She lived her life with dignity and eventually went on to join her husband Johnny and their pets to cross the Rainbow Bridge together. Now she is at peace and we are blessed to have had her in our lives. She was predeceased by her father, mother and brother Tom. She leaves behind her siblings, Charlotte, Frances, Richard, Mary and Julie; her daughter Jamie and three grandchildren, Anna, Anthony and Maria; her husband's daughter Mae, her husband Dave and two grandchildren, Alex and Alan; her sister-in-law Joanny; Sister Ruth Rohr; a slew of nieces and nephews; many good friends from the Mesa Public Library and birders at the Desert Botanical Garden; friends and family members from many places. She was cremated and left it to her daughter to decide what to do with her ashes at a later date. There will be no ceremony or service in AZ. Her ashes will go to OH and a gathering of family and friends will be arranged later following Annie's wishes. Annie felt that she was created by the great Earth Spirit and that she was returning back to nature to make room for others. She asked that a special song be played - "I'll Be There" by the Escape Team. A note was found in her possessions that sums up what she thought about her passing. No author is mentioned. "You will not see the sun rise in the East again, nor will you see the moon in all its brightness in the night sky, nor feel the wind on your face nor the earth beneath your bare feet. Today you are going home. May the ancestors greet you and show you the way. May your journey be joyful." If you feel like writing a condolence, tell a little story about something you remember about Annie. Then others will be able to enjoy the stories. If you feel you would like to do something to express your love for Annie, DAILY be a friend to someone. Show by your kind and loving actions that you remember Annie and her kindness and love to you. That would please her.



LYLE WILBERT PARIN - Died Monday, April 21, 2014 in New Richmond, Wisconsin at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 29, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Judith Parin; his children, Kristina (John) Kaufman, Matthew (Allison Kreutzjans) Parin; his granddaughter, Natalie Marie Kaufman; his sister, Gayle Nash, and; his

sister-in-law, Dorothy (Thomas) Furey. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – River Falls Chapter #331*. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the First Lutheran Church, 218 County Road K, New Richmond, WI. Visitation hours were on Saturday from 12:30-2:00 PM at the church. The interment was on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 12:00 PM in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Lane 5. Bakken-Young Funeral Home in New Richmond was in charge of the arrangements.



BLAIR ADAMS PATTERSON, SR. – Died Sunday, November 19, 2017 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chattanooga on November 27, 1943 to the late Eugene Patterson and Helen (née Jones) Patterson. He was a graduate of Baylor School attended the University of Georgia and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He was a member of Saint Paul Episcopal Church for more than fifty years and was a member of Privateer Yacht Club where he enjoyed sailing on Lake Chickamauga. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He served our country in the United States Army in Vietnam and after returning he worked with his family business, Chattanooga Boiler and Tank Company. After the company was sold, he obtained his certification in commercial real estate and was in that industry for twenty-nine years. Blair had many hobbies including, racing power boats, out board tunnel hulls and sail boats. He set a world speed record on Lake Guntersville for his outboard tunnel boat racing class. He loved to duck and dove hunt, built and flew remote control airplanes, raced dirt bikes and was a lifelong Tennessee Vols fan. His friends and family will remember him as very devoted individual and practical joker with a great sense of humor. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Patterson; mother, Helen Jones Patterson; twin brother, David Lloyd Patterson. Survivors include his wife, Lucy Patterson; his son, Blair Adams Patterson, Jr.; his daughter, Bonnie Blair Patterson-Houser. The funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at Saint Paul Episcopal Church with the Reverend Brad Whitaker officiating. Interment was in the Forest Hills Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Army. The family received friends from 4:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday at the Wann Funeral Home, 4000 Tennessee Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37409 and from 1:00-3:00 PM on Wednesday in the Key Andrews Hall at Saint Paul's. The arrangements were made the Wann Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 4000 Tennessee Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

KENNETH PAYNE – Died recently in 2017 in Sedro Woolley, Washington at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 21, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165*.



LARRY PEARSOL - Died Sunday, October 15, 2017 at home in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death was acute cardiorespiratory failure, end-stage Lewy body dementia, severe coronary artery disease and post-operative atrial fibrillation.

He was born on January 9, 1947 in Sunnyside, Pennsylvania to the late William and Clara (née Richardson) Pearsol. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bev (née Hill) Pearsol; twin brother, Harry Pearsol of West Elizabeth and brother, Dutch Pearsol of Richieville; his sister, Connie Armstrong of West Elizabeth; his two little friends, Trent and Colten; also, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by son, Allen Scott Pearsol. He retired as a backhoe operator for Pennsylvania American Water Company. A United States Navy veteran having served during the Vietnam War, he was a member of the Elrama Sportsman's Club and a life member of the Clairton VFW and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862*. Friends were received in the Paul E. Bekavac Funeral Home, Elizabeth on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 1:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. The funeral service was on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the funeral home chapel with the Reverend Emerson Williams, Jr. officiating. The burial was in the Round Hill Cemetery, Elizabeth Township.

EDWIN FRANCIS PELOSKY (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 28, 2017, at Fairmont Crossing at the age of 92. He was a resident of Amherst, Virginia. The cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia and dementia. He was born on October 25, 1925 in Deerfield, Massachusetts. He was the husband of Lois (née Markham) Pelosky. Edwin was a proud, retired career United States Army Veteran (Colonel), where he served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. During his service, Edwin earned two Silver Stars and two Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton (Maryland) Chapter #648*. In addition to his wife, Edwin is survived by three children, Jill Beth Clark and her husband Donald of Amherst, John Pelosky of Richmond, James Pelosky and his wife Mary Ellen of Naples, Fla.; two brothers, Richard Pelosky and his wife Ann of Warwick, R.I., Robert Pelosky and his wife Marylee of Yarmouth Port, Mass.; two grandchildren, Claire Pelosky of Naples, Fla., Kristen Rodgers and her husband Drew of Jessup, Md.; one great-grandson, Henry Rodgers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

GAROLD E. PIERCE – Died Tuesday, October 24, 2017 in Geneva, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ashtabula, Ohio on September 17, 1949 to the late Garold and Anna (née Holbrook) Pierce. Garold was a graduate of the Harbor High School Class of 1967. In 1969 he entered the United States Army and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. He worked for over 25 years for Perfection Corporation in Geneva. He played softball and bowled for many years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ashtabula Chapter #231*. Garold was also a volunteer driver for the Ashtabula County Veteran Services Commission for many years following retirement. He is survived by his loving family: his daughter LeeAnn Pierce; his sons Dante Pierce and Jason (Dorothy) Pierce; his grandsons Devan and Smith Pierce; his brothers Harold and Glen (Patty) Pierce; and his sister Robin Pierce. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Annabelle (née Hausmann); and his sister Anna Hedrick. Funeral services were held on Friday at 11:00 AM at the First Community Church of God, 1910 South Ridge Road West, (Route 84) Ashtabula with Pastor Hal Morgan officiating. Burial was in the Harpersfield Township Cemetery. Calling hours were held on Friday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 at the church.

STEPHEN H. "Steve" POPE - Died Friday, September 22, 2017 at home in Salisbury, Maryland at the age of 75. The cause of death was Acute myeloblastic leukemia (AML). He was born on September 17, 1942 in Frostburg, Maryland to the late Claude S. and Regina (née Loraditch) Pope. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his, Father Benedict Pope, OFM Cap. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Donna (née Oester) Pope; his daughter, Faith Ritchie and husband, Jody, Frostburg, Maryland; his brothers, James (Delores) Pope, Gaithersburg; Eugene Pope, Salisbury; Earl (Rosezita) Pope, Mount Savage, MD, and David Pope, Grantsville, Maryland, and; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Steve was a 1960 graduate of Salisbury Elk Lick High School. He was a United States Army veteran, having served 1 year in Seoul, South Korea as an MP. Steve was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, West Salisbury; the Grantsville American Legion, Post #214; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**; the Salisbury VFW; and was a 50-year member of the Salisbury Fire Department. At Steve's request, there will be no visitation. The funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at Saint Michael Catholic Church, West Salisbury, with Father Francis Fugini, OFM Cap. Committal services were at Saint Ann's Cemetery, Avilton, Maryland, with military graveside rites by the Grantsville American Legion, Post #214. A fellowship meal was held at the Avilton Community Hall following the committal service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Avilton Community Association or Saint Ann's Mission, c/o Randy Kamp, 8043 Avilton-Lonaconing Road, Lonaconing, MD 21539 or WVUcancer.org/donate. The arrangements were made by the Price Funeral Service, Inc., Meyersdale.

JAMES PROFFITT – Died recently in 2017 in Glendale, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Island Lake Chapter #242**.



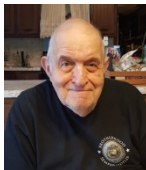
ALAN P. PROTT - Died Monday, September 5, 2016 at Aspirus Hospital, Wausau, Wisconsin at the age of 71. He was a resident of Presque Isle, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin on August 19, 1945 to the late Clarence and Lois (née Schoeppe) Prott. He was a graduate of William Horlick High School "Class of 1965." On October 23, 1965 he was united in marriage to Darlene Monty. Alan proudly served in the United States Army stationed in Vietnam from June of 1966 to 1967, as a Specialist 4 under the Big Red One Division, and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the American Legion Post #480, Presque Isle, WI. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. Alan was employed by Jacobsen Manufacturing for thirty-six years and was also employed by Ruud Lighting, Schoeppe Farms, and as a brick layer, retiring to Presque Isle in 2005. His pastimes included fishing, playing cards, and feeding his deer and birds. Above all he cherished time spent with his family. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife of fifty years, Darlene; his children, David (Kim) Prott, Donna (Glenn) Chapman; his granddaughter, Mikayla Lee Prott; brother and sisters, Danny (Kathy) Prott, Susan Roell, Sharon (Mike) Todorovick, Sandy (Andy) Langenfeld; his godson, Adam Prott; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Catherine and Cyrus Monty. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 10:30 AM at Franksville United Methodist Church, 10402 Northwestern Avenue, with Reverend John Fleming

officiating. Interment with Full Military Honors was in the West Lawn Memorial Park. Relatives and friends met with the family on Friday at the Franksville United Methodist Church from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM and on Saturday from 9:30 AM until the time of the service at 10:30 AM. Memorials to the American Legion Post #480, P.O. Box 178, Presque Isle, WI 54557 have been suggested. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to all the doctors and nurses for their loving and compassionate care and to American Legion Post #480 for their support during this difficult time. Maresh-Meredith and Acklam Funeral Home 803 Main Street, Racine, WI 53403.

JOHN N. QUINNE - Died Monday, November 20, 2017 at his home in San Anselmo, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Falls River Mills, California. John was a career United States Army Nurse and after retirement went on to work at both Ross and Kaiser Hospitals. He was a long-time Boy Scout leader of Troup #25. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty; his son, Steve (Toni); his daughter, Dianne Berto (Joseph); his grandson, Mike (Jennifer) and his granddaughter, Heather (Rich), and; great-grandchildren, Tristen, Jordan and Soleil.



PETER LOMBRE RAY - Died Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the age of 75. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Washington, DC on July 16, 1939 to the late Donald L. Ray, Sr. and Teodora D. Ray. Peter leaves behind his beloved wife of almost 50 years, Gloria M. Ray of Cheyenne, WY; his son, the late Peter J. Ray; his daughter, Sandra Hines (Philip), Hull, MA; his son, Thomas Earley (Joanne), Cheyenne, WY; his grandchildren, Philip Hines and the late Kerry Hines, Hull, MA and Jason Earley and Kenny Earley, Cheyenne, WY. He was the brother of Donald L. Ray Jr. (Jean), Vallejo, CA; Michael D. Ray (Tracie), Silver Springs, FL and his recently departed sister, the late Linda T. Fernandes, Northbridge, MA. Peter also leaves behind an array of extended relatives and friends from coast to coast. A veteran of the United States Army, Peter served during the Vietnam War and he proudly continued serving his country through his many volunteer efforts at the American Legion, VFW, and AMVETS organizations of Cheyenne, WY and was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wyoming** and a successful career as a pressman in the printing industry.



JOHN O. "Jack" REVER - Died Monday, January 2, 2017 at 1:10 PM at Saint John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 76. He was a resident of Taylorville, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 30, 1940 in Moweaqua, Illinois to the late John H. and Wanda (née Simpson) Rever. He married Rita Ann Nixon on August 9, 1985 in

Taylorville, IL and she preceded him in death on March 4, 2014. He was retired from the Illinois Child Support division and he was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and the Army National Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. John was a member of the Evangelical Free Church in Taylorville, IL. Surviving are his daughters: Shara (Greg) Schuh of Taylorville, IL and Rhonda Beck and Companion Everett Johnson of Taylorville, IL; Sons: John (Jodi) Rever of St. Joseph, MO and Rob (Mary) Rever of Taylorville, IL; Grandchildren: Samantha (Stephan) Eckert, Andrew, Alex and Nick Rodgers; Dallas (Dixie) Beck; Steven (Ashley), Matt (Alyssa), Zach, Tim and Luke Rever; Great-Grandchildren: Dalten Beck, Trenten Rever and Logan Rodgers; Sister: Sr. Kristin Rever of Jackson, MS. Visitation hours were held on Friday, January 6, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Sutton Memorial Home in Taylorville. The funeral service followed the visitation starting at 7:00 PM at the Sutton Memorial Home in Taylorville with the Reverend Jim Wolfe officiating and military honors being performed. Inurnment was held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Central Illinois 423 Keys Drive, Normal, IL 61761-1958. Sutton Memorial Home in Taylorville assisted the family with the arrangements.

EARL CLAIR RHUE, JR. – Died Saturday, October 7, 2017 in Rock Spring, Georgia at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Washington, DC on June 30, 1942 to the late Earl Clair, Sr. and Marie Rhue and has lived in the Rock Spring/North Georgia area for the past ten years. Earl proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam, having received the Merit Unit Commendation in 1963 as well as the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal (First Award) in 1964. He retired in 2003 from the Washington Metro Transit Authority following 25 years of service as a supervisor. Mr. Rhue also served as Post Commander of VFW Post #2562 in Wheaton, MD. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring (Maryland) Chapter #641**. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brother, Bond Rhue. Survivors include his loving wife of 52 years, Margaret (née Hope) Rhue; his sons, Matthew (Holly) Rhue and Robert Rhue (Kristin); his grandchildren, John Ryan, Jillian, Walker, Cooper and Kennedy Rhue; his sister, Susie George, and; his great-granddaughter, Tenleigh Grace Nolan. A private memorial service was held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be shared at lane-southcrestchapel.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Mutts with A Mission, P.O. Box 4147, Suffolk, VA 23439, www.muttswithamission.org. Arrangements were made by the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory, at the end of historic Missionary Ridge, Rossville, Georgia.



BILLY NEWELL "Bill" RIGGINS, M.D. - Died suddenly on Thursday, September 28, 2017 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 30, 1937 in Hazard, Kentucky to the late Alma (née Allen) Riggins and Newell Grady Riggins, M.D. The family moved to Knoxville where his father established his medical practice in Burlington. Bill graduated from Knoxville East High School in 1955. He was president of the choir, member of the National Honor Society, Student Council treasurer, class treasurer, captain of the basketball team and received the Danforth Award for leadership. He received his

amateur radio (HAM) license at age 14 and won several competitions in trap shooting in his age group. Bill graduated from U.T. Medical School in 1962, served an internship at UT Hospital (Knoxville) and joined his father in his practice in 1963. He was drafted during the Vietnam War and spent two years as a flight surgeon in the United States Army. He was deployed in the Dominican Republic and Vietnam as the chief medical officer in Pleiku. After his military service, he continued to practice medicine in Burlington for 50 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Bill had received his pilot's license, was a certified scuba diver, bare boat captain, extra class HAM operator and liked to farm. He contributed to the community through his church and the Love Kitchen. He was a devoted Christian, husband, father and grandfather who could fix anything from your plumbing and electricity to a cut or a broken bone. He was a member and deacon at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and had been a Sunday school teacher and officer at Macedonia United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bob Allen Riggins. He is survived by wife of 59 years Patricia; sons, Grady (Becca), Patrick and Martin of Knoxville; daughter, Rebecca (Justin) Ault of New Market; grandchildren Spencer Riggins, Matthew Riggins, Joshua Riggins, Hunter Riggins, Laura Ault, Nathan Ault, Jacob Ault, Aaron Ault, Drake Parker and Dylan Parker; sister Joanne (Dr. Jay) Mounger; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Vernon; niece, Mary Honey; nephews, Allen Riggins, Daniel Mounger, Stephen Mounger and John Mounger; many beloved cousins in Knoxville and middle Tennessee. The family received friends at the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel on Sunday, October 1st from 2:00-4:00 PM. Private graveside services were held at a later date. In lieu of flowers make a donation to your favorite charity or The Love Kitchen, P.O. Box 6839, Knoxville, TN 37914. Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel was honored to serve the Riggins family and invites you to view and sign their online guestbook below.



VERNON LEE RINGLER - Died Wednesday, November 1, 2017 in New Carlisle, Indiana at the age of 70. He was formerly of South Bend, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 20, 1947 in South Bend to the late Vernon H. and Emma (née Hancz) Ringler and then moved to New Carlisle in 2005. Vernon was a graduate of Riley High School in South Bend, IN, and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he was a 3rd Recon Marine Veteran of the Vietnam War. He then went to work as a Welder for several different companies. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. Vernon is survived by his uncle, Eugene Hancz of South Bend, IN; many cousins; his beloved dog, Fancy; and his beloved cat, Topsy. He enjoyed his animals and faithfully walking his dogs both day and night. There was no visitation or funeral per Vernon's request. He wanted to be remembered as he was alive. The family sends many thanks to all his loving neighbors and others in the community who watched out for Vernon and who greeted, cared about, and visited with him. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Humane Society of Saint Joseph County, 2506 Grape Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545. Kaniewski Funeral Home, New Carlisle handled the arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit www.kaniewski.com.

ROBERT G. RUMBOLD – Died Thursday, May 5, 2016 on Staten Island, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Dorp, Staten Island, New York on August 21, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. He is survived by his wife, Laura, of the home.



ARLO GORDON SABOE - Died Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in the Prairie Lakes Hospital Emergency room at Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 72. He was a resident of Willow Lake, South Dakota. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest, Pneumothorax and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on June 6, 1945 at Clark, South Dakota to the late Clarence and Borghild (née Steen) Saboe. Arlo attended country school and later graduated from Willow Lake High School in 1963. Following high school, Arlo attended Northern State College in Aberdeen and was on the Rodeo Team. In August of 1966 he enlisted in to the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served his country honorably until August of 1968. While in the service he received 3 Bronze Star Medals and a Purple Heart. On May 1, 1970 he was united in marriage to Linda Yexley at the Good Hope Lutheran Church north of Willow Lake. The couple lived and worked in Willow Lake where Arlo worked for the Willow Lake School District as custodian and later as a bus driver. Linda died on August 9, 2000. In early years Arlo enjoyed playing baseball at Willow Lake and later coached American Legion Baseball. He also umpired many baseball games over the years. Also in the community, Arlo was one of the first board members of the Clark County Pro Pheasants, taught Hunter's Safety Course for some 30 years to the youth, emphasizing in ethical hunting. He always had time to take a kid hunting, especially goose and pheasant. Arlo spent time teaching Archery Safety to kids and enjoyed taking them fishing as well. He was the instigator of the Veterans Memorial in the park at Willow Lake, a memorial honoring the Veterans of Clark County. Arlo will long be remembered with a motto "Best medicine is giving someone a hug". Arlo was a proud member of the Willow Lake Fire Department, American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**, and Grace Lutheran Church at Willow Lake. Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, Linda, a son, Scott, and a brother, Jean Saboe. Survivors include his daughter, Ann (Mike) Remington of Hot Springs, grandchildren, Dustin Saboe of Alabama, and Breanna and Tyler Remington of Hot Springs, sister-in-law, Mildred Saboe of Willow Lake and in-laws, Victor (Karen) Yexley of Watertown, Alan (Susan) Yexley of Bradley, David (Joyce) Yexley of West Fargo, ND, and Steven (Betty) Yexley of Littleton, CO, nieces, nephews and a host of friends including some very special friends, Brian and Sandy Hovde, and Kurt and Bonnie Siebrands, and of course, his cat, Benny. Visitation hours were held on Friday, December 8, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Grace Lutheran Church at Willow Lake and continued after 9:00 AM at the Church on Saturday morning. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2017 in the Grace Lutheran Church at Willow Lake

with The Reverend Keith Garness officiating. The organist was Dorothy Fuller with Lisa Bruley as soloist. The honorary casket bearers were members of the Willow Lake Fire Department and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1054 at Watertown. Those serving as active casket bearers were Brian, Spencer and Sam Hovde, Chance Burke, Darin Michalski, Curwin Bratland, and Glenn Gehrke. Burial with full military honors provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1054, Johnny Fonken American Legion Post #113 of Willow Lake and the South Dakota Army National Honor Guard were in the Collins Cemetery at Willow Lake. Memorials to the Willow Lake Fire Department Fireworks Fund or the Clark County Pheasants - Pheasant Restoration Fund would be appreciated in lieu of flowers. The Furness Funeral Home of Clark served the family where there is an on-line registry at www.furnessfuneralhome.com.



WILLIE C. "Will" SANDERS, SR. - Died Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Roanoke Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie, North Carolina at the age of 70. He was a resident of Ahoskie. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Albany, Georgia on August 17, 1946 to the late John and Catherine Sanders. He was raised and educated in Albany, Georgia where he attended Monroe High School. He established lifelong relationships in Albany prior to moving to Newark, New Jersey where he continued his education at Weequahic High School. Will completed his education while serving in the United States Army. His dedication to service and social awareness began at an early age as a civil rights activist alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Will enlisted in the United States Army on January 13, 1961 where he served in the Vietnam War. He was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division and served in the infantry. Among his many awards and recognitions for his distinguished service were the Parachute badge, Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnam Service medal and several others. He was honorably discharged on December 23, 1966. He was a member of the American Legion and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ahoskie Chapter #1094**. He is survived by his wife, Melba Lee Sanders, of the home; his sons, Willie C. Sanders, Jr., of Greensboro, North Carolina and Jason Sanders, Sr., of Charlotte, North Carolina; his daughters, Yvonne Jackson, of West Palm Beach, Florida, Mary Robinson, of Paterson, New Jersey, Delritha Sanders Dodson, of Burlington, North Carolina and Katrice Howell, of Paterson, New Jersey, and; one grandson, whom he raised as his own, Terrence Edward Sanders. A visitation for Mr. Sanders was held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, February 24, 2017, in the Roanoke Rapids Chapel of H.D. Pope Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 25, 2017, also in the Roanoke Rapids Chapel of H.D. Pope Funeral Home. The Interment was in the Aulander First Baptist Church Cemetery in Aulander, NC. These professional services were entrusted to the H.D. Pope Funeral Home, located at 520 Smith Church Road in Roanoke Rapids, NC.



GARY LOUIS SASS, SR. - Died Friday, August 11, 2017 in Oregon, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 24, 1947 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Robert L. and Barbara (née Harmon) Sass. Gary proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a member of the DVA, AMVETS, VFW #3338, American Legion, and the Lucas County Memorial Day Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. Gary is preceded in death by his infant son, Stephen Gabriel; grandparents, William and Evelyn Harmon and Louis T. and Elsie Sass; and father, Robert L. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife, Christie; mother, Barbara; sister, Sandra Everhart; children, Gary Jr., Jeshua, Nicole, Jessica, Robert; grandchildren, Eddie, Evelyn, Alex, Haley, Emily, Erica, Sara, Quinn, and Zachary. Visitation hours took place on Friday, August 18, 2017 at the Hoeflinger-Shank Funeral Home, 3500 Navarre Avenue, Oregon, OH 43616 from 4:00 PM-9:00 PM with a VFW Service at 7:00 PM Visitation continued on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 10:00 AM until the start of funeral services at 12:00 PM including Military Honors.

RONALD S. SAYLES – Died recently in 2017 in Cartersville, Virginia at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 1, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**.



ROBERT GUSTAVE "Bob" SCHLESIER - Died Wednesday, October 11, 2017 in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 81. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born in Oceanside, New York on December 3, 1935. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; his daughter, Heidi (Jeff), of Colorado; his son, Gustave (Marie), of Virginia; and four lovely granddaughters, Paige, Kathryn, Alysia, Alexis; and many other family members and friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and while in Vietnam was wounded and air-evacuated back to home. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter#1106**. Bob was laid to rest at the Fort Logan National Cemetery on Friday, October 27th at 1:15 PM. Arrangements were under the direction of Olinger Hampden Mortuary and Cemetery, Denver, CO.



JOHN J. SCHMIDT – Died Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in Lindstrom, Minnesota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 16, 1943. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mora Chapter #684**. Friday, December 15, 2017 – A Celebration of Life Gathering

was on Friday, December 15, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Saint Albert the Great Church (Social Hall) on the corner of East 29th Street and 32nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN. A Graveside Service was at 1:00 PM at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601-34th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN.

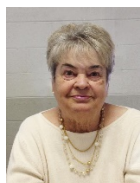
LAWRENCE RAYMOND “Larry” SELICK - Died unexpectedly on Monday, November 27, 2017 in Economy, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. He was formerly of Baden, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 17, 1946 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania to the late Jack and Ann (née Kikta) Selick. He was a retired brakeman for the P&LE Railroad. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved his dogs. Preceding him in death in addition to his parents was his wife, Patricia Desko Selick, brother, Jim Sekanick, two sisters, Marie Erdely and Dorothy Young. Surviving are his two sons, Eric (Amy) Selick of Springdale, Pa. and Lawrence (Kelly) Selick of Chippewa, two grandchildren, Lara and Lawson Selick, two sisters, Betty (Ralph) Sommers of Waynesburg and Bernie (Beech) Mraovich of Conway. There was no public visitation. Anyone wishing to attend the interment services were asked to meet on Monday at 9:00 AM in the parking lot of the John Syka Funeral Home, 833 Kennedy Drive, Ambridge where a funeral procession would be leaving for the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Burial with full military honors took place at 10:00 AM by the United States Marine Veterans Honor Guard and the United States Marine Corps.

JOHN R. “Shep” SHEPERD - Died Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in Heritage Valley Beaver in Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. He was a resident of Midland, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 12, 1948 in East Liverpool, Ohio to the late William H. “Red” and Rachel C. (née Gillingham) Sheperd. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Samuel and Carmella (née DiCiccio) Granito. A 1968 graduate of Lincoln High School, he was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. Shep retired from Eaton Corp., Beaver, where he had been employed as a machinist. He also had been employed with Burn Security at the Shippingport Atomic Plant, Crucible Steel Colt Industries and served as a dispatcher for the Midland Police Dept. He was a member of Saint Blaise Parish family, American Legion Post #481, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8168, Saint Anthony Club and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. An avid sportsman, Shep enjoyed the outdoors; he was extremely civic minded, serving on many events with the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce. He also played a wicked game of pool; but will be best known for the love and dedication to his family. He leaves behind his wife, Sandy (née Granito) Sheperd; sons and daughter-in-law, Brian Sheperd and Paul and Debra Sheperd, all of Midland; his brother and sister-in-law, James and Margie Sheperd, Richardson, Texas; nieces and nephews, Allison, Leigh, Beth, Greg, Samantha and Chelsea, and his great nephews, Jameson and Ryder. Friends were received on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in D.L. Williams Funeral Home, 848 Midland Avenue, Midland, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday at 10:30 AM in Saint Blaise Parish, Midland, with his pastor, the Reverend Father Michael Yaksick, as celebrant. Interment was in the

Beaver Cemetery. Full military honors were presented by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Beaver County Chapter #862.



DAVID FRANCIS SHIRRA – Died Thursday, March 23, 2017 in Blaine, Washington at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 14, 1946 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada to the late Alec and Trenna Shirra. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Dallas (Dale), his stepfather, Russell Erickson, and his infant daughter, Miranda Blythe. When David was a boy his family moved to New Westminster, Canada for a few years, then to Blaine where David stayed. David graduated from Blaine High School and then on to the Vo-Tech for avionics. He joined the United States Army, where he installed Doppler and Loran radars onto helicopters. David was in Vietnam for two years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. After he returned to Blaine he became a commercial fisherman and in his later years he was service officer for 5 years for the veterans In Blaine is where he met his wife, Joanne. They have been married for 39 years. David is survived by his wife, Joanne; his daughters and sons-in-law, Laurie (Terry) Walker, Shannon (Brad) Breivik and Crystal Waisanen. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He enjoyed a good joke, loved Jack Daniels, and will be missed by all. Friends and family were welcome to services held at the American Legion Hall, 4580 Legion Drive, Blaine on Thursday, March 30th at 1:00 PM.



DORIS J. SIGMON - Died Friday March 31, 2017 in Salem, Virginia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on November 19, 1942 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Aikins. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her brother Jim and her daughter Kathy Entzminger. She leaves behind with saddened hearts are her loving and devoted husband of 55 years, Wayne Sigmon; her daughters, Angie Pettus, and Tina Noel (Dan); four grandchildren, Steven Pettus (Madison), Katelyn Noel, Rachel Noel, and Ryan Noel; one great-grandson, Greysen Pettus; her sister, Cindy Dunbar (Billy); her brother, Johnny Aikins (Doreen), and; countless nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Roanoke Chapter #81**. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Simpson Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens. The arrangements were handled by the Simpson Funeral Home and Crematory.



DAVID LIONEL SLEDGE - Died Sunday, August 13, 2017 at his home in Lexington, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 6, 1944 in High Point, North Carolina to the late Lonnie Coy and Olee Catherine Sledge. He graduated from High Point University in 1966 and afterwards, worked as an Auditor with the North Carolina Department of Revenue. That same year he joined the United States Navy and was ordered to Port Hueneme, becoming a member of the Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit #301. The unit was deployed to Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam. David served a 13-month tour of duty and then was transferred back to the states to serve on the USS Shangri-La, Mayport, FL, Commander Air Group, Oceana, VA, and finally the Naval Disciplinary Command, Kittery, MN. While serving his country, David passed the CPA exam and, upon his military release, joined a regional CPA firm in High Point where he became Tax Partner. On January 18, 1977 he opened his own office which would be the foundation of Sledge and Company, PLLC. He also returned to his alma mater, High Point University, in the fall of 1978, where he taught classes until 1980. During his distinguished career, David earned the CPA, CFP, PFS as well as other designations. He also passed multiple securities exams and was a registered representative of Capital Investment Group. David was a member of The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the North Carolina Association of CPA's, the National Association of Accountants and the Estate and Business Planning Group. He also served on many charitable boards such as The Salvation Army of High Point, The ARC and other private foundations. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. Surviving is his loving wife of 52 years, Linda (née Hill) Sledge, of the home; one daughter, Teresa Sledge Edwards and husband Kevin of East Bend; one son, Jamie David Sledge and wife Kim of High Point; five grandchildren, Kacey E. Gorman and husband Ryan, Amber DeeAnn Edwards, Brooke Nicole Edwards, Justin David Sledge and Katie Danielle Sledge; and two great grandchildren, Adaleigh Grace Gorman and Kody Ryan Gorman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanette Lynn Sledge. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday in the chapel of the Cumby Family Funeral Service in High Point with the Reverend Tammy Talbert officiating. Interment with military honors was in the Floral Garden Park Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home and other times at the home of his son, 295 North Old Greensboro Road, High Point, NC. Memorials may be directed to the Macedonia United Methodist Church, 10890 North Carolina Highway 8, Southmont, NC, 27351.

DONALD H. "Don" SMITH - Died Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Orange Regional Medical Center at the age of 68. He was a resident of Middletown, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 2, 1949 in Liberty, New York to the late Henry and Marion (née Shelley) Smith. Don graduated from Middletown High School in 1967 and entered the United States Air Force the following year. He proudly served his country as an Airman until

1972. He worked locally as a mechanic for Ray's Towing in Slate Hill and was a member of the American Legion Post #151 in Middletown. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Middletown Chapter #140**. Everyone knew him as "Big Don". An avid NASCAR fan, Tony Stewart was his favorite driver and he got to meet him at O.C. Speedway. Don liked fishing, four wheeling and was an American car buff who enjoyed Chevys, especially Bel-Airs and Monte Carlos. Don is survived by his wife, Nancy at home; his children, Sara Smith of Goshen, Lindsay Kern and her husband, Steven of Kaneohe, Hawaii, Jeremy Smith and his wife, April of Richmond, VA and Tyler Smith of Middletown. He is further survived by his brother, Robert Smith and his wife, Bonnie of Greenville; and grandchildren: Kelsey, Natalie, Matthew, Maliya and Emi. Visitation was held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Friday, October 13th at the Westtown Evangelical Church, Route 284, Westtown, NY 10998. Cremation was private and the burial of ashes took place at 12:30 PM on Saturday, October 14th at Orange County Veterans Cemetery, 111 Craigville Road, Goshen, NY 10924. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial contributions in Don's name to be made to the Wounded Warriors In Action, www.wwiaf.org/donate. Arrangements were under the direction of Applebee-McPhillips Funeral Home, Inc. www.applebee-mcphillips.com.

ABE J. SPIEGEL – Died Monday, July 3, 2017 in Fall River, Massachusetts at the age of 70. The cause of death was unknown. He was born on October 12, 1946 in Bergen-Belsen, Germany to the late Alex Spiegel and Sally (née Kaminsky) Spiegel. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Campbell) Spiegel. He served in the United States Air Force with a tour of duty in Vietnam during the war. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. Hathaway Home for Funerals of Fall River was in charge of the arrangements. He is interred in the Vinnicum Woods Cemetery in Swansea, Massachusetts.



WILLIAM WAYNE "Stan" STANEK (USAF, MSgt.-Ret) – Died Thursday, May 18, 2017 in Severna Park, Maryland at the age of 77, after a brave battle with Parkinson's and Cancer. He was born in Baltimore, MD on June 2, 1939 to the late William J. and Marie (née Piraino) Stanek and moved to Annapolis in 1944. After graduation from Saint Mary's High School, Wayne joined the United States Air Force where he served his country for 30 years. As an Airman, he had the opportunity to serve his country during peace and war. He was stationed in Texas, Morocco and Plattsburgh NY, where he learned to ski and even had the opportunity to try the bobsled track at Lake Placid. He then went to Cheyenne, Wyoming where in addition to his military duty, he was a ski instructor. During the Vietnam War, Wayne served two tours and rode along on the defoliation missions. It was during the Vietnam War that he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. While stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, DC, Wayne had the opportunity to serve as military escort to Congressional leaders on their travels outside the US. It was during this time that he traveled all over the world - to countries too numerous to mention. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. In 1977 he married his soul mate Jean who predeceased him. However, they were able to share a once in a lifetime assignment at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. For three years, in addition to his regular tour, Wayne and Jean would travel all over Europe, and when they weren't traveling, they loved to participate in various Volks Marches through the Forests of Germany. It was one of his favorite assignments.

Following his retirement, Wayne was able to complete his degree in Business and Management graduating from University of Maryland, University College. Never one to be idle, Wayne worked at the McKeldon Library at the University of Maryland, Renditions Golf Course, and volunteered at the Anne Arundel County Sherriff's office. He was a member of Davidsonville Radio Club, and as a Ham operator, he volunteered to provide communication services for Cycle Across America and the National MS Society's 50K walks. He loved to ride his Harley, and his most prized possession was his 2016 Camaro Convertible. Wayne is survived by his sister Rosemary Warren; two stepsons, Michael Stone, of Crownsville, MD and Donald Stone, of Parkton. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Andrew, Courtney, Joseph and Angela and his niece, Heather Neish. A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Community United Methodist Church, 1690 Riedel Road, Crofton, MD. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville on Monday, June 12th at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SPCA of Anne Arundel County, 1815 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.



CARL ROGER STEINER – Died Thursday, August 25, 2016 at the University of Washington Medical Center at the age of 73. He was a resident of Maples Falls, Washington. The cause of death was AML Leukemia. He was born on December 25, 1942 in Bellingham, Washington to the late Jake and Laura Steiner. He grew up in Glacier, Washington and graduated from Mount Baker High School in 1961. He is survived by his wife Susanne; three sisters, Bonita, Rebecca (Handy), and Marta Steiner; five children by marriage to Barbara (née Levac), Elizabeth, David, Sarah, Alyce Steiner and Susan (Morrow) Robertson, and; one stepchild by marriage to Suzanne Danz, Uli Danz of Arnsgereuth Germany; seven grandchildren; Maria, Anna, Josiah and Micah Robertson, Austin Steiner, Lukas and Luis Danz of Arnsgereuth Germany, and thirteen nieces and nephews and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins from the Hamilton and Matinson families of Whatcom county. During his preteen years he lived with the Charlie Hanson family (Ruth and Charlie) of Maple Falls. Carl's inquisitive nature and brilliant mind was further fostered by his relationship with the Hanson boys Kenney and Tom, and he developed a natural love for the outdoors, mathematics and engineering as they explored together the world around them. During his High School years, he moved back to live with his father in Glacier and his father encouraged him to "Stay in school" and pursue an education, a life away from the timber industry. It was during his senior year of high school, 1961 that he met, and married several years later, Barbara Levac whom he shared his love of education and life. The following year Carl attended Western Washington State College and began his studies. His love of language, culture and literature won his passion, and he focused his academic energy in the arts as an English major. In his first year of study at WWSC, two works of literature that intrigued and challenged him to confront his need for the saving grace of Jesus Christ were; "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis and "Basic Christianity" by John Stott. Through this study Carl came to receive Jesus Christ into his life as his Lord and Savior. Carl wished to enrich his new spirituality and biblical understanding, so he left WWSC and attended Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland Oregon where he received a certificate of Biblical

studies. He returned to WWSC and lived with the Barnholt family who had a room for rent close to the college. This was the fall of 1966 and the Vietnam conflict was intensifying with the draft quickly approaching him. He thoughtfully considered his options and chose to preempt the inevitable and enlisted in the United States Army. He tested for and was accepted into the intelligence division where he served four years with a one-year tour in Saigon. His division sent him home for training with the West Coast language defense school where he studied German. Recently back from tour and newly married the family traveled to Germany where he finished his tour of duty in Munich. It was during this time his first daughter Elizabeth was born, and ironically in the same hospital where future co-worker Frau Michiakov was born. In 1970 after discharge from the military, Carl came back to Whatcom County along with his young family, and continued his education full time at WWSC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. He spent at least one summer between classes driving dump trucks for Washington Loggers then settled in working full time at the local Safeway. In 1973 after graduation from college, Carl was hired by the Ferndale School District to teach High School English. After several years commuting from the Mt. Baker Highway, the family moved to Ferndale and settled in a house on Vista Drive that was just a stone's throw from the school and neighbors to the Braithwaite's and Gunderson's who became very close friends to the family. Carl selflessly gave back to his community for many years by teaching Bible classes, Sunday school and leading services at the Kendal Chapel (ten years) with Bob and Jean Hong and the Jim Larson family. Through his teaching career Carl was loved by his students for he challenged them to explore and develop creative writing and critical thinking skills. He was always encouraging and he charmed many with his wit and hidden talents like his musical gifts. Carl never sought the spotlight for himself but characterized his life by reaching out and sacrificing his time to kids that didn't always fit in to comfortable niches of school life or were struggling with school. After his retirement from school he took time to travel and enjoy his hobby of photography. He made several trips to South East Asia and returned to Vietnam. He enjoyed seeing the people prosper and rebuild after so many decades of war and destruction. He also traveled to Germany and fourteen years ago Carl sought to explore his roots and locate the house of his grandfather near the village of Arnsgereuth. This village is in state of Thuringia of East Germany and all he had to go on was a picture of the house his grandfather had lived in. Not only did he find his ancestors home, which was over 300 years old, he found he had a cousin living in the house whose name was Carl Steiner. It was on one of these first trips to explore his legacy that he met a vivacious fraeulein restaurant owner that helped him trace and identify his roots, her name is Susanne and the rest is history. Where ever Carl traveled he has engaged people into conversation and invested into their lives. He was genuinely interested in what people were doing studying or pursuing. He treasured the Martinson family reunions at Cedar Gulch and would engross himself into endless assortments of food and beverage then sit and converse or pick up a guitar and jam. Some of the people who made an impact on his life were Aunt Lucy Hamilton, Sam Marshall who he had served with in the Army, Dennis Gunther who studied with him at WWSC, and mom and pop Kincaid who selflessly gave to those young service men in Vietnam by providing a homey atmosphere with meals and a place to escape while loving on those men so far from their homes. It would be remiss not to mention the unsung heroes of the University of Washington Medical center and the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Dr. Estey and his staff have been incredibly diligent, compassionate and tenacious in

their complete care of Carl during his battle with AML Leukemia. They have fought this disease with every weapon in their arsenal and always brought encouragement to Carl when they would start another phase of treatment. Dr. Estey's team also appreciated Carl's relentless persistence to fight with every ounce of energy he could and contribute to the researcher's knowledge of AML. Donations in Carl's name may be made to: Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, 1100 Fairview Avenue North, Mail Stop J5-200, Seattle, WA 98109. The celebration of Carl's life was held at the Deming Log Show on Friday, October 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM.



JACK L. STILLINGER - Died Sunday, October 8, 2017 at the Mount Carmel East Hospital at the age of 79. He was a resident of Lancaster, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Jack was born in Coshocton, Ohio on December 22, 1937 to the late Kenneth and Helena Stillinger. Jack had served his country in the United States Navy Reserves. He retired from AT&T as an engineer after 39 years of service. He was an avid golfer and upon retirement was employed part time at the Valley View Golf Club in Lancaster for many years. Jack was a member of the Lancaster Masonic Lodge #57 and the Scottish Rite; the Lancaster Lions Club, the American Legion Post #11 and the AT&T Pioneers Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1045**. Jack is survived by his wife of 50 years; Vicki Stillinger; children, Missy Stillinger, Shane (Cat Miller) Stillinger; grandson, Hunter; daughter-in-law, Agnitta Caudell; and favorite granddog, Karma. Jack was preceded in death by his parents and son, Aaron Stillinger. A graveside service was held on Friday, October 13, 2017 at the Floral Hills Memory Gardens at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon at the American Legion Post #11 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM and a Masonic Service at 8:00 PM. Friends visited on Thursday from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Halteman-Fett and Dyer Funeral Home. The family would also like to thank the Mount Carmel East CCU for their loving care of Jack. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lancaster Lions Club or to the Shriners Hospital for Children (3229 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229) in Jack's name.

JOSEPH MARK STILWELL – Died Monday, October 30, 2017 in Washington, DC at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Washington, DC on February 14, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Mary Teresa (née Barrick) Stilwell; father of William C. Stilwell (Jill Hunt) and Elenora A. Stilwell; brother of Michael Stilwell (Patricia) and Sharon Dockter (Gary). He was also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Marine Corps from May 1966 to May 1968 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring (Maryland) Chapter #641**. A Memorial Service was held at the VFW Post #2562, 11316 Fern Street, Wheaton, MD, on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 3:00 PM. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Key Center School, 6404 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA 22150.



BERNIS LOREN "Barney" STROUP (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Friday, November 24, 2017 in Crown Point, Indiana at the age of 84. He was a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma and formerly of Valparaiso, Indiana. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 20, 1933 in Council Hill, Oklahoma. He grew up in Council Hill and at the age of 14 moved to New Mexico. He married Anna Pechtl on January 4, 1956 in Germany. Barney entered the United States Army and was a veteran of Vietnam. He retired at Fort Sill on May 21, 1979 after more than 26 years of service. His awards include the Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster and "V" Device, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, National Defense Service Medal, Four Overseas Service Bars, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with Second Oak Leaf Cluster with "V" Device, Vietnam Service Medal with Six Service Stars, Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal Eighth Award, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal with Seventh Oak Leaf Cluster, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), the Legion of Merit and the Korean Defense Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Following his retirement, he worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for twelve years. He served as one of the first volunteers with the Lawton Police Department Sentinel Program and volunteered for 17 years. He was an avid golfer. He is survived by his wife, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Justin Baker, Lawton, and Benita and Greg Gomolka, Valparaiso, Indiana; four grandchildren and their spouses, Tara and Jason Simon, Justina and Will Jackson, Tim and Holly Baker and Loren Scott and Monica Martinez; great grandchildren, Kannon, Ethne and Pumpkin Martinez. His parents, John Sheridan and Maude Ann Stroup, his brother, Joe, his sister, Betty, and two great grandchildren, Persophone and Hope-Anna Elizabeth, preceded him in death. The funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 30, 2017 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with full military honors was in the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill. The family greeted friends from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home.



NOAH HANSFORD STUMP – Died Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in Rocky Mount, Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 20, 1948 to the late William "Kevie" and Mae (née Underwood) Stump. Noah was a member of Doe Run Christina Church in Rocky Mount, Va. He served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1971. Noah did two tours in Vietnam. He worked as a Merchant Marine Captain. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. Noah was well loved by his entire family and loved each one of them. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his stepfather, Carl Duncan; brother, Charles Stump and a very loving sister, Evelyn Caldwell "Sissy". He leaves behind a very devoted and loving wife, Margie (née Clark) Stump; god-daughter, Tanya Marie Stump Santana and her beloved family; sisters, Dreama Hicks, Valerie Owens, Gaynell Marshall; special sister-in-law, June Stump; a host of nieces and nephews

whom he loved very much. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations be made to Doe Run Christian Church, 3536 Doe Run Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151. A celebration of Noah's life was conducted at 5:00 PM on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Lotz Funeral Home-Roanoke, 1001 Franklin Road, Roanoke with Reverend Michael Stump officiating. The family received friends two hours prior to the service. The burial was private.



DALE MELVIN SWENSON - Died Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Silver Bay, Minnesota at the age of 71, surrounded by his loving wife, Helen of 50 years of marriage. He was a resident of Braham, Minnesota. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. Dale was born on February 10, 1946 at the Kanabec County Hospital in Mora, Minnesota to the late Melvin Swenson and Norma (née Smith) Swenson of Grasston, Minnesota. He lived with his family on a farm west of Grasston. As an infant he was baptized at the Hope Lutheran Church in Grasston. Dale attended first through sixth grades at Grasston, then grades seven through twelfth at the Braham High School. During high school, Dale assisted the caretaker at the Grasston Union Cemetery with mowing, upkeep and grave digging. Dale was also active with the Grasston Boy Scouts. Dale worked for the Cambridge Star newspaper and continued his education through the State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry in the Industrial Journalism field. Dale was united in marriage to Helen Alice Bouska from Henriette, Minnesota on June 3, 1967 at the Grasston Lutheran Church. Together they made their home on a farm west of Grasston. Dale entered the United States Army in February of 1968 and Helen continued to live on the farm until Dale returned home. Dale and Helen adopted a daughter, Shari Kay Swenson and together they lived west of Grasston until April of 1977 when they purchased a home in Braham, and have continued to live in Braham. When Dale returned from this military tour overseas in Korea, he returned to work at the Cambridge Star newspaper. Later, Dale started Swenson Photography, and together with Helen, they had numerous opportunities to meet new friends. In 1978 Dale joined the Braham Ambulance Staff, which later became Allina Transportation of Cambridge, and worked there for 25 years. He also was a deputy coroner for Isanti and Mille Lacs Counties until he retired in 2009. Dale's love for the wilderness brought him camping and canoeing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in the summers and cross-country skiing with Helen at the Bearskin Lodge northwest of Grand Marais during the winters. Dale enjoyed the outdoors with his camera, patiently waiting for a perfect sunrise or sunset. Dale enjoyed reading and acquired a library of interesting books as well as artifacts from the Grasston community. He enjoyed visiting folks, exchanging numerous stories of past events, and remembering Helen with flowers. Dale was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684**, the Braham VFW, and the Disabled American Veterans. He was also active with the Pine County Historical Society, and a member of the Friendship Assembly of God Church in Braham. Dale loved to travel as time and work schedules permitted. Dale entered the Saint Cloud Medical Center in February of 2010 and was able to return home with Helen in July of 2010. Dale lived in Braham until November 16, 2011 when his declining health forced him to seek fulltime care in a veteran's home. On August 9, 2012, Dale

was transferred to the Veterans Home in Silver Bay where he enjoyed the scenic and calming views. Dale is preceded in death by his parents and his sister-in-law Clara Bicking. Dale is survived by his loving wife Helen; daughter Shari Kay Swenson; granddaughter Kama Margaret Swenson; brother Dean (Cordia) Swenson, nieces Melissa DuChene, Heidi Westfall, Amanda Swenson, and Lorelei Fenley and their spouses and children; nephews Gary, Loren, Rick, and David Bicking and their spouses and children; brother-in-law Charles (Mary) Bouska; numerous other relatives and friends. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Braham Covenant Church with Pastor Gary Shaw officiating. Visitation hours were held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Interment was in the Stanchfield Baptist Cemetery.



LARRY DOUGLAS SWORD - Died Sunday, October 1, 2017 in Flat Rock, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus – Type II. He was born on August 16, 1950 in Pikesville, Kentucky to the late Wilson Sword and Viola (Bill) (née May) Sword. He was also predeceased by his first wife, Barbara Sword. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from January 2, 1970 to September 8, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden (Tennessee) Chapter #1123**. He was the loving father, of Tonya (Mark) Downer, Kemmy (Tim) Stiles and Robert (Melodie) Sword; dearest grandfather, of Zack, Lacy, Lyndsey, Andrew and Maverick, and; great-grandfather of Delanie, and Rhaegar. He is also survived by his sisters, Pauline, Shirley, Deloris, Peggy and Caroline and his brothers, Billy, David and John. Visitation hours were from 1:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 5, 2017 in the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. The funeral service was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. Interment was on Friday, October 6, 2017 in 12:00 Noon in the Michigan Memorial Park.



ROBERT W. "Noah" "Bob" TIETZ – Died Monday, May 20, 2013 at home in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 6, 1949 in Long Beach, California to the late John and Louisa Tietz. He graduated with a B.A. from Humboldt State University. Bob served our country during the Vietnam War, then worked as an innovative and exacting member of the screen print industry. His commitment to excellence was complimented by his thoughtful efforts to reduce chemical exposure for workers and the environment. In his retirement, Bob became active with the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. Bob, "Noah", "Papa bear", was a unique force to be reckoned with and his passing leaves a void that will only be filled with the passage of time. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. His two greatest joys in life were raising his three boys and being a Dead Head. He is survived by his son, Spencer Tietz, of Bellingham; his stepson, Andrew Tormala, of Portland, Oregon, stepson, Peter Tormala and daughter-in-law, Hang Le of Lawrence, KS, and; his brother, Jim Tietz, of Meadview, Arizona. A

Celebration of Noah's Life was held at the Westford Funeral Home on Monday, May 27, 2013 at 11:00 AM. The Urn committal was held at a later date at the Greenhills Memorial Park in Ranchos Palos Verdes, CA. Memorials may be made in Robert's memory to Vietnam Veterans Against the War.



THEODORE R. "Ted" TINSLEY, JR. - Died at 10:27 AM, Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the age of 77, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Springfield, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 6, 1940 in Springfield to the late Theodore R. and Mable (née Thomas) Tinsley, Sr. He married Joan C. Dorr on November 22, 1969 and she preceded him in death on April 11, 2008. Survivors include one daughter, Tracie (Chris) Dinardo of Springfield; one son, Ted (Carla) Tinsley of Springfield; three grandchildren, Gabrielle and Logan Dinardo and Caitlyn Taylor; one great-grandson, Bryson Tinsley; three siblings Gloria Gum of Springfield, Marvin Tinsley of Crest Hill and Dorothy Nelson of Williamsville and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Tinsley retired from Fiat Allis and later also retired from the City of Springfield as an operating engineer. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in Korea during the Vietnam War. He was a member of ANSAR Shriners Springfield Court #20 ROJ; member of the Masonic Lodge of Chicago and past trustee of VFW Northenders; was an avid golfer and Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame Fan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. Mr. Tinsley especially enjoyed spending time with his family. Visitation hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Staab Funeral Home – Springfield. A Masonic Service was provided by the Saint Paul Lodge #500 A.F. and A.M. was held at 7:00 PM. The funeral service was at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Staab Funeral Home – Springfield. The burial was in the Camp Butler National Cemetery, where military honors were conducted. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital. Share stories, pictures, Facebook and Twitter at StaabFamily.com.



FRANK TOMASELLI - Died at home in Eastlake, Ohio on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the age of 75. He was formerly of Mentor, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 7, 1940 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Frank and Dorothy Tomaselli. Mr. Tomaselli worked in security at Hillcrest Hospital, Euclid Hospital, Tower City, Great Lakes Mall, Bombay Company and the military pride store. Prior to his civilian work he served faithfully in the United States Air Force for 20 years while completing 2 tours of active duty in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. Frank loved doing volunteer work at several area nursing homes showing movies and other things for the veterans of the nursing homes. Survivors include his loving son, Stephen (Tina) Tomaselli; grandchildren, Joshua, Samuel, Leah, Paul and Danielle Tomaselli and brother, Robert Tomaselli. Preceding Frank in death is his parents, Frank and Dorothy Tomaselli and brother, Thomas Tomaselli. A

celebration of Frank's life was held from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at Grace Church of Mentor, 6883 Reynolds Road, Mentor, OH 44060. A memorial service was at 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the church. With Frank's Military service he has qualified for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. His inurnment was done by his family at Arlington the summer of 2016. Contributions may be made to Grace Church of Mentor Military Ministries, 6883 Reynolds Road, Mentor, OH. 44060. Arrangements were entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060.

WAYNE R. TREVATHAN – Died Thursday, October 26, 2017 in Denton, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on September 19, 1942 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**.

JOSEPH TUCCI, JR. – Died Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Greenburg, Pennsylvania on April 15, 1951. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from February 16, 1971 to May 15, 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**.



RONALD J. "Papa" "Ron" TURNER - Died Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at Ascension All Saints at the age of 72. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure. Ron was born in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on October 22, 1944 to the late Fred and Louise (née Henshaw) Turner. Ron married the former Diana M. Lorenzini, celebrating 30 years of marriage. Ron enjoyed the time he spent at his cabin up north and loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events. His favorite sport teams were the Brewers, Packers, and Badgers. He served both in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy as well as the Army National Guard. He came to his home in the Racine area while doing a rehabilitation assignment at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, where he was undergoing treatment for wounds sustained in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. Upon discharge from the military, Ron spent the next 23 years serving the residents of the Racine area as a public protection professional in positions as Sturtevant police chief and as union president of the Caledonia Fire department for several years. He was also the defensive line coordinator for the Racine Raiders in the late 80's, winning the national championship in 1988. Survivors include his wife, Diana M. Turner; sons, David (Robin) Kaisler and Daniel(Wendy) Kaisler; grandchildren, Amber, Zachary, Timmy, and Emily; brother Robert(Haydon) Turner; niece Sara Catherine Turner and his constant companion Foster. Ron is also survived by his relatives and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Miriam Hogenson; mother-in-law, Florence Lorenzini; and his best bud, Dick Lorenzini. Ron is also survived by other relatives and many close friends. A Memorial Mass for Ron was held at Saint Joseph Church, 1533 Erie Street on Tuesday June 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Relatives and friends were invited to meet with the family at the church on Tuesday from 3:00 PM until the time of the Mass at 6:00 PM. The family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the Caledonia Fire Department-Station #12, "A" shift, for their care and compassion for Ron.

Purath-Strand Funeral Home and Crematory, 3915 Douglas Avenue, Racine, WI was in charge of the arrangements. www.purath-strand.com.



CARLOS JOSÉ URESTI - Died Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at his sister-in-law's home in Houston after being displaced by Hurricane Harvey. He was a resident of Wharton, Texas and 68 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. Carlos was born on August 17, 1949 in Newgulf, Texas to the late Carlos A. and Adela R. (née Aguilar) Uresti. In the late '50s, his family moved to Houston, where he graduated from Austin High School, attended the University of Houston, and married Catalina Solorio on November 24, 1968. He was drafted into the United States Army and served from August 1969 to April 1971. As part of Company C of the 1st Battalion (mechanized) 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, he fought with bravery in Vietnam and received a Bronze Star Medal for Heroism in Cambodia. After being honorably discharged, he and Catalina raised their family in Houston, eventually moving to Wharton over a decade ago. He is survived by his wife of almost 49 years, Catalina Uresti, daughter, Regina Chapa and husband, Ricardo, son, Javier Carlos Uresti and wife, Josephine, brother, Mario A. Uresti, grandchildren, Carlos Chapa, Alonzo Chapa, Cilicia Chapa, Cristian Uresti, Adela Uresti, and Tomás Uresti, great grandchild, Emmett Chapa, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. Carlos was a gifted musician; he not only played the trumpet, but wrote and composed horn parts for various bands. He played with Rocky Gil and the Bishops and was a founding member of Bobby Russell and the Starlights. Music could always be heard around his house. Carlos liked to stay busy. He was not long retired from NOV as a manufacturing engineer, before he went to work as a consultant for AOI. He enjoyed woodworking and always had an interesting building project, like a picnic table or lemonade stand. He was a true handyman around his house, always willing to help his neighbors and community, and headed maintenance at his Church, Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hungerford. He continued to be a man of service to his country, his community, and most importantly, his family. He became an active *Life Member* in **Vietnam Veterans of America –Houston Chapter #343**, serving as past President, and for many years, he served on the Board of the Reed Employees Credit Union. Carlos enjoyed cooking, entertaining, and hosting parties at his home for family and friends. He treasured the many good times spent with his brother and extended family; his love and support of his family was limitless. He and his wife remained devoted to each other throughout their marriage. He was proud of his children and found joy in his grandchildren and great-grandchild. In addition to his parents, Carlos was preceded in death by his brother, José Carlos Uresti, and his daughter, Adelita Uresti. Visitation was held on Friday, October 27th after 5:00 PM at the Chapel of Wharton Funeral Home with a rosary prayed at 7:00 PM. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hungerford with Reverend Father Charles Dwomoh officiating. The Rite of Committal and Burial was in the Saint John Cemetery in Hungerford. Serving as pallbearers were his grandchildren, Carlos, Alonzo, Cilicia, Cristian, Adela, and Tomás along with Javier (son), Mario (brother), and Tio Julio Aguilar. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, San Jacinto Chapter 343, P.O. Box 310306, Houston, Texas 77231, or on their website, vva.org. Condolences can be left at whartonfuneralhome.com. Funeral services were under the direction of Wharton Funeral Home.



ALFRED LEE "Al" VAN HORNE, SR. (USN, CDR-Ret,) - Died Monday, November 5, 2012 in Virginia Beach, Virginia at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1928 in Saint Clairsville, Ohio to the late Walter and Hazel Van Horne. He married the love of his life, Helen Margaret Van Horne, for 64 years. Al was a strong role model for marriage, love and family to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A man of strong character, he was known for his faith in God, his love of his country and his long career in the United States Navy, his integrity, and his committed service toward others. Al served 31 years in the US Navy, retiring honorably in 1976 at the rank of Commander. Well decorated over the life of his career, he received the Bronze Star with a Combat V for his service in the Vietnam War. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Helen; sons, Alfred (and wife Lorraine) Robert (and wife Sandra) and David and daughter, Laura Sharp (and husband Jeff); Al's grandchildren: Ben, Christina, Meghan, Daniel, Joshua, Katherine, Andrew, Jacob, Noah, and Claire; and Al's 10 great-grandchildren. A graduate of Virginia Wesleyan College after retirement, Al was a member of Haygood United Methodist Church, Kempsville Masonic Lodge, Norfolk Scottish Rites, Khedive Temple Shrine, Cape Henry Chapter #424 National Sojourners, Heroes of '76, DAV Chapter #20, and Retired Officers Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia Beach Chapter #48**. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 3:00 PM with a visitation one hour prior at Rosewood-Kellum Funeral Home on North Witchduck Road in Virginia Beach. Burial was in the Rosewood Memorial Park with full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations to be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children or to Plaza Voluntary Rescue Squad, Station #16. Kenneth "Kenny" Vatne, 74, Hamlet, died June 18, 2016, at Tioga Medical Center. Arrangements are pending with Everson Coughlin Funeral Home, Williston.

KENNETH ANDREW "Kenny" VATNE – Died Saturday, June 18, 2016 in Hamlet, North Dakota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 22, 1941. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**.

DANIEL J. "Dan" WALDROP – Died Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in Bend, Oregon at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 1, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bend Chapter #820**.

JACK CHARLES WALTERS - Died peacefully Friday November 10, 2017 in Churchville, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 6, 1951 to the late Jack G. Walters and Margaret Walters. He was also predeceased by his stepfather, Fredrick Krahenbuhl. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 32 years, Susan; sons, Jason (Melissa), Christopher (Alyssa); granddaughter, Teresa; brothers, Duane, George, Charles (Kathleen); many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; special friends, Joe and Lynn DiBenedetto. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Barb Long and Jack's nurse,

Kathy DeTorre for all of their help. Jack was a United States Army Veteran who served his country during the Vietnam War and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Family received friends on Monday, November 13th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the New Comer Cremations and Funerals, 2636 Ridgeway Avenue. Friends were invited to meet his family Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM at the Grove Place Cemetery for his Graveside Service. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #20, PO Box 12580, Rochester. NY 14612.



ELIJAH “Junior” WEATHERSBY, JR. – Died Wednesday, August 16, 2017 in Dover, Delaware at the age of 71. The cause of death was brain death, anoxic brain injury, cardiac arrest and acute hypoxic respiratory failure. He was born on June 9, 1946 in Indola, Mississippi, the eldest son of the of the late Elijah Weathersby, Sr., and Viola Mae (née Ellerton) Weathersby. He graduated in 1962 from William Jason High School. He received two bachelor degrees, in 1971, Bachelor of Science in General Law from LaSalle Extension University and in 1983, Business Administration from Florida International University. In 1964, Elijah joined the United States Army where he had a very distinguish military career. His military career took him to the Belgian Congo, Dominican Republic and to Vietnam. While serving in Vietnam, he was wounded twice. He received the Silver Star metal, two Bronze Star with Valor metals and the Purple Heart. He was Special Forces Airborne Ranger and a Senior Drill Instructor. He loved being part of the military. In 1974, he received an honorable discharge from the Army. He was employed with the State of Florida, Department of Veteran Affairs as a Veterans Affair Supervisor. Elijah never met a stranger. He would often help other veterans with their disability claims and encourage others to join the military. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**. While living in Florida, he met and married Nellie M. Burgess and helped her raise her three children, Arthur Burgess, Antionette and Joann Key. After living in Florida for many years, he moved to Dover, Delaware where he enjoyed the retired life. Preceding him in passing were his parents; Elijah Sr. and Viola Weathersby, and two sisters, Mattie Weathersby Brown and Doretha Weathersby. To carry on his legacy, Elijah leaves his wife, Nellie M. Weathersby; two sons, Gerone Lamont Weathersby (Freda) and Dion Ames; three brothers, David Weathersby (Jackie), James and Vernon Weathersby; three sisters, Teressa Weathersby-Murphy (Mathew), Minnie Beulah and Henrietta Savage (Michael); his nephew and niece whom he help raised, Andrew Brown and Cynthia Weathersby; three stepchildren, Arthur Burgess (Sheila), Antoinette and Joanne Key; three aunts, Canary Weathersby Howard, Eleanor Weathersby Sterling and Leola Weathersby Grayson; a sister-in-law, Linda Cumberbatch; and a host of other relatives.

JOHN GILBERT WELCH – Died Saturday, May 21, 2016 in Saint Augustine, Florida at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 6, 1937 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He served as an engineer and flight instructor in the United States Air Force. He served in the Vietnam War and later in Greenland and retired after 20 years of service. He was a *Life Member*

of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Augustine Chapter #1084**. He was married to Elaine. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at Saint Johns Family Funeral Home with Deacon George Murati officiating. A visitation beginning at 10:00 AM preceded the service. Interment with military honors took place following the services at 2:00 PM at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

PHILLIP S. WENTZ – Died recently in 2017 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 22, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**.



WILLIAM EARL WEST - Died Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the North Mississippi Medical Center at the age of 67. He was a resident of Amory, Mississippi. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary failure and a heart attack. He was born on December 14, 1949 in Amory to the late William F. and Mabel (née Mooreland) West. He was a graduate of Becker elementary school and Amory High School. William always put God first in his life and was a member of the Living Waters Assembly of God church. He married Patricia Strickland on July 6, 1990 and was blessed with two daughters and three sons. He proudly served our country by joining the United States Army and fought for us in the Vietnam War. He was stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia, with the 5th Battalion, 31st Infantry. After his service duty, he worked as an off-shore welder for B&W Power Generation Group. One of his favorite pastimes was to ride Harley Davidson motorcycles with Greg Mitchell. He also loved to listen to country and gospel music, He enjoyed watching NASCAR racing and Ole Miss Football on television, and was an avid hunter. Being an honored veteran, one of his proudest accomplishments was to organize and become a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. He will be remembered for his devoted faithfulness to our country's veterans. Mr. West is survived by his wife, Patricia West; daughters, Krystal Ransom (Birmingham, AL) and Jerrie Kay Peacock (Columbus); sons, Ryan West (Houston, MS), E.G. Peacock (Amory), and Scott West (Louisville, MS); sister, Patti Steele (David) of Amory; grandchildren, Chris Foster, Preston Upshaw, Ethan Peacock, Jerrika Pardubsky, Mason and Makena West, Samantha Ransom. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased in death by a brother-in-law, Elvis Strickland and a sister-in-law Leoma Cook. A celebration of life service for William West was at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at E.E. Pickle Funeral Home in Amory with Brother Charles Flippo and Brother Tim Perkins co-officiating. The burial was in the Calvary Cemetery. The pallbearers were Mike Bigwill, Eddie Strickland, John Strevall, Kennie Chandler, Will Huffman and Kris Yoakum. The honorary pallbearers were James P. Logan, Bobby Harlow and Tommy Lawson. Visitation hours for Mr. West were on Wednesday evening, November 15, 2017 from 5:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that you send memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.

DAVID A. WHITE – Died Wednesday, September 5, 2017 in Killen, Alabama at the age of 70. The cause of death was Cardiac Dysrhythmia. He was born in Savannah, Tennessee on January 1, 1947. He served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970 with service in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. He is survived by his wife, Deborah L. White.

STEVEN R. WHITE – Died recently in 2017 in Pooler, Georgia at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 15, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**.



RICHARD W. "Dick" WILLIAMSON – Died Saturday, November 4, 2017 in South Bend, Indiana at the age of 76. The cause of death was an aneurysm, hemorrhagic shock and subdural hematoma. He was born on December 8, 1940 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Wesley M. Williamson and Hildred (née Rayle) Williamson. He graduated from Carmel High School in 1959, and attended Butler University on a track scholarship. He served our country in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He retired as a manager from United Parcel Service in 1977 and retired from USF Holland in 2006. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Hildred (Rayle) Williamson and Wesley M. Williamson, a son, Richard "Rick" W. Williamson and a great-grandson, Carter Wesley Williamson. Dick was a Notre Dame Football usher for twenty-three years, a charter member of the Ambassador Club at Chippewa Bowl, he belonged to the Golden Gang Bowling League and bowled on the Sunday Nite Mixed League for forty-five years. He was a member of the Teamster #364 Retirement Club and a lifetime member of the Yankee Air Force. He belonged to the VFW #360, the American Legion #303, the Marine Corps League, the Army-Navy Union #146 and a *Charter and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. Dick was an avid animal lover and NASCAR fan. Survivors are his wife, Linda; his daughter, Renee (Tom) Gillis, of Granger, IN; his stepsister, Anne (J.B.) Hayes, of Westfield, IN; his grandchildren, Haley Williamson (Steve Tepper), of Highland, IN, Ryan Williamson, of South Bend, IN, Dakota Williamson, of New Paris, IN and, Grant, Grace, Ava and Reid Gillis, of Granger, IN. Funeral services were held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 South Michigan Street, South Bend, IN. Graveside services and burial were in the Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend. Friends visited with the family from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Wednesday in the funeral home. Contributions were asked to be given to the Fried's Cat Shelter, P.O. Box 241, Michigan City, IN 46361, Pet Refuge, 4626 South Burnett Drive, South Bend, IN 46614, Humane Society of Saint Joseph County, 2506 Grape Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545 or South Bend Animal Control, 521 Eclipse Place, South Bend, IN 46628. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.



JOHN ALLAN WILLIS – Died Tuesday, July 25, 2017 peacefully at home in Racine, Wisconsin at the age of 70, surrounded with the love of family, following a brief battle with liver cancer. A lifetime resident, John was born in Racine on September 13, 1946 to the late Allen and Frances (née Castoreale) Willis. He graduated from Saint Catherine's High School in 1965. John faithfully served our country with the United States Air Force from 1967-71 and fought in the Vietnam War. He served an additional 18 years in the Reserves – retiring out of the 128th Air Refueling Group. On July 12, 1969 in Holyoke, Massachusetts he was united in marriage with the love of his life, Mary Ellen (née Malboeuf). A tireless and devoted worker, John was employed with the United States Postal Service for 31 years, retiring in 2001. John was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**, America Legion and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. Among his interests, he enjoyed snowbirding in Arizona, RV travel, building puzzles and computer gaming. In his younger years, John played the French horn in school and in the service and with the Johnson Wax Band and Racine Municipal Band. Surviving are his loving wife of over 48 years, Mary Willis; son, Brian (Robin) Willis; mother, Frances Willis; sister-in-law, Judith (Gary) LaBrecque; brother-in-law, James (Marsha) Malboeuf; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends – including his canine companion, Cosmo. John was preceded in death by his beloved son, David Willis and father, Allen Willis. A service to celebrate John's life was held on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors, was in the West Lawn Memorial Park. Visitation hours were in the funeral home on Saturday morning from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. Memorials to Saint Luke's Medical Center "Liver Transplant Program" or to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767 have been suggested. "A heartfelt note of thanks to the physicians, nurses and support staff at Aurora Healthcare; to Hospice Alliance; and to Caledonia Police & Ambulance for the compassionate care and support given in John's time of need."



TIMOTHY F. WOODWARD - Died at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in his residence in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 13, 1948 to the late Mindon Woodward, Jr. and Hilda (née Walrath) Woodward. Mr. Woodward was a resident of Jennings for 40 years. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served in Vietnam. He was a retired carpenter. He was a very strong man who never complained. He was a man of great faith. He was truly loved by everyone who knew him and was certainly everyone's friend. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**. He is survived by his wife, Nora Woodward of Jennings; three daughters, Tammy Hoffman of California, RoxAnn (Carl) Leger of Mermentau and Karen Wright

of Hathaway; one son, Timothy John (Monique) Woodward of Idaho; one sister, Doreen (Aron) Evitts of Tennessee; one brother, Terry (Mary) Woodward of New York; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mindon Jr. and Hilda Walrath Woodward; and two sisters, Judith Connely and Jean McIntosh. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 11, 2017 in the Miguez Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Susil Fernando officiated. Funeral home visitation hours were held from 2:30-9:00 PM on Friday and from 8:00 AM until the time of services on Saturday. Burial with Full Military Honors was in the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of the Miguez Funeral Home. Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at www.miguezfuneralhome.com.

KATHERN R. ZIEMER – Died recently in 2017 in Redmond, Oregon at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. She was born January 12, 1954. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bend Chapter #820**.

STEPHEN EARL ZIETZ - Died Monday, October 9, 2017 in Simpsonville, South Carolina at the age of 61, while surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saginaw, Michigan on December 17, 1955 to Margaret Lucille (née Boorajian) Zietz. He served our country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. He served from 1974 to 1980. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**. He thoroughly enjoyed the Men's Prayer Group at First Baptist Church Simpsonville. In addition to his spouse, Patti (née Savoie) Zietz, he is also survived by two sons, Mike Zietz and his wife, Melinda, of Greer, and Chris Zietz of Greenville; three bonus-sons, Brian Savoie and his wife, Katie, of MO, Brandon Savoie and his wife, Rachel, of MI, and Robby Savoie and his wife, Meagan, of IL; six grandchildren, Brodie Zietz, Nolan Savoie, Ryland Savoie, Finley Savoie, Rory Savoie and Quinn Savoie; and two brothers, David Zietz and Matthew Zietz, both of CA. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM at MJ Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery, 140 Inway Drive, Anderson, SC 29621. His remains will be transported from the Heritage Funeral home to MJ Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery by and on his son's motorcycle for "*one last ride*" while accompanied by the Patriot Guard Riders.

LAWRENCE L. "Red" ZUFELT – Died Wednesday, August 9, 2017 in Bend, Oregon at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 11, 1927. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bend Chapter #820**. The arrangements were made by the Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home and were honored to serve the family. Please visit the online registry for the family at www.niswonger-reynolds.com. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 16th at 1:00 PM at the Pilot Butte Cemetery, Bend with full military honors.

**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