

**CHARLES L. ADKINS** - Died Monday, April 23, 2018 at his home in Bidwell, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 11, 1945 in Vinton, Ohio to the late William Raymond and Mary (née Poynter) Adkins. Charles married Mildred Adkins June 23, 1976 in Columbus, Ohio, who also preceded him in death October 20, 2007. Charles retired from General Motors following thirty years employment. He served in the United States Army and was a Veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of Gallipolis VFW Post #4464; Gallipolis AMVETS Post #23; Gallipolis DAV Chapter #23; Vinton American Legion Post #161; life and a founding member of Springfield Volunteer Fire Department; life member of Vinton Volunteer Fire Department and a former chaplain and member Gallia County Sheriff's Department. He attended several churches throughout Gallia County, Ohio. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #709**. Those left behind to cherish his memory are two stepdaughters, Marcy Gregory, of Vinton, Ohio and Ramey (Bruce) Dray, of Gallipolis, Ohio; three stepsons, Sonny (Donna) Adkins, of Vinton, Ohio; Randy (Debbie) Adkins and Richard (Tonya) Adkins, both of Bidwell, Ohio; nine stepgrandchildren; eleven step-great-grandchildren, and; ten step-great-great-grandchildren; his brothers, Paul (Martha) Adkins, of Bidwell, Ohio and Fred Adkins, of Columbus, Ohio, and; his sister-in-law, Ellen Adkins, of Dandridge, Tennessee. In addition to his parents and wife, Charles is preceded in death by his sisters Donna Jean Higginbotham and Cloda Dray; his brothers, Raymond, Billy and Ronnie Adkins; his step-grandson, Shawn Gregory and his son-in-law, Rod Gregory. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the McCoy-Moore Funeral Home, Vinton Chapel with Pastor Clyde Ferrell officiating. The burial was in the Morgan Center Cemetery. Full Military Rites were conducted by the Gallipolis VFW Post #4464 and Firefighter Honors conducted by members of GCFFA. Family and friends visited the family at the funeral home on Friday from 5:00–8:00 PM. The McCoy-Moore Funeral Home was honored to serve the Adkins Family.



**WILLIAM C. "Bill" ADKINS, SR.** – Died Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the age of 82 at the Emogene Dolin Hospice House, Huntington, West Virginia. He was a resident of Hurricane, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 22, 1935 in Spurlockville, West Virginia to the late John and Blanche Adkins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Craig S. Mullins; brothers, John B. Adkins, Clyde Douglas Adkins and Charles D. Adkins; and sisters, Nadine M. White and Joyce Ramey. Bill was a 1953 graduate of Hamlin High School and was a 1984 graduate of West Virginia State College. He served in the United States Air Force for 26-plus years and retired in May, 1981. He then worked for Power Control Products. Bill was an active and life member of VFW Post #4768, where he served as the Past Post Commander and District #9 Commander. He was the Post #6418 Past Post Commander; American Legion Post #73 Post Commander; a member of DAV Chapter #28; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hurricane Chapter #37**; and

worked with the Honor Guard for 15 years where he was active in over a thousand military funerals. Bill was a member of Scary Freewill Baptist Church / Scott Depot Bible Church since June 1981. He is survived by his loving wife, Sonja; his children, Terri Mullins (Joe), Carole Jean Jones (Michael), Deborah Sutphin (Roger), William Adkins, Jr. (Monica Francis), Laurie Hudson (Scott), Amy Schwab (Bob) and Christopher Hood (Christine); twenty-one grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren. A celebration of Bill's life was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Casdorph and Curry Funeral Home, 110 B Street, Street, Albans, with Reverend Robert Morris officiating. The burial with military graveside rites was in the White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville. There was a gathering of family and friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home.



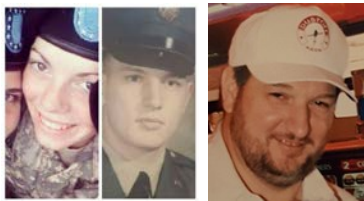
**CHARLES L. "Butch" ARMENTROUT** - Died Monday, May 28, 2018 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center, Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 69. He was a resident of Keyser, West Virginia. The cause of death was myocardial infarction, ventricular fibrillation and acute hypoxic respiratory failure. He was born on April 14, 1949 in Beryl, West Virginia to the late Leroy "Pete" and Billie Irene (née Maynard) Armentrout. He also was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia "Jenny" Shillingburg. He was a 1967 graduate of Piedmont High School. He was retired as a heavy equipment operator and was formerly employed with Flex-O-Lite Corporation, Masteller Coal Company and Mineral Fabrications. He was a Pentecostal by faith and was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with "B" Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Artillery. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed four-wheeling, hunting ramps, mushrooms and ginseng and playing the guitar. Surviving are his wife of nearly 48 years, Peggy Ann (née Greco) Armentrout; two children, Kimberly Junkins and Jared Miller, of Keyser and Craig Armentrout and wife Crystal, of Lahmansville, WV; seven grandchildren, Kelsie Junkins, Lydia Agee, Dalton Long, Hunter Armentrout, Ashlyn Whetzel, Destiny Armentrout and Wyatt Armentrout, and; also surviving are two sisters, Betty Morton and husband Jim, of Keyser and Carol Kenney, of Swanton, MD. Friends visited the family at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel, on Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. Funeral services were conducted at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Vivan Watts, officiating. The interment was in the Potomac Memorial Gardens, Keyser. Graveside military honors were accorded.



**DEBRA KAY "Debbie" ATWOOD** - Died Monday, April 23, 2018 at her home in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 65, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on November 11, 1952 in Walla Walla, Washington to the late John "Jack" and Irene Butler.

Debbie graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1969 and completed Beauty School. While working as a hair dresser she married her first husband and moved to Spokane, WA and then to Fort Benning, GA where her husband completed the U.S. Army Officer Basic Infantry School. They were then assigned to Fort Hood, TX where Debbie began working for the Department of Defense. Debbie moved to Phoenix, AZ and began her career with the IRS in 1982 and retired as a Labor Relations Specialist due to her illness in 2007. She met her husband Lee in 1982 at IRS and they were married in 1985. Debbie and Lee had a wonderful life together caring very deeply each other. If you knew Debbie, you knew that she loved her puppy dogs. She and Lee raised many puppies during their 36 years of friendship and marriage. Debbie is survived by her husband Lee; a brother Wes Butler, Vancouver, WA; her daughter, Felicia Champlin; two stepdaughters, Jennifer Smack, Tiffany (Ron) Wilder; one stepson, Jason (Jill) Atwood, and; nine grandchildren. The visitation was on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Mountain View Funeral Home, 7900 East Main Street, Mesa, AZ. Private family services were held on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

**KENNETH J. "Ken" AUNE** – Died in July 2017 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was complications from Diabetes Mellitus-Type II. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 5, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1968 with service in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**.



**WILHELM THOMAS "Will" BABIN** - Died Thursday, April 12, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas at age 66. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born on June 5, 1951 in Regensburg, Germany to the late Robert Anthony Babin and Liselotte Gertrude (née Milkereit) Babin. He is survived by his siblings Richard, Eric, and Bruce. He married Janet R. (née Yarrow) Babin on September 9, 1969 and they later divorced on July 1, 1971. They gave birth to Michelle Lynn (Babin) Martinez. Wilhelm would also marry Roxanna (née Bates) Babin on May 19, 1972 and they later divorced on August 22, 1984. He married Kathy (née Wunsch) Babin on September 29, 1984. His family lists the cause of death as: heart gave out. He was a proud Veteran who served 8 1/2 years in the United States Army as a medic, including a tour in Vietnam. He also served two years in the National Guard. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Dustoff Association, the VVA, and the Special Forces Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**. Will also was an avid reader and a computer expert. Services were held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Wilhelm was buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. We know that Wilhelm Thomas Babin had been residing in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

**JOHN PATRICK BANNISTER** - Died Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in Kirkwood, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Binghamton, New York on July 23, 1947. John proudly served his country in the United States Army from May 17, 1966 to August

5, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 1967 to January 1969. He was predeceased by many of his family members, his mother, Lucy Gowe and aunts and uncles, Charles and Emma Bannister, John and Mary Westgate, Harold Bannister and Paul Bannister. John is survived by his caring partner, Melody Terboss and cousins, Michael Bannister, Kathy Horowitch and Mary Vandermark. He leaves behind many good friends. John was a truck driver and enjoyed traveling the country he was also an avid motorcycle enthusiast. And an active member of several veteran groups. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Endicott Chapter #896**. Memorial services with full military honors were held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, June 22, 2018 in the Chapel of Vestal Hills Memorial Park, 3997 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, New York with the Reverend John Martinichio officiating. Family received friends from 11:00 AM until the time of the service.



**JOHN LESTER BAYNARD** - Died Thursday, May 8, 2014 in Harrington, Delaware at the age of 76, following an extended hospitalization. The cause of death was sepsis. John was born on June 26, 1937 in Felton, Delaware to the late Lester Smith and Mary Baynard. John leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Carole Baynard, of Harrington; his son, Bruce Baynard; his daughter, Mahalia Baynard; a brother, James Baynard, Sr. (Alverta); an uncle, several aunts and a host of other family and friends. In addition to his mother and father, John was preceded in death by his foster parents, Dick and Estella Baynard; a sister, Beatrice Sullivan and her husband Michael Sullivan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ellendale Chapter #546**. Viewing was from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, May 16, 2014. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 17, 2014. All services were held at the Bennie Smith Funeral Home, located at 717 West Division Street, Dover. Interment was in the Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro, Delaware. Letters of condolence may be sent, and guestbook may be signed at: [www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com](http://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com). The arrangements were handled by the Bennie Smith Funeral Home, Dover.



**LARRY JOSEPH BEARD** - Died Saturday, December 23, 2017 under the loving care of his family and Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice Home, at the age of 71. He was a resident of Rives Junction, Michigan. Larry is resting in peace with the Lord. He was born on August 10, 1946 in Mount Clemons, Michigan to the late Jack and Ruth (née Timmerman) Beard. They preceded him in death as well as his sister, Vicki A. Winchell, who he adored. He graduated from Northwest High School class of 1964. Larry is survived his loving wife of 45 years, Antonette M. (née Kenzie) Beard who was the love of his life and best friend. They were married on January 4, 1972. Together they had one daughter, Kelly A. Raser (Beard); two grandsons, Drew Raser and Kyle Raser; one brother, Jack (Sandy) Beard; brother in law, Marlin J. Winchell; three nephews, one niece and seven special fur babies. Larry also left behind Jeff Hoffner, who was like a son to him and special friend Mike Finch. Larry was employed at the

State of Michigan in the Corrections Department for 30 years and he retired in 2010. Larry served in Vietnam, in the United States Army as a Sergeant and machine gunner. Larry loved his country and fought bravely for it. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan Center Chapter #109**, Jackson, MI. A celebration of Larry's life was held on Friday, December 29, 2017 at the Charles J. Burden and Son Funeral Home (1806 East Michigan Avenue) at 1:00 PM with visitation from 12:00 PM until time of service. He was laid to rest with military honors at Hillcrest Memorial Park. In lieu flowers memorial contributions can be made in memory of Larry to Cascades Humane Society. Arrangements were made under the direction of the Charles J. Burden and Son Funeral Home, Jackson, MI.



**EARL L. BELT** - Died Monday, January 22, 2018 at an assisted care facility in Odebolt, Iowa at the age of 79. He was a resident of Sioux City, Iowa. Earl was born in rural Walthill, Nebraska on June 9, 1938 to the late Paul and Martha (née Brummund) Belt. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Winnebago, Nebraska, where he grew up. He graduated from Winnebago Public School in 1956 and later, under the G.I. Bill, he graduated from Morningside College. Earl joined the United States Air Force in 1956, serving in Germany. In 1961, he joined the Iowa Air National Guard, where he served for 36 years. He was a *Donor* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**. He then worked for the Red Cross, the Center of Siouxland and Siouxland Aging Services. He married Helen (née Laskovsky) Rinker in Sioux City on April 27, 1963. In 1977, they renewed their vows at Saint Francis Catholic Church in Sioux City. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Elizabeth Belt, of Almo, KY; his son, Christopher Belt, of Colorado; special friends, Colleen Moore of Albuquerque, NM, and Angie Carter, of Almo; his sister, Martha Pape, of Loveland, CO; and a brother, William (Lou), of Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Thelma Lee and Hannah Buggy, and; his brothers, Julius, Paul, Richard and Tommy Funeral Homes. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service.



**NORRIS STEVEN BENOIT** - Died Sunday, June 3, 2018 in his residence in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 69, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. Norris was born on October 13, 1948 in Welsh, Louisiana to the late Guy and Edna Benoit. He graduated from Grand Lake High School in 1968, where he played basketball and won awards in track. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. He worked for twenty-eight years at the Lake Charles Police Department, retiring in 1999, and then worked for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for four years. His life's work was law enforcement. Norris loved his country, his city, his family, and his friends. He was also an avid sports fan, coached fastpitch softball, and enjoyed helping Barbe High School football. He had a competitive side to



him, he loved playing pranks on people and he loved to talk; he truly never met a stranger. He had a heart of gold and loved helping anyone in need. He was loved and will be missed dearly. Norris is survived by his wife of forty-two years, Molly (née Huesers) Benoit; his daughters, Cindy Benoit Jones and husband, Joel and Crystal Benoit Tewes and husband, Eric; grandchildren, Keaton Jones, Tucker Jones, and Evie Sue Tewes; his brother, Paul Benoit and wife JoAnn; his sisters, Jackie Holland and husband Larry, Freda Cunningham, Stella Broussard, and Judy Wilkinson; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Charlie "Bobby" Taylor and LaVona Taylor, and Stephen and Sheryl Huesers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Edna Benoit; his brother, Robert Benoit; his sisters, Belinda Benoit, Linda Gary, and Patsy Timmons; and his sister-in-law, Liz Verret Tate. His funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Reverend Monsignor Daniel Torres was the celebrant. A graveside service was held at 9:45 AM on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Houston VA Cemetery. Visitation was at the Johnson Funeral Home on Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a Cursillo rosary at 7:00 PM. Visitation continued on Wednesday at the funeral home from 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM. The family would like to express a special word of thanks to Keaton Jones, Cattina Rougeau, and Trina Gary for the care and compassion given.

**CAROL SCHOELLER BESSETTE** – Died Tuesday, May 29, 2018 in Springfield, Virginia at the age of 79. The cause of death was Glioblastoma-Brain Cancer. She was born on August 14, 1938 in Passaic, New Jersey to the late Theobald Herman Schoeller and Evelyn (née Lucitt) Schoeller. She is survived by her husband, John F. Bessette. She served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. Funeral Home Services for Carol were provided by the Demaine Funeral Home of Springfield, VA. She was interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

**RONNY LEE BLANSETT** – Died Sunday, July 22, 2018 in Sulphur, Louisiana at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related pulmonary fibrosis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Corning, Arkansas on October 14, 1948. He served in the United States Air Force from March 7, 1969 to November 29, 1972 with a year tour of duty in Thailand and Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**.



**DEAN SMITH BLEVINS** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the age of 83 from his residence in Elizabethton, Tennessee, following an extended illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Elizabethton on July 3, 1935 to the late Frank and Edna (née Davis) Blevins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, John A. and Cora Davis, of Butler Tennessee; and his paternal grandparents, Quinton and Callie Sue Blevins, of Ashe County, North Carolina. Dean was a 1953 graduate of Elizabethton High School, a graduate of East Tennessee State University - Class of 1958 where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He retired from the United States Army after 24 years of service. Dean served two years in Vietnam as a Second Lieutenant Field Artillery, Battery D

330 Guard. He also served in the Tennessee National Guard from July 1953 to August 1958 and worked at the Pentagon for four years. He was a graduate of several military schools, including the Army Commander, General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and served in North Carolina, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Bemberg, Germany. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for service of Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star of Valor also in the Oak Leaf Cluster. Dean had also worked as a realtor for both Shell and Associates and Russ Swanay. He was widely known as the Elizabethton Flag Man. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824**. Those left to cherish his memory include his loving and devoted wife of twenty six years, Carol (née Robinson) Blevins, of the home; two sons, Kurt Blevins (Lane), of North Carolina and Thomas Blevins, of Fairfax, Virginia; a stepdaughter, Catherine Stewart (Brad), of Florida; his grandchildren, T.J. Blevins, Brittany Blevins, Catherine Blevins, Smith Blevins and Harrison Blevins; one great-grandchild, Jade Blevins; his special family, Joey and Pam Nave, Jessica and Linkin Hopson, Hunter and Glenna Nave and Diane and Warren Childress and family. A service to honor and celebrate the life of LTC Dean Smith Blevins, RA, CRST was conducted at 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 22, 2018 in the Riverside Chapel of the Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton with Mr. Greg Key, minister and Pastor Kenny Lethcoe, officiating. The music was under the direction of Kenny and Kathy Lethcoe. The family received friends from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the funeral home chapel, prior to the service on Sunday; or at the residence. The graveside service was conducted at 2:30 PM on Monday, July 23, 2018 at Mountain Home National Cemetery. Military honors were accorded by the Carter County Honor Guard. Active pallbearers were Jerry Campbell, Glenn McQueen, Terry Pierce, Richard “Jarfly” Dugger, Luther McKeehan and Joey Nave. The family would like to express and special thanks (and honorary pallbearers) to Dr. Thomas Schnell, Dr. Mailien Rogers, Drew Turner, Amedysis Hospice, Joel Etter and Smokey Mountain Medical Care.

**CHARLES JOSEPH BONDS** - Died Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in Leeds, Alabama at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**.



**VAN SEYMOUR BROOKS, JR.** - Died Friday, May 25, 2018 at the VA Medical Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 75. He was a resident of Keyser, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 2, 1943 in Romney, West Virginia to the late Van Seymour Brooks, Sr. and Marie Allen (néeTaylor) Brooks. He also was preceded in death by three aunts, Goldie Smith, Charlotte Stone and Dorothy Smith and three uncles, Jack Taylor, Richard Taylor and Roy Taylor. Mr. Brooks was a 1961 graduate of Romney High School and was formerly employed with Alliant Tech at Rocket Center, WV and as the head of security at Pilgrim's Pride in Moorefield, WV. He was a member of Living Faith Fellowship, Keyser and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He also

was a dedicated Washington Redskins and Keyser High School football fan. He was very proud to have been inducted into the Hampshire County Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016 as a member of the Romney High School football team of 1961. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Gloria Jean (née Taylor) Brooks; a son, Dana E. Brooks, of New York, NY; a cousin who was raised as a sister, Sue Ellen Ansley and her husband Charles, of Glen Burnie, MD; four aunts, Alyce Butler, of Keyser and Joan Redman, Elsie Fields and Delores Redman, all of Romney and a large number of loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Friends visited the family at Living Faith Fellowship, Keyser on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. A funeral service was conducted immediately following the visitation at the church at 11:00 AM with Pastor Gordon Brubaker, officiating. Inurnment was in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery, Romney. The Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.



**STEPHAN A. "Steve" BRUCH** - Died Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at ThedaCare in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 71. He was a resident of Little Chute, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. Steve was born in Appleton on May 1, 1947 to the late Donald and Ellyn (née Aul) Bruch. He was a graduate of Appleton West High School, and from January of 1970 to September of 1970 served in the United States Army in Vietnam. After his discharge, he continued by serving more than twenty more years in the Army Reserve Medical Command Unit. For nearly thirty years, Steve was employed by the Appleton Area School District. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**. Steve is survived by his wife, Judy Bruch of Little Chute; two children, Julie (Brad) Vandehey, of Darboy and Eric (Molly) Bruch, of Combined Locks; Judy's children, Scott Paeth, of Appleton, Craig Paeth, of Kaukauna, and Michael Paeth, of Menasha; eleven grandchildren, Blake Vandehey, Breanna Vandehey, Bennett Vandehey, Taylor Bruch, Trevor Bruch, Gabriela Bruch, Alicia Paeth, Matthew Paeth, Jarod Paeth, Aiden Paeth, and Hunter Paeth; a brother, Jeff (Teri) Bruch, of Green Bay; a special cousin, Garry (Shelly) Bruch, Sr., of Florida, and the mother of his children, Mary Thompson. Other survivors include Judy's siblings, Ed (Kay) Hudak, of Neenah, Connie Coffey, of Milwaukee, Jean (Jeff) Loehrke, of Weyauwega, and Patrick (Kym) Hudak, of Appleton. There are also many nieces, nephews, many relatives and friends. Family and friends gathered to remember Steve on Sunday afternoon, July 1, 2018, from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the Little Chute Village Hall, 625 Grand Avenue in Little Chute. At 4:00 PM there was a sharing of memories following by military honors. For more information or to share a memory of Steve, please visit [www.hovcremation.com](http://www.hovcremation.com). In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established. Steve will be remembered as a generous and loving man who loved his family and friends very much. He was proud of his military service and traveled the country to attend the many Vietnam Reunions. In memory of Steve, be sure to find someone today and give them a hearty "Thumbs Up!"

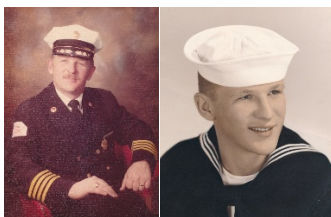




**JOSEPH RICHARD BUCKLEY, SR.** - Died Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at his residence in Bedford, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 27, 1947 in Washington, DC to the late Joseph Eldridge Buckley and the late Nancy (née Johnson) Buckley-Early. He was the husband of the late Cheryl (née Witt) Buckley. He was retired from J.M. Huber in Halifax and was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Halifax Chapter #840**. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Bedford. He is survived by two sons, Joseph R. Buckley, Jr. and wife, Laura and Victor Turner, III, all of Forest, VA; two daughters, Nancy B. Jackson and husband, Laré, of Amherst and Shannon B. Hicks and husband, Tony, of Concord; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family received friends to celebrate Richard's life from 3:00-5:00 PM on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the Whitten Timberlake Chapel. To send online condolences to the family, please visit [www.whittentimberlake.com](http://www.whittentimberlake.com) Whitten Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Timberlake Chapel is serving the family.

**JAMES "Jim" BURKARD** - Died Tuesday, April 3, 2018 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dallas on February 16, 1948 to the late Billie Edward and Dorothy Lee (née Leuch) Burkard who survives. Jim served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and worked as a construction foreman. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**. Jim is survived by his children, Jimmy Burkard and Kristin Burkard, of Dallas, TX; his mother, Dorothy Burkard, of Rockwall, TX; his brothers, Jerry Burkard and wife, Chris, of Rockwall and John Burkard and wife, Linda, of Springdale, AR; his sister, Marian Chambers and husband, Darrell of Overland Park, KS, and; his grandchildren, Kaleb Rockmore and Tiffany Burkard, both of Terrell, TX. He was preceded in death by his father. Graveside services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Rowlett, TX with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

**WILLIAM D. BURNETT** – Died recently in 2018 in Brookings, Oregon at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 30, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**.



**STEPHEN L. "Steve" BURRITT** – Died Wednesday, October 25, 2017 in Hilton, New York at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 30, 1940 to the late Lloyd "Hy" and Audrey Burritt. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his grandson, Zachary Chasman. Stephen is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Isobel (née Shepherd) Burritt; his children, Heather (Michael) Chasman, Ian (Laura Burley) Burritt; his brothers, Seb (Kathy) Burritt, Kim (Margaret)

Burritt, Craig (Colleen) Burritt; his sister, Christine (Allen) Bender; his grandchildren, Nicholas Collins and Alexander Chasman, and; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends visited the family on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Hilton Volunteer Fire Department, 120 Old Hojack Lane, Hilton. Stephen's funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Baptist Church. Graveside burial was held with full Military Honors at the Parma Union Cemetery. Those wishing may contribute to The Humane Society at Lollypop Farm, 99 Victor Road, Fairport, NY 14450, Hilton Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 50 Lake Avenue, Hilton, NY 14468 or Hilton Volunteer Fire Department, 120 Old Hojack Lane, Hilton, NY 14468 in memory of Stephen.



**WARREN JAMES BUTLER** – Died Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in Malaga, Washington at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 14, 1942. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 196 to 1968 and served in the Vietnam War. With many certificates of achievement and excellence, he retired after 32 years working in the administrative office for the FAA in the Air Traffic Division. Never one to stay idle, he retired again from the Cascade School District in Leavenworth, WA. After retiring, Warren spent his time helping run the Clearwater Poker Room, volunteering for the Marine Corps League, and trying to finish all of his many home projects. He met and made many amazing friends of all ages on his journey, and he will truly be missed. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. Warren is survived by his loving wife, Judy, of 22 years; his brother, Harold Butler (Sharron); stepbrothers, Robert (Shirley) and Larry (Nina) Denney; son, Scott Butler; stepson, James Gunter; stepdaughters, Rebecca Darlington and Gina Gunter; granddaughters, Aidan Darlington and Angela Gunter; and many treasured family and friends. A Celebration of Life was held at the American Legion, 208 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington on July 9, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

**JAMES CALLOW, JR.** – Died recently in 2018 in Jackson, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 19, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan Center Chapter #109**.



**BENNY NAUTA CAMPOS, JR.** – Died Thursday, August 10, 2017 in Hagatna, Guam at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on September 12, 1951 to the late Benny R. and Antonia N. Campos. He is survived by his wife, Rosella Roscel S. Campos; his children and their spouses, Stephanie C and Tommy Morrison and their children, Sage,

Gavin and Elisa, Benny Russell and Kayle Leon Guerrero Campos and Julian Ryan D. Campos; His sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Ann and James Ibanez and their children, Johnny C. Agustin and Cindy Ann Tom; his nieces and nephews, and; many other family members. He served in the United States Army from 1969 and was medically discharged in 1973 with service in Vietnam. He was a member of the VFW Post #2917 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**.



**WILLIAM DOMINIC CAPPOLI, JR.** – Died Saturday, March 31, 2018 in Spencerport, New York at the age of 70 with family by his side. The cause of death was acute ischemic colitis and paroxysmal atrial fibrillation. He was born in Rochester, New York on July 22, 1947 to the late William D. Cappoli, Sr. and Catherine Cappoli. He was also predeceased by his beloved uncle, Dominic Gallucci; and his beloved cousin, Donna Marie Litto. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Barbara Cappoli; his children, Carrie Radford and Bill (Andi) Cappoli; his grandchildren, Derrick Pechie, Lilly Cappoli, and Rebekah Radford; his sisters, Barbara Fox, Patty (Frank) Palermo, Wendy (Tony) Frongetta; his beloved aunt, Mary Lanzone; his best friends, Dick and Carol Miller, and; many cousins, nieces, and nephews. William was a proud Veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Rochester Chapter #20**. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-7:30 PM at the New Comer Cremations and Funerals, 2636 Ridgeway Avenue. A memorial service was held immediately after. In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Heart Association.



**ROBERT WILLIAM CAREY** - Died Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in Ringgold, Georgia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Long Beach, California on September 19, 1943, to the late Robert and Bobbie Carey. He was of the Christian faith and resident of Ringgold for 19 years. Robert entered the United States Navy in 1960 and retired in 1982 after 22 years of service. He served on numerous U.S. Navy submarines including the USS Sirago and the USS Grampus. After retiring from the Navy, he served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during the Gulf War. In his free time, Robert enjoyed riding motorcycles, working in the yard, playing darts and working on his aquarium. He especially loved his family and children and helping neighbors. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Robert is survived by his wife of 36 years, Nealia Carey; sons, Rob (Jennifer) Carey, Dennis (Marcie) Carey, Jeff (Kim) Eidson; daughter, Stephanie (George) Chandler; sister, Robin (Pablo) Zamora, Peggy (Gary) Selig; brother, Bill (Holly) Carey; grandchildren, Scott, Bobbie, Kayla, Dennis “Jr.”, Brittney, Kennedy, and Lindsey; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Monday in the funeral home chapel with Chaplain Dan

Barton officiating. The interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors provided by the U.S. Navy. Visit [www.heritagebattlefield.com](http://www.heritagebattlefield.com) to share condolences with the family and view the memorial tribute. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517. The family received friends from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Monday at the Heritage Funeral Home, Battlefield Parkway in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



**ROBERT CHARLES CARLSTROM** - Died Sunday, April 17, 2016 at his home in Wallingford, Connecticut at the age of 73. That cause of death was heart failure. Robert was born in New Haven, Connecticut on November 1, 1942 to the late Lawrence L. Carlstrom and Florence (née Little) Carlstrom. He is survived by four siblings, his brothers, Arthur Carlstrom, of Worcester, MA, and Lawrence A. Carlstrom, of Bonsall, CA; and his sisters, Janet Carlstrom, of Wallingford, and Judith Palmieri, of Orange, CT. Robert, a Vietnam Veteran, served three years in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in March 1969. Robert was proud of his service to our freedom loving country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hartford Chapter #120**. He resided for many years in Wallingford. He was an avid collector of U.S. coins and stamps, and baseball cards. Robert was buried with full military honors on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, in the State Veteran Cemetery, 315 Bow Lane, Middletown, Connecticut at 10:30 AM.



**JAMES ARCHIE CARTER** (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died Monday, July 16, 2018 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 89. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Person County, North Carolina on October 13, 1928 to the late James Henry and Annie Elma (née Swann) Carter. He joined his bride Irmgard Carter in Heaven on Monday, July 16, 2018. He attended elementary school in Person and Caswell Counties, and attended high school in Yanceyville, North Carolina. Following graduation, he was accepted to North Carolina A&T State University. After completing one year of studies, life took a turn and he was drafted into the United States Army on November 3, 1950 and served with distinction for 30 years. His stateside travels took him to Camp Polk, Fort Gordon, Fort Knox, Fort Ord, Fort Monmouth and Fort Sill, where he retired on June 1, 1980. Military awards received were: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), Good Conduct Medal Ninth Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Vietnam Service Medal with Five Service Stars, Two Overseas Service Bars, German Army Marksmanship Award in Bronze, Expert (rifle M-16), Expert (Carbine), Sharpshooter (rifle M-14), and Marksman (pistol .45). He completed two tours overseas in Germany, and during his first tour he met Irmgard. They were married on January 7, 1956 and returned to the United States in 1956 with baby boy James Edgar. While stationed in Fort Ord, they had two more children, Mario Archie and Linda Loretta. His final tours before calling Lawton his home were to Anchorage, Alaska and South Vietnam. After settling in Lawton, he and Irmgard had one more child Amanda Rebecca. After retirement, he continued to work with the soldiers at Fort Sill in Civil Service for the next ten years as a Senior Training Specialist and finished what he started 34 years ago,

his college education. In 1983, he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Cameron University in Sociology and an Associate of Arts Degree in Technology. For the next 26 years, he and Irmgard lived in Snyder in a house they built on 10 acres of land. Going back to his Carolina roots, he enjoyed raising cows and gardening, while operating a television repair shop for the locals. The two of them returned to Lawton in 2013 where they lived out their remaining years in a community they both loved. During his entire adult life, he cheerfully served his church and community in many ways. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. His survivors include his two sons, James E. Carter, of Charleston, SC, Mario A. Carter and wife, Shari Atkinson of Del City, OK; two daughters, Linda L. Carter, of Decatur, GA, Amanda R. Carter, of Lawton, OK; two grandchildren, Sarah Spann Dennard and husband, Darrius Dennard, of Decatur, GA and Kendall J. Metoyer, of Kennesaw, GA. He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Carter, of Baltimore, MD; his brother, Warner Carter, of Buffalo, NY, and; his sister, Annie Davis, of Buffalo, NY. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and eight siblings. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 23, 2018 at the New Post Chapel, Fort Sill with Chaplain (COL) Jimmy Nichols, of Fort Sill officiating. The family greeted friends from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at the funeral home. The burial with full military honors was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to the LaSill Optimist Club, 2113 SW Monroe Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501.



**ALBERT WILSON CASON** – Died Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 4, 1944 to the late Quillar and Sammie Kate (née Rhodes) Cason. He was also predeceased by his sisters, Rose Mary, Mattie Mai, Colleen Cason and his brothers, Williams and Kent Cason. Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Evelyn White-Cason; five children, Camera Cason, Rico Cason, Greg (Landry Boyle) Cason, Joshua (Nashima Crowder) Glenn, Quinton Q. Cason; six grandchildren, Bri'on Cason, Necie (Dante Johnson) Cason, Brandon Cason, Keiterria Cason, MarQuisha Smith, Nicolas Cason; nine great-grandchildren, Bryson Cason, Briana Cason, Jaycion Johnson, Tayvion Burkett, A'Zaria Johnson, Zaylon Burkett, Ariana Smith, JaQuez Smith, Zacari Johnson; brothers, Homer (Henrietta) Cason, James (Kathaleen) Cason, Roy (Gayle) Cason, Kenneth (Melony) Cason, Willard, Sidney (Lois) Cason; sisters, Annie (Pastor Wayne) Bailey, Ethel (Ronnie) Johnson, Sarah Herron; a myriad of nieces and nephews; a host of loving friends from the Lebanon Senior Citizens Center; and a special and devoted friend, Louella Bass. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1975 achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Funeral services were on Monday at 1:00 PM at the West Hills Baptist Church at 1240 Leeville Pike in Lebanon. The family received friends and family on Sunday from 5:00-6:00 PM at the Neuble Monument Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service. Neuble Monument Funeral Home at 1330 Bluebird Road was in charge of the arrangements.





**ANTHONY LEONARD "Tony" CEELEN** - Died Thursday, May 17, 2018 in

Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 72 after a courageous battle with stomach cancer, surrounded by his loving family. The youngest of 10 children, he was born on January 30, 1946 in Oshkosh to the late William and Ann Ceelen. Tony graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1964, where he excelled in football, earning the honors of All-Conference and All-State for both the Offense and Defense. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where he was a member of the football team and continued to play both Offense and Defense. Tony joined the United States Army Reserves and after two years in the Reserves, he volunteered for the draft and joined the United States Army. While serving in Vietnam, he was decorated for Valor with a Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster. Upon returning to the US, Tony completed Drill Sergeant School in Fort Polk, LA. After his two-year service commitment, he returned to Oshkosh, where he joined the active Army Reserves and became Senior Drill Sergeant, where he was in charge of the Drill Sergeant Academy, at 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 84<sup>th</sup> Division. Tony was employed at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, starting out as a Corrections Officer and retiring as Captain of the Training Department. During his 28-year law enforcement career, he represented the Sheriff's Department on the Four Man Pistol Team, where they won the National Championship in the Expert Class in Police Combat Shooting in Jackson, MS. After retiring, Tony joined the Sheriff's Reserves, where he worked for another 10 years. In September of 1993, he met Patti Damerow (née Lautenschlager). On May 3, 1997, they were married. Although it wasn't long enough, God gave us 25 wonderful years together. During that time, we took road trips to Florida, Colorado, Canada, Louisiana, a train to Texas and a cruise. Every year for the past 9 years he/we drove down to Tennessee, where we attended a reunion with a number of his Vietnam "brothers and sisters". That was a drive Tony always loved to take; reconnecting with so many of his Vietnam "brothers and sisters", where they could talk, laugh and cry. A great time was always had by all who attended. We want to thank some of those "brothers and sisters" for making the trip here to Oshkosh to show their respects and say a final farewell to a fallen comrade: Leonard and Connie Frye, WI, Bill and Judy Buss, WI, Dale and Linda Melton, IL, George and Carol Lefman, MO, Ed and Becky Arendt TN, and Craig Fring, PA. In his retirement, Tony enjoyed hunting, spending time with his wife and family, fishing, recreational shooting-trap and skeet, as well as rifle and pistol shooting at local clubs. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Disabled Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437**, Americal Division, several local gun clubs, and an active member of Saint Raphael's Catholic Church. Tony is survived by his wife, Patti; his daughters, Maggie (Steve) Faust and their children, Mimi and Carson Faust; Katy Klug and her children, Trysten and Kathryn Hazen, and Gabriel Klug; step-daughter, Tina Kruger and her children, David (Shelby) Lautenschlager, Brandon (Brittany) Kruger; great granddaughter, Arwyn Lautenschlager; sisters, Dinah Schmidt, Grace Sawyer, Rose (Jim) Scheuerman and Pat (Lynn) Kraus; sister-in-law, Joyce Ceelen; mother-in-law, Marilyn Lautenschlager; brothers-in-law, Craig (Cher), Kerry (Jan), Jay (Sherry), David (Sue) Lautenschlager; and sister-in-law, Jill (Jeff) Doro; as well as many nieces and nephews. Tony and his nephew John Ceelen had a very special bond. They traveled

together, hunted, fished and laughed together. Tony jokingly and lovingly referred to John as "the son I wish I'd never had". Tony was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ann Ceelen; his brothers, Henry and Bill Ceelen; sisters, Charlotte Bruss, Beatrice Getchel, Jean Grabel; and father-in-law, Jerome Lautenschlager. Visitation hours were held at Saint Raphael Catholic Church on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 9:00-11:00 AM, immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. A private burial was held at Lake View Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Saint Jude's. We want to thank Dr. Abbi and all the staff at Oncology and Hematology at Mercy Medical Center and the staff at Affinity Hospice for their dedicated support and care, especially Jenny and Jessica.



**MICHAEL JOSEPH "Mike" CHALIFOUX** - Died Monday, June 25, 2018 at his home in North Adams, Massachusetts at the age of 71 with his daughters by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on June 22, 1947 to the late Jean Major Chalifoux and Catherine Clare "Kitty" (née Coyne) Chalifoux. He attended North Adams schools and graduated from Saint Joseph High School. He also attended Saint Anselm College and graduated from UMass Amherst. Mike was a veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the United States Army. He was devoted to his fellow veterans and spent much of his time over the years supporting them and helping veterans get their pensions and other VA benefits. He was always active in his community, looking out for the public's best interest by being very vocal with residents and town officials. He always stood up for what he believed in. In recent years, he worked diligently to keep his hometown of North Adams clean by personally employing residents to pick up trash and participating himself as well. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Adams Chapter #54**. Survivors include two daughters, Caitlin Fairneny, and husband Ty, of Hopkinton, MA and Nora Chalifoux of Chapel Hill, TN and two grandchildren, Colin and Alana Fairneny. He was a devoted father and grandfather. He is very loved by his family and will be missed greatly. He was predeceased by two sisters, including Mary Ann Chalifoux on May 29, 2013 and Catherine A. Chalifoux on April 9, 2018. His sister, Cathy left us not long ago and died peacefully at home under Mike's care. Taking care of her was his greatest mission in life and he was so proud to have had that honor. A service to celebrate the life of Michael Chalifoux was held on Friday June 29, 2018 at 1:30 PM at the Flynn and Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals West Chapels, 521 West Main Street, North Adams, MA. The burial was in the Southview Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home were on Friday from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM.



**ANDREW DARREL “Andy” CHAPMAN** – Died Friday, June 8, 2018 in Belden, Mississippi at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to the late Clifton “Cliff” and Dorothy “Dot” Chapman on March 21, 1946 in Baldwyn, Mississippi. Andy resided in Belden, MS and worked at Yellow Freight Line Trucking Company in Memphis, TN, until his retirement in 2008. He was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**-Ray Strength, an active member of the Marine Corps League-Andrew Lawhon and a member of the Teamsters Union. Andy was an avid sports fan, a collector of sports cards, Elvis and military memorabilia. Andy Chapman was survived by his wife of 46 years, Christy Chapman; three daughters, Kim Harbor of Tupelo, MS, Kaye Stults (Kevin) of Port Charlotte, FL and Nicole Landrum of Belden, MS; a sister, Dyann Ray of Tupelo, MS; a brother, Stevie Chapman (Betty) of Belden, MS; four grandchildren, Brittany Abel of Port Charlotte, FL, Nikki Cheek (Brandon) of Punta Gorda, FL, Daniel Harbor of Mooreville, MS and Kendall Landrum of Belden, MS; five great-grandchildren, Josalin Abel, Ayla Abel, Liam Sutton and Kayden Koundry of Port Charlotte, FL and Logan Cheek of Punta Gorda, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifton “Cliff” and Dorothy “Dot” Chapman and his grandson, Christopher “Chris” Harbor. Services were at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Browning Funeral Home Chapel in Pontotoc, MS, with Reverends Jim Varnon and Joel Ray co-officiating. The burial was in the Pontotoc Memorial Gardens. Browning Funeral Home in Pontotoc was in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers were Daniel Harbor, Randy Ray, Chris Ray, Justin Chapman, Jason Chapman and David Pennington. Visitation hours were on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the funeral home.

**GERALD L. CHRISTENSEN** – Died Monday, April 6, 2015 in Hopkins, Minnesota at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 18, 1945. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopkins Chapter #62**.

**BRUCE A. CHRISTLY** - Died Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Schuyler Hospital, Montour Falls, New York at the age of 67. He was a resident of Horseheads, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 27, 1950 in Elmira, New York to the late George N. and the late Joyce E. (née Herrick) Christly. He enlisted in the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1970. He took great pride in serving his country and received nine medals including the Bronze Star w/V (Valor). He worked for the City of Corning as a mechanic for 15 years and worked as a part-time firefighter for the City of Corning. Bruce was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He will be remembered as an avid outdoorsman – enjoying hunting, fishing and camping. He was active in his sons' lives – helping with the church youth group, little league, and as a den leader for cub scouts and boy scouts. He is survived by three sons, John (Carolyn) Christly, of Cooper City, FL, Matthew (Kathryn) Christly, of Hanover, MD

and Brian (Laura) Christly, of Addison, NY; his grandchildren, Taylor, Zachariah, Olivia, Michael, Camden and Carter; sister, Sandra (Richard) West of Elizabethtown, KY; and several nephews, great-nephews and cousins. Family and friends were invited to call on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 17 West Pulteney Street, Corning, NY. A funeral service followed at the funeral home at 3:00 PM. Burial took place in the family plot in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Elmira, NY on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's name may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund by visiting: [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) or by mailing donations to: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1235 South Clark Street, Suite #910, Arlington VA 22202.



**MICHAEL THOMAS "Mike" CLARK** - Died Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the Muse Norris Inpatient Unit, Hospice of North Iowa, in Mason City, Iowa at the age of 70. He was a resident of Manly, Iowa. He was born on October 18, 1947 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Walter and Helen (née Melchert) Clark. Mike, his brother David and his mother Helen moved to North Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1952. He graduated from high school in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1966. After graduation, Michael enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1971. Mike moved to Jordan, Minnesota in 1971. He lived there until 1997, before moving to Albert Lea, Iowa. He met Darlene Stephani in 1997 and the couple was married on April 3, 1999. He began working for Curries in 2001 and retired in 2009. Mike enjoyed doing yard work, going fishing, he liked to go up to Grandma's Cafe, the Manly American Legion, and R-80 to meet with friends. He was a member of the Lions Club, the Bethany Church Council, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Lake Mills Chapter #790**, Jerry Palmery Chapter. Mike was a genuinely nice guy, never met a stranger. He could talk to anyone. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Stephani, Kensett, IA; his brothers, Doug (Linda) Olson, Shakopee, MN, and Kenny (Joni) Olson, Jordan, MN; sister-in-law, Sharlene (Richard) Yancy, Independence, MO, Annette (Regan) Banks, Manly, IA, and Doris Payne, Mason City, and; many nieces, nephews, and lots of friends. Michael was preceded in death by his stepson, Danny Stephani; his stepfather, Sanford Olson; his mother, Helen "Betty" Bachman; his biological father, Walter Clark; his brother, David Clark, and; many aunts and uncles. A memorial service was held at 12:30 PM on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the Bethany Lutheran Church, 600 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Kensett, following the church service with Reverend Tom Martin officiating. Mike's family invited everyone to attend the church service at 10:30 AM and a luncheon prior to the memorial service.

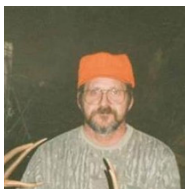
**STANLEY C. CLINE** – Died recently in 2018 in Hagerstown, Maryland at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 12, 1934. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**.



**REX J. CLOSE** - Died Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the age of 76, surrounded by his loved ones, at the home of dear friends in Anchorage, Alaska. He was a

resident of Sutton, Alaska. The cause of death was stage three pancreatic cancer. He was born on July 7, 1941 in Wadsworth, Ohio to the late James and Olive Close. He married the love of his life, Shirley McGuire on August 3, 1963. Rex served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. After serving his country, the couple moved to Anchorage in 1968, where Rex oversaw the welding shop at Elmendorf Air Force Base, maintaining and repairing military aircraft for many years. Rex loved to work with his hands and spent decades building a retirement log home, shop and guest cabins overlooking the Matanuska Glacier. Rex had many hobbies, including collecting and rebuilding tractors, especially John Deere. Rex was very active in the community. He served as Master of Arms for the Alaska Gun Collectors Association and was a member of numerous organizations, including the Antique Power Club of Alaska, the NRA and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anchorage Chapter #904**. He will be remembered as a thoughtful man, who was always willing to step in and help a friend or neighbor. He was an inspiration to all that knew him. His strength and patriotism were unmatched. Rex was given three months to live after being diagnosed with stage 3 pancreatic cancer in May 2015. Never one to quit, he fought the disease for nearly three more years. During that time, Rex twice returned to Vietnam, taking along his son, to show him where he had served. Rex also took his children and granddaughter on many trips throughout the Lower 48 states. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, brother, cousin, uncle and friend to many. He is survived by his son, Shawn Close; his daughter, Tanya Fujimoto; his son-in-law, Dirk Fujimoto; his granddaughter, Savanna; his brother, Kent; his sister, Katy Raynor; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Memorial services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Glacier View Bible Church, 35455 Glenn Highway in Sutton, Alaska.

**THELMA COLE-REID** – Died recently in 2018 in Durham, North Carolina at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on September 11, 1928. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville (New York) Chapter #11**.



**JAMES ANTHONY COLEMAN** - Died Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the John Cochran VA Medical Center in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 69. He was a resident of House Springs, Missouri. The cause of death was melanoma. He was born on February 7, 1948 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late Thomas and Ernestine (née Thomas) Coleman. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by eight siblings, Janice Riviera, Grace Rosalie Coleman, Carolyn Vogt, Patricia Coleman, Thomas Coleman, Martha Coleman, David Coleman and Nancy Coleman. He is survived by three children, James Coleman II, of House Springs, MO, John Coleman, of House Springs, MO and Jill Coleman, of Ballwin, MO; five grandchildren, Trinity Collins, Trevor Collins, John Coleman, Jr., Hunter Coleman and Xavier James Coleman III, and; his nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**. James enjoyed hunting, fishing,



watching TV and working out. He was a real cowboy in Arizona for 6 years. James will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation hours were on Friday, December 15, 2017 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, Missouri. Services were held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Chapel Hill Mortuary. Interment was in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to the Melanoma Society.

**IRVIN COLLINS** – Died Friday, October 27, 2017 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Petersburg, Virginia on January 6, 1945. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**.



**JIMMIE RAY COLTER** - Died Monday, July 16, 2018 in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Mountain View, Missouri on May 20, 1947 to the late Everett and Juanita (née Martin) Colter. Jimmie proudly served his country in the United States Army and retired from Crete Carriers. He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Ronnie Colter; son-in-law, James Kohl. Jimmie is survived by his wife of 36 years, LaRue Colter; children, Lynn Colter (Jennifer), Laura Lincoln (Tracy), Michael Colter (Robin), Elaine Todd (Matt), Jamie Colter (Jodie), Sarah Hilton (Jim), Theresa Kohl, Lisa Leftridge (Bob); his Mother, Juanita Colter; his siblings, Sharon Gillespie (Gus), Robert Colter, David Colter and Richard Colter (Joyce); his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and; a host of other family and friends. Visitation hours were from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday at the Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Thursday at the funeral home. The interment was in the Garner Township Cemetery.

**CHARLES ALLAN COOK** - Died Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Dayton VA Medical Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of South Charleston, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield, Ohio on February 27, 1947 to the late Charles Glendon and Doris Jean (née Elkins) Cook, the oldest of six children. He graduated from Southeastern High School in South Charleston, Ohio in 1965. Cook was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Navy from 1966-1970. He received three combat medals, three unit service medals, and five service organization pins. He had many veteran friends and was a member of several veteran organizations, including the VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League, AMVETS, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont (Texas) Chapter #292**. After his military service as a Navy Hospital Corpsman, he built a career as a respiratory therapist. Later in his career he worked as a traveling respiratory therapist, a job that took him to several states. He spoke often of the places he most loved, including Savannah, GA, Greenville, SC, and Beaumont, TX. Toward the end of his career he moved back to Ohio to help care for his Grandmother, then subsequently his mother. After retirement, he moved to South Charleston where he resided until his death. Cook is remembered as a proud veteran and as an attentive brother, son, and grandson. His joyful laugh, keen sense of humor, and his pride in military and

country will never be forgotten by those that knew him. He had a strong desire to help people, which he did often, and he cared for several homeless pets that he adopted throughout his lifetime. He is survived by four sisters, Roberta (Cook) Gereg, Vanessa Cook, Melanie Cook, and Cynthia Cook, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother, (Glendon) Keith Cook. A memorial service, with full military honors, was held at 1:30 PM on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Dayton National Cemetery where he was entombed. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. The family entrusted the Oliver Floyd Funeral Home in Greenville with the arrangements.

**ROGER STEVEN COWGILL** - Died Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 67. He was a resident of Martinsburg. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 22, 1950 in Slanesville, West Virginia to the late Elmer and Edith (née Belford) Cowgill. Roger had served with the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He is survived by his loving wife Renée (née Ayers) Cowgill; four daughters, Michelle and Kenneth Robertson, Tonya and Wayne Fortune, Mandy Koontz, and Megan and Jason Monn; one son Roger Koontz and partner Cara; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Karen Nelson; and a life-long friend, Stanley Cleavenger. Services and interment were private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to the family. Arrangements were entrusted to the Brown Funeral Home.

**CHARLEY CRAWFORD** – Died recently in 2018 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 13, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pine Bluff Chapter #815**.



**TOM CRAYTON** -Died Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham at the age of 74. He was a resident of Sylacauga, Alabama. He was born on April 7, 1944 in Tallapoosa County to the late Maggie Pearl (née Russell) Crayton and Ben Crayton, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, A.J. and Willie Crayton and a daughter, Sheryl Marie Crayton. Tom worked at Avondale Mills in Sylacauga for 37 years. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sylacauga Chapter #945**. Crayton leaves to cherish his memories: his loving devoted wife of 52 years, Juanita Crayton, Sylacauga, AL; four children, Ernest (Valerie) Crayton, Marietta, GA, Anthony (Sonya) Crayton, Powder Springs, GA and LaQuanta Crayton, Atlanta; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one special god-granddaughter, Zharia Mckenzie; one brother Ben Crayton, Jr. (Maggie) of Sylacauga; two sisters, Pearlle Crayton of Jacksonville, FL, Dorothy (Early) Battle of Sylacauga, and; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Visitation hours were on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Sunset Chapel of Remembrance, 33558 U.S. Hwy. 280, Childersburg, Alabama. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 3:30 PM in the Pine Grove Baptist

Church, Pine Grove Road, Sylacauga, Alabama. The committal was on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM, at the Pine Grove Baptist Church, Pine Grove Road, Sylacauga, Alabama.

**JESSE COLEN CREECH** - Died Sunday June 18, 2017 in the White Marsh Community of Whiteville, North Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Whiteville on June 1, 1942 to the late Alfred James Creech and Annie Mae (née Sykes) Creech and was also preceded in death by a son, Arthur Lamar Creech, Sr. and two brothers, William Creech and James Creech. He served in the United States Army for twenty years during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He also worked with the U.S. Postal Service for over 20 years. He was a member of the Concerned Bikers Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962**. Survivors include his wife; Lucy (née Dore) Creech, of the home; three sons, David James Creech, of Whiteville, NC, Jerry Delane Creech, of Augusta, GA and Robert Allen Creech, of Whiteville, NC; his daughters, Lucy Amelia Jones, of Whiteville, NC and Juanita Long, of Lee's Lake; two sisters, Patsy C. Eason, of Whiteville, NC and Sherry C. Jordan, of Abbottsburg, NC; his brother, Phillip Dale "Pink" Creech, of Whiteville, NC; a special granddaughter, Keisha Nicole Creech, of New York; fourteen grandchildren, and; ten great-grandchildren. A memorial service was celebrated on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the McKenzie Mortuary Chapel with Reverend Darryll Hester officiating. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday night, June 20, 2017 at the McKenzie Mortuary from 7:00-9:00 PM. Memorials may be made to: Veteran Memorial Park, P.O. Box 1003, Whiteville, NC 28472.



**ADRIAN JOSEPH CRONAUER** - Died Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in Troutville, Virginia at the age of 79. The cause of death was vascular dementia. He was born on September 8, 1938 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Cronauer served as a confidential advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) from 2001 through 2009. He represented the POW/MIA Office at meetings within the Office of the Secretary of Defense and at various outside functions including liaison with the leadership of veteran service organizations as well as family and activist groups. He had lead responsibility for DPMO's dealings with international organizations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Tripartite Commission. For his efforts, he holds the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service. Prior to turning to the law, Cronauer spent seven years in New York City voicing television and radio commercials. Before that, he owned his own advertising agency, managed a radio station, was program director of a television station, and was a TV news anchorman. He has taught broadcasting at the university level and authored a textbook on radio and TV announcing, used by many colleges and universities. A former United States Air Force Sergeant, Cronauer co-authored the original story for the major motion picture, *Good Morning, Vietnam!* In that film, Cronauer was portrayed—loosely—by Robin Williams whose performance was nominated for an Academy Award. He served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1966 with service in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roanoke Chapter #81**.

He sat on the Board of Directors of the Nat'l D-Day Memorial and has served as a member of the Virginia Public Broadcasting Board, on the Arlington County (Virginia) Cable TV Advisory Committee, and the Board of Governors of the New School for Social Research in New York City. He served two terms as a trustee of the Virginia War Memorial. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jeane Steppe and also his stepson, David Muse; and grandson, Kevin Muse. Cronauer and his late wife, resided in Troutville, VA and are survived by stepson, Michael Muse and daughter-in-law Mary Muse; four grandchildren, Matthew Muse and wife, Kelley and their son, Hudson, Dr. Sarah (Muse) Minter and husband, Ryan; granddaughter, Christa Buchanan; and grandson, Cameron Buchanan. The family received friends on Sunday, July 22, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Oakey's East Chapel. A private interment was held with full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a veteran organization of your choice.



**JOHN F. "Jack" CROWLEY, JR.** – Died Friday, May 19, 2017 in Semmes, Alabama at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 23, 1940 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late John Francis Crowley and Catherine Loretta (Austin) Crowley. He graduated from Boston Trade High School and joined the United States Coast Guard, which became his lifelong career. After over 30 years of service, he retired in 1988, then worked for more than 10 years at the US Post Office. His dedication to the USCG continued by actively being involved with numerous veteran associations right up to his passing. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Semmes Chapter #701**. Jack is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cathy, as well as a son, John, and a daughter-in-law, Brandi and two grandchildren. He was the beloved brother of Ann Pierce and her husband, Mick, of FL, Catherine Gallagher and husband Walter (deceased), of MA, Daniel Crowley (deceased) and wife Georgia, of MA, James Crowley and wife Fran, of FL, Gerald Crowley and wife Barbara, of MA, Dorothy McMorro and husband John, of MO, Patrick Crowley and wife Judith, of MA. Jack was the link that kept everyone in touch and will be greatly missed. The arrangements were under the direction of the Radney Funeral Home-Mobile, Alabama.



**JERRY CURTIS** -Died Friday, July 13, 2018 in his home in Camden Wyoming, Delaware at the age of 67, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 4, 1950. Jerry is survived by his loving wife Esther, his son David and wife Sandra with their soon-to-be born, daughter Chloe, and his daughter Melissa and husband Charles House. He was a retired United States Air Force Senior Master Sergeant and Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pippin Funeral Home, 119 West Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, DE. 19934 where there will be a friends and family

gathering one hour earlier at 12:00 Noon. The burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Home of the Brave Foundation <http://homeofthebravefdn.org/>. Letters of condolences can be sent via [www.pippinfuneralhome.com](http://www.pippinfuneralhome.com) - Pippin Funeral Home



**ANGEL CRISOSTOMO CRUZ** - Died Saturday, November 11, 2017 in Barrigada, Guam at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on January 20, 1947 to the late Jose Blas Cruz and Pilar Crisostomo Crux. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his daughter, Wendy Cepeda Claiborne and his Father-in-law and Mother-in-law, Matias P. and Jesusa P. Leon Guerrero. He is survived by his wife, Josephine L. G. Cruz; his children and spouses and their children, Marie Pilar Cruz and Christopher Vincent Naputi and Curtis and Taylor, Chyanne and TJ, Chiara, Cyrena, Caylana; Edwina and Sean Maloney and Janne and Robert J. Maloney II and Magdalena; Edward, Jr. and Tina Santos, and many other family members. He served in the United State Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. Mass of Intention was offered at 6:00 PM at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao. Last Respects for Angel were held on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao. Mass for a Christian Burial was offered at 1:00 PM. Interment was in the Guam Veteran's Cemetery in Piti, where everyone bid him farewell and a peaceful rest.



**JAMES E. "Jim" CUMBERWORTH, JR.** – Died Friday, February 16, 2018 at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related interstitial lung disease and heart failure. Jim was born on July 2, 1945 in Savannah, Georgia, to the late James E. and H. Aline (née Lathrop) Cumberworth, Sr. He married Leah Hass on May 15, 2000 in Iowa City, Iowa. Jim attended Saint Bede and then graduated from Alleman High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served his country as a radio operator in the jungles of Vietnam. Jim obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Western Illinois University and then worked as an East Moline Police Officer for about 10 years. Subsequently, he got his Law Degree from John Marshall Law School and went into private practice before becoming ill. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**. Jim loved fast cars, football, time spent with family and organizing family reunions. He especially loved and appreciated his wife, Leah. She



completely enhanced his life the last 18 years. Jim is survived by his wife, Leah; his children, Ellyn Jo (Erick) Rucker, Detroit, MI, James Emmet (Baylor) Cumberworth III, Ozark, MO and Allison Faith Cumberworth, Phoenix, AZ; his stepson, Tim (Jessica) Chiavetta; his grandchildren, Lucy Adelaide, Violet Annabelle and Alexander Jordan; his siblings, Patricia (the late William) Duchaine, Bridget (the late Frank) Abbott, Colleen (Harlan) Morgan, Margaret Cumberworth, Kathy (Kerry) Sommers, Theresa Bradford, Mary Elizabeth (Steven) Hollars, Timothy (Bobbie), Terence (Bobbie), Robert (Claire), Matthew (Becky), Daniel, and ;special pals, Kitzel and Smokey. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Michael. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 AM on Friday, February 23, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church, Moline. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at DeRoo Funeral Home, Moline, where a Rosary was recited at 4:00 PM. The burial was at Rock Island National Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #299. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Scott County, Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House.

**PETER J. DALEY, JR.** – Died in June 2018 in Mount Holly, New Jersey at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 18, 1939. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Major. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Township Chapter #899*.



**JAMES JOSEPH "Jim" DARROCH, JR.** - Died Monday, August 28, 2017 in Glen Burnie, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Alzheimer's disease. He was born on May 4, 1946 in Takoma Park, Maryland to the late Jim and Peggy Darroch. He was raised in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Hopewell High School, he attended Florida Technical College, served in the United States Army as an Aviation Operations Specialist, Vietnam Veteran and retired from the Federal Government after 30 years of service. Jim is a member of the OV-1 Mohawk Assn. and an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Maryland*. Jim is survived by his spouse Jane Darroch; his sons, Steve and Tim Darroch, daughter-in-laws, Kellie and Stephanie Darroch; his grandchildren, Devon, Emilie, Hunter and Gavin Darroch; his great-grandson, Leland Darroch; his brothers, Michael and Robert Darroch; his sisters, Dianne Kube and Melissa Schafer; his aunts and uncles, and; many nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Peggy Darroch and grandson, Tyler Darroch. A Celebration of Life service was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7436 B&A Boulevard, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. A gathering of family and friends was held immediately following the service in the Church Hall.



**AUGUSTINE V. "Gus" DENTINO** – Died Thursday, May 10, 2018 in Spencerport, New York at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on May 3, 1933 to the late Joseph and Grace Dentino. He was also predeceased by his twin baby sons; his daughter, Patricia DeMarco; his son, Thomas Dentino; his sisters, Mary Coppa and

Elizabeth Baird; his brother, Theodore Dentino, and; his son-in-law, James Barbato. Gus is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ida Dentino; his daughters, Susan Dentino-Barbato and Kathy (Bob) Thornton; his sons, David (Linda) Dentino and Joseph Dentino; fourteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; his sisters, Jean (Donald) Pedalino and Joyce (Vito) Arbore; his brother, Anthony Dentino, and; many nieces and nephews. Gus was a 27-year United States Air Force Veteran who served in Vietnam and was a retiree of Eastman Kodak where he devoted 25 years of service. He was an avid bowler, a NYS umpire, a member of Alhambra Carvan 25 and a past Grand Knight of Columbus, Council #10758. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. There were no visitation hours. Gus's Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Saint John the Evangelist Church of Spencerport, 55 Martha Street. The interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The courtesy of no flowers would be appreciated. Those who desire, may offer a mass for the repose of Gus's soul.



**WILLIAM T. "Bill" DeWITT** - Died peacefully at home in Brunswick, Maine on Friday, February 6, 2015 at the age of 80, of complications from Parkinson's Disease. Bill was born in Eastport, Maine on August 20, 1934 to the late James Marshall and Ethel (née Matthews) DeWitt. He graduated from Shead Memorial High School in Eastport in 1953 and worked at the A&P grocers until he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1954. He proudly served and was a veteran of both Korea and Vietnam and was the recipient of several honors, including the Vietnam Service Medal. He loved his country and was a true patriot. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1975. Later he was employed at M. Grumbacher Corp. (Jay Brush) and as a civilian Inventory and Supply Manager at BNAS, retiring in 1998. Bill embraced life and cherished his family and friends. He was always quick to start conversations and never knew a stranger. The children would light up when they saw him as they knew he would always be interested in whatever was happening in their lives and could count on his wit and wisdom. Sports, especially golf, traveling including many cruises were among his most favorite pastimes. Bill was a member of the Washington Street Baptist Church in Eastport and a parish member of First Parish Church in Brunswick, a member of Post #202 American Legion, the DAV and VFW. He was a supporter of the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Washington D.C. as well as POW/MIA. He was a *Donor* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine**. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by three brothers, Stanley M. DeWitt, James R. DeWitt and Ralph E. DeWitt, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Irma DeWitt, of Brunswick; a son Michael D. DeWitt and his wife Kathryn, of Scarborough; a brother, Gary DeWitt and his wife, Cynthia, of Simpsonville, SC; a sister, Susan DeWitt Taylor and her husband, William, of Galavants Ferry, SC; a brother-in-law, David Pottle, of Bath; a sister-in-law, Annie Bowden, of Bath and Betty Pottle, of Bangor. His family includes many, many nieces, nephews, their children and grandchildren. Family and friends were invited to visit from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Brackett Funeral

Home, 29 Federal Street, Brunswick. A video tribute of his life was shown and can also be seen on Brackett's website. The memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday at First Parish Church, Maine Street, Brunswick followed by a reception in the church vestry. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brackettfuneralhome.com](http://www.brackettfuneralhome.com). Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans in his name. A fund was set up. Interment with military honors was held in the spring at the Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta.



**HONORABLE THOMAS A. "Tom" DICKERSON** - Died Thursday, July 26, 2018 in Yonkers, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on March 3, 1944 in Lockport, New York to the late William and Esther Dickerson. He is predeceased by his daughter Briana Dickerson Cardone and his sister Sandy Williams. Thomas is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Patti; his son, William and daughter-in-law, Rachel; his grandson, Wyatt; his sister, Jeanette Dickerson-Putnam (Duncan) and his brother-in-law, Thomas Reddy; his nieces, Shannon, Katie and nephew, Matthew. Judge Dickerson graduated in 1969 from Colgate University and in 1973 from Johnson Graduate School of Business and Public Administration, Cornell University and Cornell Law School. He served in the United States Army Special Forces (Green Berets) during the Vietnam War, 1963-1966. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20*. He practiced law in New York City from 1975 through 1993, specializing in Litigation, Class Actions, Consumer and Travel Law. He was a Justice on the Yonkers City Court, the Westchester County Court, New York State Supreme Court, and what he was most proud of, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department. He is the author of numerous legal books, treatises and articles. Tom loved the law and his family and will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Calling hours were held at the Fred H. McGrath and Son Funeral Home, Bronxville between the hours of 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Joseph Church in Bronxville on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM.



**DANIEL L. "Danny" DIETZ** - Died Saturday, April 28, 2018 at home in Arvada, Colorado at the age of 62, surrounded by loving family and friends. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born on May 5, 1952 in Denver, Colorado to the late Leo Dietz and Barbara Dietz. During his early years he proudly served in the United States Army, during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, daughter and son-in-law, a brother and four sisters, an aunt and uncle, plus many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Bob and Michael Dietz. As many know you could always count on Danny, he was a kind and loving person. After retirement Danny prided himself on teaching people about what he experienced during the war. Danny also was able to go on fishing and camping trips early on in retirement. Danny was a *Founding Member* and a *Life*

*Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071.* He was a very active member from the conception until his death. Danny was dedicated to make it a wonderful organization it is today, they started with 12 members and now have 190 members. Danny was an avid fisherman, if it was a nice day out he would be at the lake. When Danny's health was worsening it was never a question if he could go fishing or not, he went! During the last years he went on many fishing trips that were some of the best yet!



**KENNETH F. DOLAN** - Died peacefully among his loved ones following a long and brave fight against cancer on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in Palm Beach Gardens at the age of 75. He was born on January 23, 1943 in Boston, Massachusetts. He was a 1965 graduate of Boston College, Ken enlisted in the United States Navy, where he was commissioned as an Ensign and enjoyed early selection as a Lieutenant. He served as a Communications Officer in Norfolk, Virginia, and was a cryptology expert directly responsible for a 15-man communications team. He served in Vietnam aboard the USS Annapolis as their Communications Officer. After the Navy, Ken headed to Wall Street starting as a broker trainee at Merrill Lynch. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Boynton Beach Chapter #25**. In his celebrated career in finance, he held many senior positions ending as Senior VP and member of the US Board of Directors for Toronto-based investment banking and brokerage firm Wood Gundy and Company. During that period, Ken hosted a one-hour weekly call-in radio show on personal finance and found his true love and ultimate career, leaving Wall Street. In 1985, Ken began sharing his extensive financial knowledge with listeners on the #1 talk station in America, WOR Radio in New York City. His wife Daria joined him in 1986, and "America's First Family of Finance" was born. They remained an on-air radio team for 20 years. Their syndicated show "Smart Money with the Dolans" was heard on 200 stations nationwide and was consistently rated one of the top ten most-listened-to radio shows in America by Talkers Magazine. They were awarded the only four-star rating for financial broadcasting excellence by Newsweek Magazine and elected to the Vanity Fair Magazine Radio Hall of Fame in 1996. While Ken was entertaining tens of thousands of radio listeners, he and Daria began an exciting television career, starting with CNBC's "Smart Money with the Dolans" in 1989, which was one of the first programs to air on that network. They remained at CNBC until 1992. In 1994, The Dolans became the money editors on "CBS This Morning" hosted by Harry Smith and Paula Zahn, making 150 appearances before undertaking "Dolans Unscripted", a live, weekly broadcast on CNN, that aired in 85,000,000 homes across America. Ken and Daria also co-wrote eight books and numerous newsletters and remained active on the lecture circuit for decades. In his "retirement", Ken chaired Dolan Global Partners, LLC, where he assembled a world-class team of seasoned professionals in multiple industries to provide special sector experience in international real estate development, hospitality, tourism, consumer services, and more. He valued his partnerships and thrived on the excitement and activity of the busy company until it was no longer possible for him to do so. Ken is survived by his wife of nearly 47 years, Daria, his daughter and son-in-law Meredith and Keith Emond, brother Paul Dolan, sister Brenda Dolan,

mother-in-law Norma Robbiano, and five-year-old granddaughter who lovingly called him "Gramps" and shares his birth date of January 23. A celebration of Ken's life for family and friends will be held in lieu of a formal service, and will include lots of hot dogs and beer, just the way he wanted it.

**JAMES J. DOWNEY** – Died recently in 2018 in Riverhead, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 28, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**.

**KENNETH J. DOWNEY** – Died Monday, July 16, 2018 in Freeville, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on March 2, 1948 in New York City, New York to the late Patrick Downey and Sadie (née Rosenblum) Downey. He is survived by his wife, Irmgard (née Schneider) Downey. He served in the United States Army from September 23, 1965 to February 4, 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**. The Perkins Funeral Home in Dryden, New York was in charge of the arrangements.

**JOHNNY PAUL DREWRY** - Died Sunday, May 6, 2018 in Harrison, Arkansas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 28, 1946 in Harrison. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War on the USS Illusive. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson (Missouri) Chapter #913**.



**EDWARD "Frenchy" DuBOIS** - Died Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at the Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon, Washington at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Abbeville, Louisiana on January 4, 1947 to the late Eddie and Wanda DuBois who survives him. In 1963 he joined the United States Navy and attended Recruit Training at San Diego, California. Following aircraft mechanic training, he was assigned to Heavy Attack Squadron 2 at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island; followed by service in Vietnam with later duties at GSE, NAS Whidbey Island; Attack Squadron 128; Attack Squadron 95 (Plank Owner); NAMTGD Whidbey; and Tactical Electronic Squadron 132, from which he retired following 20 years active duty. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oak Harbor Chapter #1109**. He then worked several mechanic jobs in Oak Harbor; joining BOSC Del-Jen at NAS Whidbey, and finally ended his working career as a lead mechanic at Island Transit. He retired fully to a sports-loving life of crabbing, fishing, camping, and spending time with family and friends. Edward leaves behind the love of his life, Carolyn, after over 50 years together; his son, Darren (Holly), of Port Angeles and daughter, Suzanne (Leon), of Oak Harbor; two granddaughters, Mackenzie and Emerson; his mother Wanda Melebeck; his brother, Charles and his sister, Mary, both of Erath, Louisiana. Edward's father, Eddie Dubois, preceded him in



death. Services were on December 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Wallin Funeral Home at 1811 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oak Harbor, Washington with a follow-on remembrance event at Frank's Place, 32945 State Route #20, Oak Harbor, Washington. Memorial donations may be made to: Washington State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #1109, P.O. Box 627, Clear Lake, WA 98235.

**JACK COLON EDWARDS** - Died Tuesday, June 19, 2018 in Dublin, Georgia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 15, 1942 to the late Julius C. and Myrtice (née Cook) Edwards. Survivors include his stepmother, Mary Edwards, of Dublin; his sister, Shirley Mooney, of Thomaston; his brother, Mike Edwards (Elaine), of Chattanooga, TN; his aunt, Betty Cook, Gladys Payne, and Mazie McLendon, all of Dublin, and; several nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in Vietnam and traveling the world with the Air Force before retiring. After retirement, he worked with the Valdosta State University Campus Police for over 20 years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. He loved to fish and cook, as well as participate in charity motorcycle rides. Jack was a member of the New Bethel Baptist Church. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 12:00 Noon in the Chapel of Townsend Brothers Funeral Home. The burial was in the Northview Cemetery. Reverends Ken Rodgers and Kelly Maddox co-officiated. The family received friends on Saturday from 11:00 AM until the time of the funeral service at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Edwin Edwards, Robert Edwards, Curtis Edwards, Bill Edwards, and Don Edwards.



**STANLEY A. "Stan" EVANS** – Died Monday July 2, 2018 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 79. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born in Boynton Beach, Florida on June 7, 1939. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. A friend of Bradley County veterans and founder of the local Sons of the American Revolution chapter has died. Evans was instrumental in the start of the local SAR chapter on December 5, 2003, now one of Tennessee's outstanding chapters and a nationwide leader in growth. Now boasting more than 200 members, it is the largest SAR organization in the state. Chapter SAR member and past President Claude Hardison, a former Tennessee SAR president, said he and Evans formed a very close friendship after the local chapter was founded in 2003. Driving to an Independence Day celebration in Knoxville Wednesday, Hardison said the two traveled to many SAR events across the nation, and he admired his late friend for his ability to research. "He researched information for more than 200 SAR members, perhaps 300, which is a state record," said Hardison. Evans is survived by his wife, Maggie; three sons, and a daughter. He had two sons with his first wife, and a son and daughter with Maggie. One son, Stan Jr., lives in Glendale, Calif., and a second son, Jim, is the manager of a pharmaceutical company in Jacksonville, Fla. Stan and Maggie's son, Rob, lives in Dublin, Ireland. A daughter, Caroline, now lives in Henderson, Nevada. He is also survived by a sister, Carolyn Velsor, of Longwood, Fla., and

several nieces and nephews. His wife said he was cremated, the service coordinated by the Neptune Society. A memorial service is planned for Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, in the Lee Chapel on Ocoee Street. Interment will follow in Chattanooga National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hospice of Chattanooga. In addition to being the first president of Cleveland's Col. Benjamin Cleveland SAR Chapter, Evans was also selected as the Veteran of the Year by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 in 2017, and received the Raymond H. Wheeler Patriotic Award in 2008. Stan and Maggie were deeply involved with a number of DAV activities, including the DAV Car Show at Bradley Square Mall. Evans also donated a portion of his 100-percent disability allotment to the DAV. Evans was also a member of a Christian group in Decatur, Ga., which works with publishing firms to print Christian material. He was an editor and proofreader, working on more than 85 books. He was also a member of Scottish Rite, the Masons, Order of Founders and Patriots, Baronial Order of the Magna Charta, a Kentucky Colonel, Royal Order of Scotland, the American Legion Post 81, Disabled Americans Chapter 25, Cleveland's Vietnam Veterans chapter, and the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. In a 2017 interview, Evans said he and Maggie shopped around East Tennessee when looking for a place to retire. They said they visited Maryville and Oliver Springs before settling on Cleveland. Evans and a sister were raised by his grandmother in Florida, and he graduated from Palm Beach High School. He graduated with actor George Hamilton, and a couple of years after actor Burt Reynolds. He was in the National Guard after high school and trained as an aircraft mechanic. He later went to work for Pratt & Whitney building aircraft engines. Evans then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and after leaving the service was employed for aerospace firms in Maryland and Florida. In the earlier interview, Evans expressed pride in his work with the SAR chapter, and pleasure in volunteering with several veteran organizations and the Christian group in Decatur, Ga.



**HAROLD GENE EXUM, SR.** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Lawton-Fort Sill Veterans Center with his daughter by his side. He was 75 years of age and a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 19, 1942 in Ralls, Texas to the late Harold E. and Mary Lou (née Stobaugh) Exum. Harold was raised on his Uncle Buck's farm in Lorenzo, Texas. After graduating high school as a proud Lorenzo Hornet in 1961, Harold attended Texas Tech University. Harold owned and operated Carpet World. Harold married Shirley Brown, and became the proud father of Harold Gene Exum, Jr. in 1964. Harold was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam, for which he received the following medals and accommodations; Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 bronze oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1 bronze oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal, 6<sup>th</sup> award, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 silver service star, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 1, Combat Infantryman Badge 1<sup>st</sup> Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon w/device,

Expert Badge w/auto rifle bar, and the Drill Sergeant Badge. On Sept. 14, 1968 he eagerly married Polly Mosley and became the father to Pam, Billy, Kim, and Meladee. Over the next few years, their family grew with Gena and John. Sergeant Major Exum proudly served over twenty years in the 101st Airborne, Screaming Eagles. The Exum family was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany; Baumholder, Germany; Colorado Springs, Colorado; El Paso, Texas; Moorehead, Kentucky; and Lawton. After retirement in 1988, Harold and his wife enjoyed operating booths at several antique markets. For the past eight years, Harold was a resident at the Lawton-Fort Sill Veterans Center. Harold enjoyed the friendships made with many residents and staff at the center, and spending time with his family, all of which will miss him immensely. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #750**. He is survived by his wife, Polly Exum of the home; his children: Pamela Whipp of Lawton; William Smith and wife Buffy, of Marlow; Kim and husband, Harald Achen of Allen, Texas; Harold Gene Exum Jr. and wife, Diane of Dodge City, Kansas; Gena Exum Werner of Lawton; two brothers, David Exum, and wife Susan of Redding, California; Jimmy Exum of California; Sister Leslie Kyle, 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and many other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold Eugene and Mary Lou Exum; his sister, Lisa Exum; his daughter, Meladee Helton; and son, John Exum. Funeral for SGM (Retired) Harold Gene Exum was at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Kari Kennedy of Cache officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. Rosary was recited at 6:00 P on. Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in the funeral home chapel.

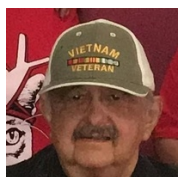
**JOHN R. FARGASON** - Died recently in 2018 in Palm City, Florida at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 4, 1934. He is survived by his wife, Ursula, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Utah**.



**BOBBY JACKSON FINCH** (USA, NC, COL-Ret.) - Died Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina at the age of 76. She was a resident of Durham. The cause of death was pneumonia. She was born in Raleigh, North Carolina on December 3, 1941 to the late Herman Henry Finch and Duba Sara (née Fowler) Finch. COL Finch was a graduate of Broughton High School and earned three degrees at one time from Durham Tech Community College in General Education, Computer Programming and Paralegal. She was a Nurse Anesthetist at Watts Hospital at that time, now Duke Regional Hospital. COL Finch was a member of the United States Air Force Nurse Corps, United States Army Nurse Corps and United States Army Nurse Corps Reserves. She was the recipient of the Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. She was Commander of Chapter #21 Disabled American Veterans in Durham for 10 years. She was a

member of the American Legion Post #6, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Durham Chapter #530**, Rolling Thunder Chapter #4 and Chapter #7 in North Carolina, Veterinarians to Veterans United, Inc (a group that trained service dogs for disabled veterans for free) and a charter member of the Women's War Memorial in Washington, DC. Her most memorable accomplishment was with the 82nd Airborne at Airborne at Fort Bragg earning the Expert Field Medical Badge being the only reservist and over 40 to complete this task at that time. She also helped coach the little girls, ages 6-7, softball team. Bobby was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and she loved to sing in the choir. COL Finch is survived by Rose Mary Adams and cousin, Phyllis Farrell and nieces, Tanya Parrish Sams, Renee Sousa and Gina Hopkins. The family receives friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Clements Funeral Home in Durham. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Durham. The burial was in the Montlawn Memorial Park in Raleigh In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations be made to Independent Animal Rescue, Inc, PO Box 14232, Durham, NC 27709. The family was assisted by the Clements Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc. in Durham.

**JAMES E. "Jim" FLANAGAN** - Died Sunday, June 10, 2018 in Upper Township, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death was pneumonia and Agent Orange-related pancytopenia myelogenous leukemia. He was born in Somers Point, New Jersey on July 15, 1947. He is survived by his wife of 45 years Pat Flanagan; his stepdaughter, Susan (Brodesser) Callahan and her fiancé Bryan Moran; his stepson, Joe Brodesser Jr.; his granddaughter, Meghan (Callahan) Spinelli; his great-grandson, Austin Spinelli, and; with sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Jim was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**. He also was a life member of the VFW Post #8695. Jim was a proud member of the VVA Color Guard and marched in many parades. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on his truck, attending classic car shows and in his later years attending his great grandson's baseball games with his family. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Radzieta Funeral Home, 9 Hand Avenue, Cape May Court House, NJ. Visitation hours were from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM with a service to following. The interment was in the Head of the River Cemetery, Estell Manor. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 228, PO Box 429, Somers Point, NJ 08244 or the charity of your choice in his honor.



**JUNIE WILLIAM "JW" FLECK** - Died Monday, March 19, 2018 in Bessemer, Alabama at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bessemer on November 10, 1938. He attended The Bible Comes to Life Church. JW retired from US Pipe with 33 years of service. He was a United States Army veteran serving with the 93<sup>rd</sup> Helicopter Co H-21. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. Junie loved his family and friends unconditionally and had an unyielding love for animals. He was truly the epitome of a strong, hardworking, loving and giving man of Christian faith. He was

preceded in death by his granddaughter, Ashlynn Sparks. Junie is survived by his daughters, April (Rick) Curb and Kristy (Kevin) Sellers; his grandchildren, Jessica Sellers, Steven Sellers and CJ Sparks. The funeral service was on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home with the burial in the Cedar Hill Cemetery. Pastor Phillip Hill officiated. The family received friends on Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

**GARY EDWIN FLEESON** - Died peacefully in his home in Freedom, Pennsylvania on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the age 69 surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania on September 29, 1948 to the late Carl E. Fleeson and Florence E. (née McCune) Fleeson. Gary returned to the small town after serving as a skytrooper in the First Cavalry Division of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sisters, Mary Dimerling, Deb Fleeson and his brother, Dennis Fleeson. Gary was retired from Penn State Beaver, where he worked in the maintenance department for over 25 years. He was a founding member of REACT, member and retired instructor of the Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club and was an avid motorcyclist. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Gary was a Freemason who enjoyed Gettysburg history, working with his hands, and spending time with family. He was a devoted father and loving grandfather and will be greatly missed. He is survived by son, Richard Fleeson and his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Aubrey and Nevin, and daughter, Beth Fleeson and her fiancé, Charles Stroupe, and their children, Oliver and Bee. Loved ones were invited to visit with family on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Gary's home. The funeral arrangements were handled by the William Murphy Funeral Home, Inc., 349 Adams Street, Rochester.



**CARL W. FORGEY** - Died Sunday, April 8, 2012 in Modesto, California at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. Carl was born in Modesto on January 12, 1948 and graduated from Davis High School in 1966. In 1968, at the age of 20, he was drafted into the United States Army to fight in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the 183<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Airplane Company until he was honorably discharged in 1971 and returned home to Modesto. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuolumne Chapter #391**. In 1973, he met the love of his life, Janelle, and they were married six months later. They had three daughters. Carl has always been involved in his daughter's lives. You could always find him on the sidelines at their soccer games cheering them on, along with their teammates. Throughout his working career, Carl worked as a warehouse supervisor for various companies in Modesto. Amongst his many hobbies, Carl enjoyed going to the Modesto Vet Center on game day and playing Farkle with the Wolf Pack. He also enjoyed cooking, watching baseball games, gardening, attending concerts with his wife and most important, spending time with family and friends. Carl will always be remembered for his playful personality and witty sense of humor. Carl is survived by his wife Janelle Forgey; three daughters; Paula Forgey (Michael), Erin Forgey (James), and Amanda Jones (Douglas); his grandchildren, Zerick, Braden, Carly Sue, Daevon, Dre, and Julian. A military graveside service was held on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, CA. A celebration of life in his honor was



held at Mancini Hall located at 718 Tuolumne Boulevard, Modesto, CA 95358 from 2:00-5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to be made in Carl's name to: Modesto Vet Center, 1219 North Carpenter Road, Suite #12, Modesto, CA 95351.



**FRANK MARTINEZ FORONDA** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died peacefully in Little River, South Carolina on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the age of 78, with his adored wife, Ila Jean ("I.J.") Hurley, by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 24, 1938 in California. He served multiple tours of duty in the United States Army all over the world, including three in Vietnam. He was awarded the Silver Star for extraordinary bravery in Vietnam when, on March 20, 1970, he pulled wounded U.S. soldiers to safety after their firebase was overrun with Viet Cong. Foronda and his unit retook the area the next morning. He was the recipient of the Silver Star, two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars. His proudest achievement during his Army career, he said, was his ability to "guide soldiers from different ethnic and economic backgrounds to work as a team and rise above racial differences. Among his numerous other awards: the Legion of Merit, Combat Infantry Badge, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Occupational Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and Joint Services Commendation. He was the son of a migrant farm worker, Foronda, who spoke four languages, was equally proud of his work on behalf of veterans, lobbying members of Congress and the Senate on issues ranging from disability benefits to healthcare. He worked as a veteran's employment counselor for the NC Employment Security Commission from 1988 to 2003. "I felt it was my duty to let my elected officials know that someone cared about the problems of people who had served their country," he often said. Gregarious, yet unafraid to express his opinions, Foronda viewed the world through the lens of a military man, expressing the hope that his two grandsons would grow up valuing "God, country and family." The outgoing Army officer spent time in places ranging from Germany to Japan to Saudi Arabia. Along with English and Spanish, he became fluent in Arabic and German by soaking up the local culture and taking language classes through the Department of Defense. A lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Foronda served as commander of NC Post #C073 (1991 – 2002) and NC Department Hospital Chairman (2004-2009). He belonged to Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart and was a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962** and the Combat Infantrymen's Association, serving as the national membership officer (2006 – 2008). In an illustrious United States Army career that spanned 30 years, Foronda, was buried with full military honors at Whiteville Memorial Cemetery in Whiteville, NC. A graveside funeral was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Whiteville Memorial Cemetery, 1013 James B. White Highway North, Whiteville, NC 28472.

**PATRICK J. FRY** – Died Thursday, March 1, 2017 in Salinas, California at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 11, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopkins (Minnesota) Chapter #62**.

**CARL GUINN FUGLER, SR.** (Lt. Col., USAF-Ret.) - Died Friday, February 6, 2015 in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 85. The cause of death was multiple sclerosis. He was born in Watson,

Louisiana on November 26, 1929 to the late Clarence and Vivian Fugler. Carl was a 1954 graduate of Louisiana State University. Carl is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gloria; his sons, Carl, Jr. (Pam), Mark (Jane) and Randy; and his grandchildren, Matthew, Jessica and Rachel. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for 24 years, including tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam, retiring in 1975. He later worked Federal Civil Service at Lowry Air Force Base. Carl was a member of El Jebel Shrine, Sojourners, and was past president of the Mile-High Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. A committal service with full Air Force honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery was on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM – Staging Area B. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Denver Fisher House Foundation, 14001 East Iliff Avenue, Suite #210, Aurora, CO 80014, or Rocky Mountain MS Center, ATTN: Pediatric MS Center, 8845 Wagner Street, Westminster, CO 80031. Please share your memories of Carl by selecting the guestbook link below.



**BRADLEY CLAYTON FULTZ** - Died Thursday, June 21, 2018 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. Bradley was born on October 16, 1956, in Arkansas City, Kansas to the late Charlotte and Herbert Fultz. He served in the United States Navy and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a police officer for Blackwell, Okla., from 1984 to 1996. He transferred to the Ponca City Police Department in 1996 and worked there until his retirement in 2004. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Bradley enjoyed gatherings with the people of the Ponca City VVA and looked forward to marching in the Veterans Day parade each year. He had a passion for motorcycles and watching westerns. He also loved animals, especially his dog, Honey. Bradley always kept active and enjoyed visiting with people. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh. He particularly loved spending time with his two children, and he was an amazing father. He is survived by his son, John Fultz, of Ponca City, OK; daughter, Brandy Fultz, of Owasso, OK; son-in-law, Joshua Sensintaffar, of Owasso, OK; his sister, Angela DeArmond, of Winfield; his brother-in-law, Bill DeArmond, of Winfield; his nephew, Adam Messenger and wife, Liz Sadler, of Wichita, and; many other relatives and friends. A ceremony to celebrate his life was at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Resthaven Memorial Park in Ponca City. Steve Ham officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home and Crematory. Memorial contributions can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #750, P.O. Box 1625, Ponca City, OK 74602.



**WESLEY C. FULTZ** - Died Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Astoria Place of Cambridge, Ohio at the age of 71. He was a resident of Cambridge, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown.

He was born on September 10, 1946 in Cambridge, Ohio to the late Foster and Ruth (née Peterson) Fultz. He was a United States Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He worked several jobs and the last was a truck driver. He attended Shaffer Chapel and was a member of the VFW Post 2901 and was one of the breakfast bunch that met at McDonalds in Byesville. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. Wesley is survived by his daughter, LaTisha Johnson, of Cambridge; a son, Scott (Kim) Wiley, of Westlake, Ohio; two grandsons, Jacob and Allan Wiley; a brother, Jeffery (Darcel) Fultz, of Cambridge; a niece, Robin Fields Crew, and; his faithful companion Martin. Calling hours were from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Bundy-Law Funeral Home and funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the Bundy-Law Funeral Home with Mark Beros officiating. The burial was in the Northwood Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by the Guernsey County Veterans Council.



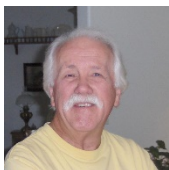
**LAWRENCE E. "Larry" GARNO** – Died Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in Rochester, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester on January 15, 1943. He is survived by his siblings, Rachel (Tom) Allison, Mark (Melissa) Garno, Andy (Kathy) Moses and Allyce (David) Brinsko; his nieces and nephews, Stephanie (Rob) Baubie, Amy (Tom) DiFante, and Matthew Crawford; his great-nieces and great-nephews, Stephanie Baubie (Tyler Kinney), Tyler Spotts (Taylor Moseley), Marlayna and Mitchell DiFante, and Rebekah Baubie. Larry was a United States Army Veteran and served in Vietnam, enjoyed NASCAR racing, long drives, spending time with family and friends, and going to church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Family and friends were invited to call on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc., 735 East Avenue in Hilton. Larry's Funeral Service was held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 7397 West Ridge Road, Brockport. Interment was held in White Haven Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #20, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612 in memory of Larry.

**SHIRLEE ANN GARRINGER** - Died Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Springmeade Health Center in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 68. She was a resident of Verona, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on October 7, 1949 in Troy, Ohio to the late William and Verda (née Maggert) Badgley. She graduated from Covington High School in 1968. She attended OSU, then worked as a flight attendant for American Airlines until her marriage in 1970. Shirlee graduated with a BA from Wittenberg College and then from Rets Tech School of Nursing. She was accredited as an LPN and as a certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse. She is survived by her children, Leigha Clapp, of Columbus and Brent (Debbie) Garringer, of Cincinnati; four grandchildren; three sisters, Juda (John) Moyer, of Tipp City, Millie Badgley, of Kettering and Thelma Sweet, of Alcony; nieces and nephews, Julie Drake, Jill Moyer, Jon Moyer, Jenell Terry, Nathan Sweet, Zachary Sweet, and Drake Sweet. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Dale and David Badgley. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam**

**Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97.** Private services were held at the convenience of the family. The services have been entrusted to the Blessing-Zerkle Funeral Home, 11900 North Dixie Drive, Tipp City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Shirlee's memory to Hospice of the Miami Valley, 41 North Detroit Street, Suite B, Xenia, Ohio 45385.



**DAVID D. GARRISON** - Died Sunday, August 5, 2018 at his residence in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 69. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born on June 16, 1949 in Fitzgerald to the late James and Gussie (née Shinholser) Garrison. He graduated from Fitzgerald High School in 1967. Mr. Garrison served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Air Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. Mr. Garrison seventeens Human Resources and Safety Manager for Shaw Industries and later for Southern Veneer, where he retired. He enjoyed working in his yard, golfing and spending time with his grandchildren. Mr. Garrison was of the Baptist faith. He is survived by his wife, Betty Ann Garrison of Fitzgerald; a son, David Garrison and Elida, of Fitzgerald; a daughter, Chrissy Hayes and Dewayne, of Fitzgerald; his stepchildren, Felicia Handley, of Fitzgerald, Teresa Turner and Matt, of Pitts and Melanie Richey and Drew, of Unadilla; seventeen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and; two brothers, James Dorminy and Grace, of Moultrie and Herman Sewell and Geraldine, of Sylvester. He was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at The Paulk Funeral Home Chapel in Fitzgerald with the Reverends Drew Richey and Rick Ellis co-officiating. Interment was in the Salem Cemetery in Ben Hill County, Georgia with full military honors. The family received friends on Tuesday evening, from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the funeral home in Fitzgerald.



**DAVID HAROLD GATES** - Died Thursday, December 21, 2017 at his home in Tillamook, Oregon at the age of 74. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. David was born on September 6, 1943 in Buffalo, New York to the late Harold and Ethel (née Hollub) Gates. The family moved to Chula Vista, California in 1958 where Dave graduated from Chula Vista High School, Class of '62. After high school, he joined the United States Air Force, training at Mather AFB, CA to "patch up B-52's" and served during the Vietnam War in Guam and Okinawa doing just that. At the end of his 4-year tour of duty, he returned home to Chula Vista where his father met him at the door with a US Civil Service application in hand. He was hired at NAS North Island as a metalsmith and began his long career in the aerospace industry. He later became a quality assurance specialist and spent the last 15 years of his career at Vandenberg

AFB working on the Titan Missile Program. After his retirement in 2001, Dave and wife Gen made a few trips to visit Gen's family in Garibaldi and on one of those trips decided to look at houses (just for fun) when they found their dream home on a piece of property overlooking the beautiful Trask River Valley. They relocated to Tillamook in 2004 and never looked back. Dave was a member of the Tillamook United Methodist Church, Tillamook Elks, TillaWheels Car Club, NW Old Iron Club, the Tuesday Morning Breakfast Gang at Denny's and the Thursday Morning Breakfast Gang at The Fern. He was also a volunteer docent at the Tillamook Air Museum and at Evergreen Air Museum in McMinnville. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Salem Chapter #271**. Dave is survived by his wife of 39 years, Genevieve (née Dupre) Gates, a brother Thomas Gates and many extended family and friends. He will be missed. There was a memorial service at the Tillamook United Methodist Church on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM and committal graveside services on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Tillamook United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.



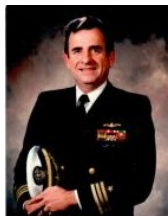
**JOHN ERVIN GEIB** - Died Saturday, June 23, 2018 in Mansfield, Missouri at the age of 70. He was formerly of West Bend, Wisconsin. The cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia. He was born on April 10, 1948 in West Bend to the late Sarto and Ernestine (née Immel) Geib. John grew up in Barton attending Saint Mary's School and West Bend High School. The next step would forever change his life. He, along with his friend Mike Hoeft, registered for the draft in the United States Army on May 17, 1967. John was promoted to Sergeant (E5) on graduation from the non-commissioned officer academy at Fort Benning, GA where he took training as a combat leader. John received a medical discharge for wounds suffered during conflict. He valorously attempted to save one of his men who had become pinned down by enemy ambush and had been mortally wounded. Despite being wounded himself, John attempted several times to brave the intense hostile fire to recover the soldier until he was ordered to withdraw. John's actions earned him the Bronze Star Medal of Valor for heroism. Additionally, he also received the Vietnam campaign medal, the National Defense service medal and the Vietnam service medal. John recovered from his physical injuries at the Woods Veterans Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston Chapter #729**. After his recovery, John returned to West Bend where he found work as a railroad mechanic and later moved to Ash Flats, Wisconsin and then to Mansfield, MO. John is survived by his children, Jessica (Mike) Mattox and grandson Zach, of Lexington, SC; Gabe Geib, of Madison, WI; Matt Geib, of Green Bay, WI, and Christopher Geib, of Eden, WI. He is further survived by his brother, Paul (Mary Lee) Geib, of West Bend; his sisters, Barbara (Dick) Hensen, of Campbellsport, Mary (Gary) Daley, of West Bend and Lois (Dan) Guse, of West Bend, and; his sister-in-law, Sue Geib, of West Bend. He also is survived by



one aunt, Sr. Mercedes Geib, of Fond-du-Lac, WI; as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. John was predeceased by his parents, Sarto and Ernestine Geib, his brother, Peter Geib and his two sisters, Betty Waala and Annie Walker, his two brothers-in-law Ervin (Mickey Waala) and Roger Walker.



**REGINALD WALTER "Reggie" GEORGE** (UAF, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the Elaine Center in Hadley, Massachusetts at the age of 81. He was a resident of West Springfield, Massachusetts. The cause of death was leukemia and lymphoma. He was born on April 14, 1937 to the late Joseph and Irene (née Jennings) George. After graduating high school, Reginald enlisted in the United States Air Force and served honorably for 26 years on military bases across 13 states and 7 different countries, including serving in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive. He retired from the Air Force in 1984 as a Master Sergeant., having received numerous awards and citations including: Air Force outstanding Unit Award w/Valor Device, twelve Devices, Air Force Good Conduct medal w/7 Devices, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon w/5 Devices, Vietnam Service Medal w/4 devices, Marksmanship Ribbon w/1 Device, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm Device, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, among numerous others. After his Air Force service, he worked for the US Postal Service as a letter carrier for 17 years. He was a life member of the following organizations: VFW #6714, DAV Chapter #55, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, The Retired Enlisted Association, American Legion Post #185 in Feeding Hills, AMVETS, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219** and American Military Retirees Association. In his spare time, he enjoyed genealogy, golf, and bowling. Reggie will be dearly missed by his loving children; Thomas George and his wife Amy of WA, Richard George of Westfield, Veronica George of South Hadley, his sister Rosalie Miller of OR, two half-sisters; Ramona Bishop of NH, Regina Howard of VT. He is also survived by his two adored grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Raymond George. Visiting hours were held on Monday, July 30, 2018 from 3:00-5:00 PM at the Messier Funeral Home, 1944 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA followed by a Funeral Home Service at 5:00 PM. The burial with Military honors took place on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 476 Furnace Road, Randolph Center, VT. Donations in Reggie's name may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 9 Erie Drive, Natick, MA 01760.



**ALBERT L. GOLDFINCH, SR.** (USN, CDR-Ret.) – Died Sunday, November 5, 2017 in the Sunrise Assisted Living in Poland, Ohio at the age of 77. He was a resident of Monaca, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 23, 1940 in Uruguay to his

late missionary parents, Sydney and Francis (née McCaw) Goldfinch. He is survived by his wife, Maureen (O'Connell) Goldfinch, former wife, Elizabeth Goldfinch, children Nancy Goldfinch (Ed Wentz) of Kernersville, NC, Albert Goldfinch, Jr. of Turnersville, NJ, Charlene (Paul) Glatkowski of Concord, NH, stepdaughter Lisa Silliman of North Jackson and ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. Albert retired after 29 years of service in the Navy. He attended MIT and Vanderbilt and taught the Navy ROTC program at the University of South Carolina. He was an AVID car enthusiast and ballroom dancer. Albert was a member of the Boardman Knife Collector's Club and the Pittsburgh Mercedes Benz Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Arrangements were made by the Cremation and Funeral Service by Gary S Silvat, Inc. To send condolences please visit [www.crematepa.com](http://www.crematepa.com).



**LARRY R. GOOD, DDS** - Died Saturday, June 23, 2018 at HaysMed in Hays, Kansas at the age of 77. He was a resident of Hays. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). He was born on December 6, 1940 in Hutchinson, Kansas to the late Chester Good, Vera (née Fast) Good-Grubbs. He is survived by his Stepfather, Glen Grubbs. He was a 1958 graduate of Hugoton High School, a 1963 graduate of Fort Hays State University with degrees in biology and chemistry, and a 1967 graduate of the UMKC School of Dentistry. While a student at FHSU, he served as President of the Student Body. On June 23, 1967 he married Suzanne Doris Soard in Kansas City, Missouri, and they celebrated forty-four years of marriage before she preceded him in death on July 8, 2011. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving as a dental officer at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA, and a tour of duty as a dental officer detached to An Thoi, Vietnam with the Swift Boats. Dr. Good was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was an usher for 46 years. Other memberships include the Optimist Club, Rotary Club, life member of the Hays VFW and American Legion, American Dental Association, Kansas Dental Association, and Golden Belt Dental Society. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939**. He was a USD 489 school board member from 1984 until 1992, where he served as board President. He was an avid supporter of baseball and the Hays Baseball Association and he practiced dentistry in the U.S. Navy and the city of Hays for 51 years. Larry loved going to Wyoming and Montana to enjoy fly fishing, and he was life member of Trout Unlimited and Federation of Fly Fishers. Survivors include a son, Jeffrey Good, of Overland Park, KS; two daughters, Gretchen Good McInay and husband, Brad, of Leawood, KS and Heather Good Holmes and husband, Steven, of Parkville, MO; eight grandchildren, Charlotte, Ted, Maeve, and Peter McInay, Agatha and Farrah Holmes, and; step-granddaughters, Genevieve and Ava Holmes. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Suzanne. A Celebration of Larry's life was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church, 305 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hays with Reverend Mike Rose officiating. The burial with military honors by the Hays VFW Honor Guard was in the

Mount Allen Cemetery. The family received friends from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 1906 Pine Street, and from 9:00 AM until the service time on Wednesday at the church. Memorials were suggested to the First United Methodist Church or to the FHSU Foundation, in care of the funeral home.

**KENNETH GORMLEY, SR.** – Died recently in 2018 in Babson Park, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 4, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Myers Chapter #594**.

**ROBERT CARL GRAY** – Died Saturday, January 27, 2018 in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 66. The cause of death was esophageal cancer, heart disease and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born on September 22, 1951. He enlisted in the United States Army in December 1969. He served in Vietnam in 1970 as a helicopter crew chief. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Memphis Chapter #875**. He is survived by his wife, Marti Gray; a sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Bill Miller; a brother, Glenn Gray, and; many other family members.



**DIANA GUTTERRIDGE** – Died Thursday, August 2, 2018 in Palm Springs, California at the age of 63. She was a resident of Santa Fe Springs, California. The cause of death was a heart attack. She was born on June 30, 1955. She is survived by her husband, Dirk Young. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pasadena Chapter #446**.



**LARRY LEE HANGER** - Died Saturday, July 28, 2018 at his home in Timberville, Virginia at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 14, 1946 in Harrisonburg, Virginia to the late Howard Hamilton and Hazel Frances (née Sandy) Hanger. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a Sea Bee and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**. He retired from Wilson Trucking in September of 2008. He was a gifted woodworker. Mr. Hanger was a member of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church. On May 27, 1966, he married the former Linda Harrison who survives. Also surviving in addition to his wife is a daughter, Lisa Lee Tusing and husband, Michael, of Broadway; two sisters, Laura Mae Hanger Byrd, of Matthews, North Carolina, Phyllis Hanger, of Grottoes; a brother, Kenneth Hanger, of Harrisonburg; a granddaughter, Kayla Dawn Simmers and husband Caleb; his beloved dogs, Snowball and Rue and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Opal Bresley; a brother, Dale Hanger; a sister-in-law, Anna Lee Bowman Hanger, and; a brother-in-law, Bob Byrd. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Eastlawn Memorial Gardens with Pastor Kevin McMullen officiating. The family received friends on Tuesday evening at the funeral home from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM. It was a closed casket

viewing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the VVA Chapter #1061, PO Box 1754, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801. The McMullen Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

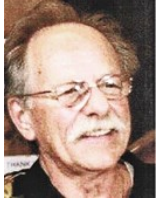


**GARY DeWAYNE HANNAH** - Died Tuesday, August 1, 2017 in Ringgold, Georgia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 19, 1947 in Ringgold to the late Hubert and Dorothy Hannah. Mr. Hannah was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War where he served as a four-deuce mortar gunner from March of 1969 through March 1970. He proudly served with his brothers in arms in Echo Companies Fifth Battalion Infantry Brigade. Sergeant Hannah was awarded several service medals during his campaign. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Gary attended Ribault High School in Jacksonville, FL and graduated from Ringgold High School - Class of 1966. Gary ran track and was an All-Star football player. He received a scholarship to continue football at Florence State in Alabama. He was an avid bodybuilder competing in many competitions and was Mr. Chattanooga 1978. Gary enjoyed coaching Little League baseball and his enthusiasm was admired by the kids and their parents. He loved his family, friends, neighbors, and dog "Little Bit". Gary's sense of humor will be missed by all those who knew him. "See you later, my friend". Survivors are his daughter, Nicole (Bobby) Lowery; his son, Chris (Missy) Hannah; his son, Jeremy Hannah; his sister, Sherry (Bobby) Rodgers; his sister, Debbie (John) Grant; his sister, Anita (Terry) Bowling; his sister, Elaine Jackson; four grandchildren, and; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 11:30 AM on Monday in the funeral home chapel with Minister Charles Cochran officiating. The interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Visit [www.heritagebattlefield.com](http://www.heritagebattlefield.com) to share condolences and view the memorial tribute. Memorial contributions may be made out to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. The family received friends from 2:00-8:00 PM on Sunday at the Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory, Battlefield Parkway.

**HERBERT A. HARRIS** – Died recently in 2018 in Fenton, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – White Lake Chapter #133**.

**JAMES OLEN HARRIS** - Died Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at his residence in Albertville, Alabama at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 1, 1947 to the late Olen and Dorothy Harris. He was also predeceased by his brother, Kyle Harris. Mr. Harris is survived by his wife, Patsy Harris; his daughter, April Harris; his brothers, John and Roger Harris. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nashville (Tennessee) Chapter #953**. Visitation hours were on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the

Christ Episcopal Church in Albertville from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM. The funeral service began at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary with Father James officiating. The interment was in the Memory Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Christ Episcopal Church in Albertville, or the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI).



**WILLIAM B. "Bill" HART, JR.** - Died Saturday, May 26, 2018 in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 71 with his loving family by his side. The cause of death was mesothelioma, testicular cancer and PTSD. He was born in Galveston, Texas on March 25, 1947 to the late Thelma (née Johnson) Hart and William B. Hart, Sr. Bill is survived by his fiancée, Yuchen "Mary" Letunic from West Melbourne, Florida and his son, Justin C. Hart, of Montana. He is also survived by his sisters, Judith Hart and husband, Duane Hammaker, of Duncannon, Betty Hart Magaro and husband James, of Millerstown, and Lynda Hart Lanier, of Stuart, FL and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers, William Hart and Larry Hart and sisters, Salome Hart Smith and Janice Hart Murray Argyle. Bill was a carpenter for 14 years and retired from the Department of Defense, New Cumberland Army Depot after 17 years. He was also a very proud Veteran of the United States Army, having served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the Vietnam War from 1966-1969, where he received the Bronze Star and several meritorious awards and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Bill was involved in several organizations including the Newport Order of the Owls, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542** and a member of the Duncannon Presbyterian Church. In honor of his request a graveside remembrance and celebration with full military honors was held at 10:30 AM on Monday, June 4, 2018 at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. Arrangements were entrusted to the Michael J. Shalonis Funeral Home, Marysville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Homeland Hospice, ATTN: Development Coordination, 2300 Vartan Way, Suite #270, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or PA Wounded Warriors, Inc., 1117 Country Club Road, Camp Hill, PA.

**ROBERT ALLEN HARTLEY** - Died Thursday, July 5, 2018 at the Wooster Community Hospital, Wooster, Ohio at the age of 84. He was a resident of Wooster. The cause of death was myocardial infarction. Robert was born on September 8, 1933 in Malta, Ohio to the late Howard T. and Laura Mildred {née Smith} Hartley. He joined the United States Army and served for 20 years before his retirement in 1973. He then went on to earn his Associates of Arts Degree. He married Lillian Kramer on June 5, 1955. She passed away previously. After his retirement from the Army, Robert worked for the Alaskan Pipeline, the state of New York, and General Electric, until he retired in 1992. He was active in the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wooster Chapter #255**, giving speeches to local schools about his service. Robert will be deeply missed by his children Dennis Hartley, of Seattle, WA, Samuel (Kelly) Hartley, of Penfield, NY and David (Michelle) Hartley, of Boise, ID; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and; his sister, Pauline Garver. Robert was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and many siblings. Memorial services were scheduled at a later date. The burial was at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, where military rites were held.





**THOMAS LARRY HASTINGS** - Died Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Maury Regional Hospital at the age of 71. He was a resident of Lewisburg, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 23, 1946 in Marshall County, Tennessee to late William Howard and Mary Louise (née Tipper) Hasting. He was a retired minister for the Churches of Christ at Yell, Delrose, and Bledsoe and enjoyed socializing with the community over coffee. He served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard. He was a member of the American Legion and was a former Lions Club member. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Joy Murdock, and his brother, Terry Hasting, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Ann ((née Wood) Hastings; two daughters, Mary Beth (Adam) Metz, of Westerville, Ohio and Emily Ann Hastings, of Franklin, TN; two sisters, Eulonde Estes, of Lewisburg and Sue Watson, of Fayetteville; one brother, Billy (Brenda) Hasting, of Cornersville; three grandchildren, Clark, Clementine and Cecilia Metz, and; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 2:00 PM from the chapel of the London Funeral Home. The burial was in the Cochran Cemetery. Visitation with the family began on Friday evening from 4:00 until 8:00 PM and continued on Saturday from 12:00 Noon until the funeral hour. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Farmington Church of Christ. London Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**GARY ROLAND HEWELT** – Died Saturday, May 5, 2018 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 25, 1947. He was the loving husband of Mary Ann Hewelt for 50 years; the cherished father of James (Chrissy) Hewelt and Angel (Vince) Selak, and; the dear Papa of Stephanie Hewelt and Nick Hewelt. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Visitation for Gary took place on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 PM at Resurrection Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes Road in Clinton Township. A funeral service took place on Tuesday at 7:00 PM that evening.



**PHILIP R. HOELZEL** - Died Friday, September 30, 2016 in Fleming Island, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 16, 1943 in Norfolk, Virginia and resided in Fleming Island, Florida. He served in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1970. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a Safety and Health Manager at

NAS Jacksonville which is what brought him and his family here in 1985. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. He enjoyed visiting various nursing homes throughout the Jacksonville area and he was very active with the Orange Park Senior Center. Mr. Hoelzel is survived by his daughters, Fuji (Mike) Padgett and Michi (Jeff) Bird; six grandchildren, Bailey, Dawson, and Kobe Bird and Shawn, Casey and Jessica Padgett, and; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Tyler Padgett. He is preceded in death by his wife, Yoshiko Hoelzel. A visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Harbor Baptist Church of Fleming Island and the funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Harbor Baptist Church with interment in the Holly Hill Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The American Cancer Society. Arrangements were entrusted to the Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Road Middleburg, FL.



**JOHN "Alton" HOLSHOUSER** - Died Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at his home in Gold Hill, North Carolina at the age of 70. The cause of death was myocardial infarction, coronary artery disease, ischemic heart disease, hypertension and diabetes mellitus – type II. He was born on October 12, 1947 in Albemarle, North Carolina to the late John and Ruth (née McDonald) Holshouser. Alton was a 1965 graduate of East Rowan High School and a 1966 graduate of Nashville Auto Diesel College. Alton was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained while serving in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a life member of the Miller Russell American Legion Post #112. He also served as Commander from 1995-2017 and was a life member of VFW Post #9134; member of the Rockwell AMVETS Post #845, serving as Commander from 1998-2000; member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**; and a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #96. Alton was a lifelong member of Grace Lower Stone Reformed Church, and a charter member of the George Poole Brotherhood. Alton owned and operated Holshouser Farms in Gold Hill, where he raised Black Angus Cattle. He was a member of the NC Angus Association, Advisor for the NC Junior Angus Association for 3 years, and he was the Rowan County Director for the NC Cattleman's Association. Alton received the Rowan County Conservation Farm award in 1989. Alton enjoyed traveling to the National Junior Angus shows for many years and looking at good Angus cattle and making friends from all over the country. In addition to his parents, Alton was preceded in death by his brother, Terry Holshouser. John is survived by his wife of over 47 years, Martha (née Beck) Holshouser, whom he married August 8, 1970; sons, John J. Holshouser and wife Courtney of Rockwell, Paul A. Holshouser and fiancée Lauren of Bethesda, MD, and Karl L. Holshouser and wife Cortney of Castalia; grandsons, J. Colt Holshouser, Luke S. Holshouser and Coen J. Holshouser; brother, Kermit W. Holshouser and wife Charlene of Connelly Springs; and sister, Phyllis H. Sparling and husband Phillip of Big Canoe, GA. The family greeted friends and relatives on Friday, June 22, 2018 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Powles Staton Funeral Home, Rockwell, NC. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 23, 2018, in the Grace Lower Stone Reformed Church, Rockwell, NC with Reverends J.

Whitley and Brian Russell, co-officiating. The burial was in the Grace Lower Stone Reformed Church Cemetery with Military graveside rites provided by the NC National Guard and the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kitchen Fund at Grace Lower Stone Reformed Church, 2405 Grace Lower Stone Church Road, Rockwell, NC 28138. Powles Staton Funeral Home of Rockwell, honored provider of Veterans Funeral Care assisted the Holshouser family.



**RICHARD MEYER HOTCHKISS** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 82. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related bladder cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus-type II and chronic renal disease. He was born in Oakland, California on September 12, 1935 to the late Jack Hotchkiss and Rose C. (née Meyer) Hotchkiss. Richard was a retired United States Army Major; he was a West Point graduate and recipient of the Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Black Mountain Chapter #125**. He was a graduate of the Wharton School and at age 68 received his RN from Southwestern Community College School of Nursing. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Suzanne (née Cave) Hotchkiss; his daughter, Loraine Peters, of Georgia; two sons, Rick Hotchkiss, of Florida and Mark Hotchkiss, of Texas; his stepson, Bill Brennan, of Florida; six grandchildren, and; four great-grandchildren. No services were held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Richard's memory to Four Season's Hospice, Four Seasons Development Office, 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**RONALD ANDREW "Ron" HRYDZIUSZKO** - Died Friday, May 4, 2018 in Washington, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on March 17, 1948. He was the beloved husband of the late Pamela; loving father of Gary (Ann); proud and loving Papa of Tyler, and; dear brother of Msgr. Mike. He was the devoted owner of Mack and Gaukler Shell in SaintClair Shores for 40 years Ron was Past President of The Warren DeLaSalle Men's Club and member of The Torquer's Car Club. Ron was a proud Vietnam Veteran servicing in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Donations preferred to The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Visitation hours were on Sunday from 2:00-9:00 PM and on Monday from 2:00-9:00 PM. The funeral was on Tuesday at 10:00 AM at the Wujek-Calcaterra and Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Interment was in the Great Lakes National Cemetery.



**VERLYNN J. "Vern" HUME** - Died Monday, April 2, 2018 in Denver, Colorado at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related esophageal cancer. Vern was born in South Gate California on March 29, 1945 to the late Alfred L Hume and Bernice M. (née Maley) Hume. Vern enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, serving in the U.S. Medical Corps as a Medic in Vietnam until his discharge in 1969. Vern then received an Associate in Arts Degree from Phoenix College in 1971 and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Western States College in 1975. Vern married Laura Karo in 1971. Vern began his career as a Dispatcher in 1972 in Montrose. He went "on the road" in 1977 after graduating from the Colorado State Patrol Academy and retired in 1999 from. He then worked for Budget Truck in their Lost Truck Recovery Program before joining Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department as a civil fingerprint technician, retiring in 2014. Vern married Gail Jessup in 2006. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. Vern is survived by his wife Gail; his children, James Hume (Jill) and Sarah Hume; his stepsons, Joel Jessup, William Jessup (Kim), and; his grandchildren, Summer Hume, James Hume and Jackson Hume; Samantha Jessup, Zachary Jessup and Richard Jessup. Services were held at Fort Logan National Cemetery on April 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM.

**ERWIN ANTHONY JACKSON** – Died Monday, May 21, 2018 in Barrigada, Guam at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 18, 1949 in Guam to the late Antonio Meno Jackson and Josephine Lujan Jackson. He is survived by his wife, Annie P. Jackson; his children, Glenn, Manuel and Anthony, and; many other relatives. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. Visitation hours were held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 AM to 11:15 AM at the Abundant Life Church in Dededo, Guan. Memorial services were held at 12:00 PM. Interment was in the Guam Memorial Park in Leyand, Guam.



**HARRY REED JACKSON, Ph.D.** - Died Sunday, July 1, 2017 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 21, 1944 to the late Arthur and Jessie Jackson. He was an active member and Sunday school teacher of Dallas Bay Baptist Church. Harry grew up in Bonny Oaks Children's Home and later became the secretary of Bonny Oaks Foundation. Harry acquired a Psychology degree from Tennessee Temple and later acquired his Master of Arts and Doctorate's degree. He was a Sergeant in the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War from 1967-1968. Harry received the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device as well. His service continued by counseling veterans, hosting a spot on the radio called the Frontline, and served as interim Team Leader at

the vet center. Among his life's work of helping others he also enjoyed gardening, photography and loved nature. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203.** In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Albert Jackson and his sisters, Norma "Bunky" Carter and Patricia Owens. He is survived by his wife of nineteen years, LaWanda Jackson; his daughter, Stacie Jackson; his son, Shawn Jackson; his stepchildren, Bryan Beck and Brandy Stamps; four grandchildren, Quin and Sileas Balthrop and Olivia and Owen Beck; his sister, Betty Long, and; numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bonnie Oaks Foundation, 1778 Chadwick Court, Hixson, TN 37343-6503 or the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517. A visitation was held on Monday, July 3, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Abba's House, 5208 Hixson Pike, Hixson, TN. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Abba's House. A committal service was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery at 2:00 PM. Arrangements were held by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343.



**P. EVANGELINE "Jamie" JAMISON** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died peacefully Friday, October 25, 2013 in Concord, California at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Seymour, Iowa to the late Robert E. and Cecil Pearl (née Prugh) Jamison. She had two brothers, Robert E. Jamison and Bert P. Jamison, both deceased. Jamie was educated as a nurse at Rush Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. In 1943, she joined the United States Army Nurse Corps and served honorably through three wars: in New Guinea, later in the Continental U.S. and finally in the Philippines during the liberation of those islands in WWII; in Japan in direct support of the war in Korea; and finally as the Chief Nurse of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Evacuation Hospital in Vietnam. She was also posted in Germany for several years during the Cold War and at a number of hospitals in the United States. Her final assignment was as Chief Nurse at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, California, where she had served on many occasions. After retiring from the Army, Jamie worked for five years for the State of California as an inspector of nursing care facilities. For many years, she was a resident of "Rossmoor" in Walnut Creek, where she was a part of the Military Retiree Community. She was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), several Veterans organizations, and a member of other clubs. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oakland Chapter #400.** She particularly enjoyed her bridge clubs. Jamie was one of the founding sponsors of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project in Washington DC and played a major role in their fundraising efforts. Among her numerous Military Awards are the Legion of Merit, The Army Commendation Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Campaign medals for service in the Pacific in WWII and the Liberation of the Philippines, service in the Korean War, service in Vietnam, and several Unit Citations. Jamie is survived by six nieces and nephews, two great-nieces, and six great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. In accordance with Jamie's wishes, there was no memorial or funeral service. She was buried with Military Honors at San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine, California. For those wishing to honor her memory, the family suggested a

donation to: The Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation, Inc; 1735 Connecticut Avenue NW, Fl 3; Washington DC 20009-1187.

**WILLIAM R. JARVIS** – Died recently in 2017 in Clearfield, Utah at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 7, 1932. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.



**JAMES ALBERT JENKINS** - Died Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Lifecare Center in Whiteville, North Carolina at the age of 66. He was a resident of Fair Bluff, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lumberton, North Carolina on April 18, 1951 to the late Rudolph Jenkins and Marlene Jenkins Meares and stepfather, Norlie Meares. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Jerry Wayne Jenkins. He honorably served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps. James was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Whiteville Chapter #962**, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the American Legion. To cherish his memory he leaves his wife, Darlene(née Boatwright) Jenkins, of the home; a daughter, Sabrina J. Ward (Shane Cartrette), of the home; a son, James William Jenkins (Jill), of Fair Bluff; four siblings, Martha J. Grainger (Mitchell), of Tabor City, Vicky J. Owens, of Fair Bluff, Rhonda J. Johnson (Van), of Dillon, SC and Terry A. Jenkins (Frances), of Latta, SC, and; four grandchildren, Brianna N. Ward, Blake A. Ward, Jenna F. Jenkins and Jaida H. Jenkins, all of Fair Bluff. The final rites were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at the Worthington Funeral Home with Reverend Jim Lamb officiating. The interment was in the Meares Cemetery with military honors. The family received friends from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Saturday at the Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourn.

**RUSSELL M. JOHNSEN** – Died Monday, August 31, 2015 in Summerville, South Carolina at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 21, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston Chapter #780**.



**GLENN R. "Budd" JOHNSTON** - Died Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at his home in Surfside Beach, South Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death was sudden cardiac arrest-myocardial infarction. Budd was born in Columbus, Ohio on August 27, 1944 to the late Glenn and Mary Johnston. He was a retired Columbus firefighter; he also retired from the Coca-Cola Company. Budd was a proud Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Army from November 3, 1967 to June 16, 1969 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –**



**Surfside Beach Chapter #925.** He loved Slow-Pitch Softball, and in 2010, he was inducted into the Columbus, OH Softball Hall of Fame. Budd especially enjoyed playing golf, bowling, working in his rose garden, fishing, and dogs. Budd was preceded in death by his youngest son, Kirk. Survivors include his eldest son Doug and his wife, Tricia; his daughters, Sandy and Mary; his grandchildren, Derrick, Dustyn, Brooke, Kerstin, Greg, and Allison; his great-grandchildren, Lily, Calan and Sophia; his niece, Wendi and her children, Jessica and Justin; his sister, Mary and brother-in-law, Gary, and; his loving and devoted fiancée, Sherry. A memorial gathering for Budd was held from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017, at the Village at Harvest Wind Community Center, 8140 Autumn Lake Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43082. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Budd's name to the National Kidney Foundation, 5300 Rivers Avenue, Suite # 2, North Charleston, SC 29406, [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org) or to the American Cancer Society, 950 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Suite #101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Burroughs Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Murrells Inlet assisted the family.

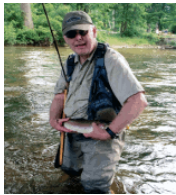


**GEORGE HOWARD JONES** - Died Sunday, January 28, 2018 in Middleburg, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death was stage four lung cancer. He was born on January 17, 1947 in Front Royal, Virginia. George was a resident of Florida at the time of passing. He was a veteran and served proudly in the United States Navy aboard the USS Turner during the Dominican Republic and Vietnam Wars. He retired from the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #673 with 45 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Marilyn Y. Runion of Manassas, VA. Survivors include his loving wife, Cheryl (née Chester) Jones; a son, Christopher Lee Jones; a daughter, Kimberly Diane Walton (J.C.); five grandchildren, Chase Leon Jones, Forest Christian Jones, Kyle Clark Walton, Zachary Lee Walton and Kayleigh Diane Walton; two brothers, Gourlie Jones, Jr. and Robert Jones, and; a sister, Barbara J. Marcey, of Virginia. Graveside funeral services with Bishop Timothy Sparks officiating was held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery at 11:30 AM, Jacksonville National Cemetery 4083 Lannie Road Jacksonville, Florida 32218 Lane #3.



**JAMES E. "Jim" KACZYNSKI** - Died Friday, June 15, 2018 at his home in Arkdale, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 27, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois to the late Edward and Marianne (née Michalak) Kaczynski. He graduated from Carl Schurz High School, Chicago in 1961. James enlisted in the United States Navy on October 15, 1965, serving during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on October 15, 1967. He married Suzanne C. Coulon on February 5, 1972, in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. James worked as a Sheriff in Cook County, IL., IBM in Evanston, IL., the Fire Department in Carpentersville, IL. for

8 years, the State of Illinois Department of Transportation, and for the VA in Tomah. He enjoyed photography, fishing, and woodworking. James was a member of the Adams VFW #6279, the American Legion Post #250, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston Chapter #729** and the Adams County Honor Guard. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne C. Kaczynski, of Arkdale, Wisconsin; his sister, Nancy E. (Daniel) Coulon, of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; his sister-in-law, Mary Staab, of Clinton, Wisconsin; his brother-in-law, Lenny Staab, of Clinton, Wisconsin; his sister-in-law, Bonnie Sherman, of New York; his brother-in-law, Gary Coulon, of New Lisbon, Wisconsin; his niece/goddaughter, Christine (Drew) Hovorka, of Scottsdale, Arizona; his nephew/godson, Nathan (Regina) Sherman, and; many other nieces and nephews. Memorial services were at 12:00 Noon with military honors on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the Roseberry's Funeral Home in Friendship, Wisconsin. The Reverend John K. Stake officiated. Visitation hours were from 10:00 AM until the time of service on Wednesday at Roseberry's Funeral Home.



**ARTHUR B. KAISER** - Died Friday, June 15, 2018 at The Centers For Living and Rehabilitation in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 75. He was a resident of Bennington. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on March 25, 1943 in Troy, New York to the late William C. and Marjorie (née Harwood) Kaiser. Arthur was a Vietnam veteran serving with the United States Air Force from 1961 until 1965. He earned his Associate of Science Degree in Engineering and had worked as a tool and die maker, mechanical engineer and carpenter. His hobbies include woodworking, gardening, fly fishing and spending time with his family. Arthur was a Scout leader for the Boy Scouts of America, he was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601** and the First United Methodist Church of Bennington, he also prepared income taxes with the AARP organization. He is survived by his wife Kathleen Sharron (née Berry) Kaiser who he married on April 5, 1969, his children William Berry Kaiser and wife Nancy Young, of Campbell, Sharron Marie Kaiser, of Bennington and Laura Ann Kaiser, of Bennington, grandchildren, Perri Jane Kaiser, Colin Benjamin Kaiser; his sister, Ann Kaiser Austin, of Brunswick, NY; his cat and faithful friend, Callie, and; his nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services with Military Honors were held at the family lot in Shaftsbury Village Cemetery on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM with Reverend Louis Guariniello officiating. Memorial gifts may be made to the Cancer Crusaders in care of the Hanson Walbridge and Shea Funeral Home, 213 West Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201.



**ALFRED O. "AL" KIENAST** - Died Thursday, July 5, 2018 in North Prairie, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Al was born on March 6, 1944 in Hartford, Wisconsin to the late Lester and Betty (née Bowey) Kienast. He married Betty J. Fraley on May 20, 1967 at Siloam United Methodist Church. Al graduated high school and within weeks was already in the United States Army where he served his country from 1963 to 1967 and was active during the Vietnam War. Once back in the States he worked for Amron, Waukesha Foundry, Zero Zone and even did summers with the DNR. Al was also involved with the North Prairie United Methodist Church as head usher and trustee. Al was a project leader for the Prairie Pioneers 4H and a rabbit superintendent for the Waukesha County Fair. His involvement in Veterans organizations continued clear up to his passing as a member of the American Legion Post #375, Mukwonago and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waukesha Chapter #425**. Al's greatest highlights revolve around his family. He and the family took a trip to Washington DC to see the Veterans Memorials would be one towards the top of that list. The other chart topper was his grandchildren's visits. He also enjoyed his Saturday morning breakfasts with classmates. Most recently Al was able to visit the Wisconsin Highground, a tribute to all Vets. He also enjoyed a most recent visit with cousins and extended family. Surviving Al are his wife of 51 years, Betty; his daughters, Amylynn (Don) Jensen, of Algoma and Wendy (Jason) Schamens, of Waukesha; his grandchildren, Donald, Jr., Staschia, Thomas and Raechelyn Jensen; his brothers and sisters-in-law, George (Dorothy) Fraley, Ruth Fraley, Dan (Denise) Fraley and Diane (Jeff) Kircher; cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and; many good friends. Preceding Al are his parents, Lester and Betty Kienast; his in-laws, Louie and Beth Fraley; and a daughter, Dawn. A Memorial Service for Al was held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Thelen Funeral Services (W309 S4840 Commercial Drive, North Prairie—NW corner of Hwy's 83 and 59) with Reverend Ron Kral officiating. Military Honors were accorded. A memorial gathering was held from 10:00AM until the time of the service. Memorial contributions in Al's name are to be directed to the family for future distribution to various Veteran organizations. The Thelen Funeral Services of North Prairie/Geneseo was honored to be assisting the Kienast family.



**EDWARD F. "Ed" KOMAC, JR.** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died peacefully at home in Maplewood, Minnesota on Sunday, March 27, 2016 at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 1, 1938 to the late Edward F. Komac, Sr. of Nokomis, IL and Phyllis (née Cummings) Komac, of Chicago, IL. He was also predeceased by his

brothers, Dennis M. Komac, of Springfield, IL and Jerome D. Komac, of Round Lake Beach, IL. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Barbara “Babs” (née Natola) Komac, of Fonda, NY; his son, Edward F. Komac III, of Gilmer, TX and his wife, Lin; his granddaughter, Kate, and; his nieces Kim, Kara and nephew Kevin. Ed married Babs in Augsburg, Germany after he finished his third tour in Vietnam. He told one and all that he not only had a wonderful wife but a best friend. It takes a special lady to be married to a soldier and I had that special lady, she was always there for me. Ed joined the United States Army at age 17 in 1955 and retired in 1986 with the rank of Sergeant Major. He was an Anti-Aircraft Gunner, Infantryman, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal person. He served in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Germany, Israel, and Egypt. He finished his career as Sergeant Major in charge of all the Northeastern Explosive Ordnance Detachments. During his career he received many awards and decorations. Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal 3 awards, Meritorious Services Medal 3 awards, Army Commendation Medal 4 awards with a V for heroism. The one award he was most proud of was his Combat Infantryman Badge awarded to him when he was with the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces (Airborne). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopkins Chapter #62**. Upon his retirement he worked for Honeywell/Alliant Tech Systems as their Explosive Ordnance person, testing munitions. He left them to work in Kuwait after the first Gulf War where he spent 18 months clearing unexploded ordnance during the last 6 months he cleared mine fields. Ed said he will miss his wife, family and friends. He was glad that his last illness gave him a chance to say goodbye. In lieu of flowers, donations preferred to a Veterans Organization. A visitation was on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Roseville Memorial Chapel, 2245 Hamline Avenue North, Roseville, Minnesota. Interment was in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Roseville Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

**ANTHONY L. KOPE** - Died Saturday, October 1, 2005 at Compassionate Care Hospice in Dover, New Jersey. He was a resident of Hamburg, New Jersey. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on March 8, 1948. He was the beloved husband of Annette (née Polizzano) Kopf; dear brother of Ilona DeNicola and Pete Kopf, and; cherished by many nieces and nephews and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope Chapter #327**. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 9:00 AM from the Ferguson-Vernon Funeral Home, 241 Route 94, Vernon to Saint Jude the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Hamburg for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment was in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Hardyston Township. Friends visited the funeral home on Monday from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ronald S. Hirshberg Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, 375 Homewood Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

**LAWRENCE ADELARD “Larry” LABBE, JR.** - Died Tuesday, January 17, 2006 in Biloxi, Mississippi at the age of 58. He was a resident of Gulfport, Mississippi. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts on June 9, 1947 and was a former resident of Leicester, Massachusetts. He had been a resident of Gulfport about nine years. Mr. Labbe served in the United States Navy as a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of the DAV and VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn (Massachusetts) Chapter #554**. Mr. Labbe was a Catholic. Survivors include his 3 sisters, Darlene Walker of Gulfport, Cheryl Kemp of Worcester, MA, and Marlene Johnson of Kirkwood, NY, and his stepmother, Sylvia Labbe of

Leicester, MA. Visitation hours were from 9:00 until 10:20 AM on Friday, January 20, 2006 at the Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, O'Neal Road in Gulfport. There was a graveside service in the Biloxi National Cemetery.



**JUDITH A. "Judy" (née Hanlon) LACEY** – Died Saturday, April 15, 2017 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona at the age of 79. She was formerly from San Clemente, California. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 12, 1938 in the Bronx, New York to the late Helen (née Walz) and Louis Hanlon. Her family moved to San Gabriel, California when she was nine years old, where she later graduated in 1955 from Pasadena High School and attended Pasadena City College. She was a Child Support Investigator for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, then continued working as an editor/proofreader for the California Credit Union League. When she moved to Lake Havasu in 2006, she worked as a reporter/writer for the Arizona Independent newspaper and at the time of her death was a reporter/writer for River Scene Magazine in Lake Havasu City. Judy had many and varied interests, including raising tropical fish and judging fish shows and writing newsletters for organizations. She was one of the biggest collectors of David Winter Cottages in the world, and several times visited England, where the sculptor lived. The sculptor often relied on Judy for information and statistics on his collection, and to keep information flowing to his collectors when he was between manufacturers. While her children were growing up, she was active with their baseball and football teams, including as a board member of LaVerne-San Dimas Pop Warner. Judy was active in Run-For-The-Wall, a group of veterans traveling on motorcycles from California to Washington, DC every year to visit the Vietnam Wall. She made the cross-country journey with RFTW for many years and was their newsletter editor and website forum monitor until her death. While she lived in Lake Havasu, Judy became an advocate for Veterans and served as a board member for the Havasu Freedom Foundation, Havasu Military Mom and was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975*. She also was a member of the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council and the Veterans Resource Team, which locates resources for the Lake Havasu Veterans Treatment Court. She created a Resource Guide for agencies assisting veterans and was a resource guide for the homeless. Judy is preceded in death by her son, Eddie Lacey. She is survived by her children, Chuck Stone, of Seal Beach, California, David (Alexandria) Stone, of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, Eddie (Sandi) Lacey, of San Dimas, California, Donna (Doug) Paul, of San Clemente, California, Suzi (Doug) Bradbury, of Aurora, Colorado; two step-daughters, Debbie Lacey, of Pomona, California, and Cindy (Steve) Gray, of Banning, California; grandchildren, Angie, Casey, Chuck (Nikelle), Connor, Corbin, Daelyn (Trent), Danny, Danielle (Ed), David (Somerlyn), James, Justin (Susan), Kian, Leslie (Richard), Nikki (Devan), Robert, and Thomas; great-grandchildren, Alex, Breana, Bryce, Gaige, Jamie, Kaine, Mason, Shaylin, Valerie, and many more great and great-great-grandchildren. There was a Memorial Service for Judy at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1605 South McCulloch Boulevard, Lake Havasu City, Arizona at 4:00 PM on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Judy requested

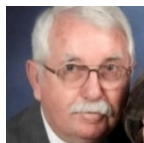
that in lieu of flowers friends please make a donation to the Lake Havasu Veterans Resource Team, in care of the Lake Havasu Marine Corps League. Services were placed in the care of the Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home. Thoughts and condolences can be sent to the family at [www.lietz-frazefuneralhome.com](http://www.lietz-frazefuneralhome.com). To send a free card to the family go to [www.sendoutcards.com/lietzfrazefuneralhome.com](http://www.sendoutcards.com/lietzfrazefuneralhome.com).

**LORENZO LaMANTIA** – Died recently in 2018 in Modesto, California at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 19, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland (Vermont) Chapter #1**.

**WILLIAM V. "Bill" LARSEN, SR.** - Died Thursday, October 5, 2017 in the East Orange VA Medical Center in East Orange, New Jersey at the age of 72. He was a resident of Westfield, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in San Francisco, California on March 30, 1945 to the late Otto and Betty Larsen and raised in Lake George, New York and Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Bill and his wife Virginia "Ginny") met in High School. Upon graduation from High School in 1963, Bill enlisted with the United States Army, completed Jump School and Parachutist Training, qualifying him as Army Airborne. Prior to his deployment to Vietnam in 1965, he married his High School sweetheart Ginny. Bill was Honorably discharged from the Army in 1966 and he and Ginny immediately began their family. They moved from Brooklyn in 1975 and since resided in Westfield, NJ. Bill was active in Church Youth Groups, Cub Scouts, after school activities and any school production that his sons were engaged in. He attended the New York Institute of Insurance and was a Marine Insurance Producer with over 45 years of experience. He owned his own agency, Larsen Global Marine, Inc. located in Garwood, NJ until his retirement in 2006 when he became ill from the effects of Agent Orange exposure. Bill's pride in life was his family and his joy was spending time with his sons Joe, Bill and Bob. He was a musician at heart and worked with his bands from 1966 - 1975. Each of his sons are equally accomplished musicians. His generosity of spirit extended to his "other kids" - young men and women adopting him as their "other dad " They brought him much joy and pleasure and always reminded him of their love for him. He was a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #699**, the American Legion Post #3 of Westfield, as well as the VFW. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his stepfather, Alfred R. Jansen and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Gladys Z and Joseph L. Thomas. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Virginia; his sons, Joseph and wife, Taryn, William, Jr. and Robert; his sister, Joann Pirrone and husband John; his stepsister, Connie Jansen Wuttke; his sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn T and Gary Seagren; his nieces, Christine Seagren and husband, Craig, Tracy Seagren Dornbush, Kimberly Seagren Schoff and husband Jim; his nephew, Eric Pirrone; four grand-nieces, and; one grand-nephew. The Larsen family would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincerest thanks to all the Doctors and Nurses at the East Orange Veteran's Affairs (EOVA) Hospital for their guidance and support through this difficult time. Their never-ending compassion, care and understanding is a fine testimonial to the love and devotion taken by the VA in the process of caring for a VETERAN. We will remember that last hour with Bill/DAD for the rest of our lives and we have only them to thank for it. To my husband and our father - our true love and kindred spirits will never be undone. There was a Service of Remembrance at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 from 10:00-11:00 AM on



November 11, 2017. Contributions and donations can be made in William's name to the Wounded Warrior Project, Inc.

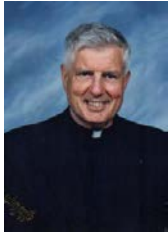


**RICHARD T. LAWRENCE** - Died Friday, July 27, 2018 at his home in Adel, Georgia at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 30, 1934 in Adel to the late Larry Elton Lawrence and Nelda Bernice (née Adams) Lawrence. He most of his life in Cook County where he was a member of the Cook County Exchange Club and the Adel United Methodist Church. He served honorably in the United States Air Force where he retired as a Master Sergeant after more than 20 years of service. He then taught at Cook Middle School, where he was also the golf coach, and later retired from there as well. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Adel Chapter #1090*. Mr. Lawrence is survived by his loving wife, Madge (née Wilkes) Lawrence; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Lisha Lawrence; two grandsons, and their wives: Jared and Melanie Lawrence and Bubba and Jessica Lawrence; six great-grandchildren, Megan, Josie, Jack, Madelyn, Kate and J.T. Lawrence; a brother, James B. "Jim" Lawrence; and a sister and brother-in-law, Linda L. and David Cowart, all of Adel, and; a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Lawrence was preceded in death by a brother, Frederick L. "Freddy" Lawrence, and a great-granddaughter, Gracie June Lawrence. The family received friends Sunday evening, July 29, 2018 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at Boone Funeral Home South, 1804 South Hutchinson Avenue, in Adel. The funeral service took place at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 30, 2018 at the Adel United Methodist Church with Reverend John Stephens officiating and Mr. Eris Ross, Jr. providing the eulogy. Interment with full military honors was at the Woodlawn City Cemetery. The Cook County Chapter of Vietnam Veterans served as active pallbearers; honorary pallbearers were made up of the men of Adel United Methodist Church and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the Confederacy and the Cook County Historical Society. Dr. Mary Sue Ward and the Adel United Methodist Church choir sang "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus," "Beulah Land" and "It Is Well With My Soul;" Cindy Williams played piano. The Boone Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**GORDON E. LENKE** - Died Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in Post Falls, Idaho at the age of 85. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on December 25, 1931 in Moscow, Idaho to the late Sam and Lillian Blanche Lenke. Gordon was taught to fish and hunt by the age of 6, first with a shotgun, and then learned to use the big bore rifle at the age of 8. He traveled a lot with his parents, Sam and Lillian Blanche Lenke, along with his sister, Joan Arlene Lenke. Gordon graduated from Federal Way High located between Seattle and Tacoma, lettering in basketball, football and baseball for all four years. He started college but was drafted for the United States Army. The Korean War was close, so he joined the United States Air Force and made a 20-year career. During his first marriage, Gordon and his wife had three children, Linda,

Michael and Lisa. Gordon was a member of the Mount Spokane Ski Patrol, Spokane Valley Eagles, VFW Post #1435, American Legion, Air Force Association, Cruzin' Corvette Car Club, and was instrumental in the forming of the Orange Heart Foundation. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane (Washington) Chapter #879**. He leaves behind his wife, Beverly and two children. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at English Funeral Chapel in Post Falls, Idaho. A graveside service was held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, Washington.



**THE VERY REVEREND FATHER JOHN FRANCIS LEONARD, V.F.** - Died at his home in Newburyport, Massachusetts on Saturday morning, March 18, 2017 at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lynn, Massachusetts on October 17, 1929 to the late John J. Leonard and Mary (née Farrell) Leonard. A Lynn native, he was educated at Sanborn, Lewis, Tracy and Breed schools prior to attending Saint Mary's Boys High School from which he graduated in 1947. In his junior year of high school his family, the late John J. and Mary (Farrell) Leonard and his siblings Charles, James, George, Virginia and Joanne, moved to Peabody, Massachusetts. Seminary training was at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton. He was ordained a Priest on February 2, 1955 in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, by Archbishop Cushing. He was assigned to Saint John's Parish in North Chelmsford and in 1957 was reassigned to Saint Patrick's Parish in Natick. In June of 1959 he began his United States Air Force Chaplaincy at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Following assignments were at Patrick AFB, Florida, Hickman Air base, Hawaii, Lackland AFB again, then across the city to Randolph AFB, thence to Vietnam (1965-66) and from there to Oxnard AFB, CA then to Hahn AFB in Germany. Among his service citations are the Air Medal, Bronze Star, AF Commendation Medal with three Oak Clusters, Army and Navy Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Outstanding Unit Citations and the American Defense Medal. A life member of the VFW Post #10722 in Pelham, New Hampshire, he was the State Chaplain of the VFW, a position he held on nine different occasions and was the National Chaplain for the VFW in 1976-77 and again in 2000-2001. He also served as Chaplain for the Malden VFW Post #639 and the American Legion Post #69. Additionally, he was a member of the American Legion Post #72 in Alton, NH and the American Legion Post #100 in Pelham, NH. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tewksbury Chapter #837**. After 13 years in the Air Force, Father Leonard was recalled to the Archdioceses and assigned to Sacred Hearts Church in Malden in January 1972. In 1977 he went to Immaculate Conception Parish Newburyport, as Administrator for one year and Pastor for nine years. In February of 1987, he came to Lynn as Pastor of Saint Mary Church. From 1988 to 1992 he was the Pastor at the parishes of Saint Patrick and Saint Francis in Lynn; 1988 to 1999 was Vicar Forane for the Lynn and Salem vicariates; 1992 to 1999 Pastor of Saint James Parish in Salem; 1999 to 2005 Pastor at Saint Ann Parish in West Newbury. In 2005 he became Senior Priest in Retirement continuing to assist with the parishes in West Newbury, Newburyport,

Salisbury, Merrimac, Amesbury and wherever needed. In his retirement he was Administrator of the Star of the Sea Parish in Salisbury for a short period and was Co-administrator at the Sacred Hearts parish in Bradford from 2011 to 2012. Father Leonard was the Vicar for the Salem Vicariate, overseeing 33 parishes and was an Advocate for the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, a speaker for the Diocesan Spiritual Life Program, a confessor/counselor on Project Rachel, Chaplain for the Lynn Ancient Order of Hibernians, Chaplain for the Infant of Prague Guild, member of the Clergy Association of Greater Lynn, and involved with all aspects of the life in his parishes and a number of civic endeavors. He is survived by his sister, Joanne Powers, of Newburyport, sister-in-law, Beatrice Leonard, of Palm Springs, CA, and Ginny Leonard, of Pelham, NH, along with 14 nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by three brothers and a sister, George Leonard, of Mesa, AZ, Charles Leonard, of NC, James Leonard, of Peabody, and Virginia Paradis, of Lyme, CT. Father Leonard Laid-in-State at the Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport on Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 10:30 AM at the Immaculate Conception Church, followed by interment in the Veteran's Section of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 100 Cedar Grove Avenue, Peabody. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to VFW Post #10722, 6 Main Street, Pelham, NH 03076 or to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were entrusted to the Elliott, Woodworth and Rogers Family Funeral Home, 35 Green Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts.



**GARY W. "Louie" LEWIS** - Died unexpectedly Friday morning January 19, 2018 at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Denton, Texas at the age of 65. He was a resident of Sanger, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Connorsville, Indiana on June 27, 1952 to the late Inez (née Davis) Lewis and Elvin Lewis. He attended Fayette County schools and was a member of the first graduating class of the then newly constructed Connorsville High School in 1970. He later attended Moorhead University in Kentucky. As a youth, Gary enjoyed and participated in many sports, and he continued to be an avid sports fan throughout his life, having an uncanny memory of historical events. Gary worked at Van's Marathon while in high school. Following his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and received his honorable discharge in 1974. After returning home, he was employed at Stant Manufacturing before re-enlisting in the Navy, retiring after 18 years of service on October 31, 1994, with the rank of Personnelman Chief Petty Officer (AW). Following his retirement from the Navy, Gary worked for IMTT Bayonne/T.E.S.T. in Newark, New Jersey until his retirement on March 15, 2015. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. While Gary was stationed in Florida, he met his wife and best friend, Beverly "Bev" (née Farris) Martens who was also serving in the Navy. They were married December 20, 1982, in Bev's home state of West Virginia. Together, Gary and Bev traveled to many countries with the Navy, but most of their time was spent stationed in Florida or Louisiana. After Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, they decided to make their home in Sanger, Texas. He is survived by his loving wife

of 35 years Bev Lewis; two stepchildren, Regina Martens, of Phoenix, Arizona and Michael (Nancy) Martens, of Galt, California; two sisters, Katina (Dan) Boggs, of Huntington, Indiana and Sheri (Steve) McKinney, of Connersville; nieces, Angela (Russ) Conrad, Danielle (Eric) Thompson, and Sarah McKinney; a nephew, Joshua (Trisha) McKinney; seven great-nieces and great-nephews. Besides his parents, Gary was preceded in death by a brother, Alan Lewis. Gary will be missed by all who knew him, from his contagious laugh to his storytelling. He would light up a room as soon as he entered, he never met a stranger. A private graveside committal with military honors provided by the Fayette County Veterans Council will be conducted at Dale Cemetery. Family and friends were invited to attend a celebration of life for Gary from 2:00 until 6:00 PM on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Connersville AMVETS Post #11, 1413 Northern Avenue, Connersville, Indiana 47331. Memorial contributions can be made to AMVETS Post #11, Disabled American Veterans, or an animal shelter of the donor's choice.



**CHARLES "Chuck" LOUVIERE** - Died Saturday, August 11, 2018 in Winder, Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 16, 1945 in New Iberia, Louisiana to the late Bob and Gladys Henry Louviere who preceded him in death. A former resident of Portland, Oregon, Chuck had resided in Winder since 2003. He was a United States Marine Corps and Vietnam War Veteran. Chuck was a former Los Angeles, California police officer and was a retiree of Quality Transportation where he served as a truck driver. He was preceded by a brother, Robert Louviere and a sister, Gertrude "Chunkie" Arceneaux. Surviving are Wife, Dee Louviere of Winder, Georgia; his four-legged companion, "Peanut"; two stepchildren, Jeffrey Swinney, of Utah and Jason Moore, of Wyoming; his brother, Anthony (Wendy) Louviere Theriot, of New Iberia, Louisiana; his sister, Claudette (Jerry) Davis, of Hackleburg, Alabama; five grandchildren; ten stepgrandchildren, and; two step-great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 3:00 P M from the Chapel of Carter Funeral Home. The interment was in the Gwinnett Memorial Park.



**REID CHARLES "Mack" MacKEY** - Died unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in Greenville, Tennessee at the age of 70. He was formerly of New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York on March 23, 1948 to the late Charles and Rachel MacKey. He is survived by: wife, Carolyn Mackey; his sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Mel Bullock; his stepdaughter, Karen and Scott Simmons; his grandchildren, Ryan and Kirsten Keller, Tyler Keller, Dylan Simmons; his great-grandchildren, Natalie Keller, Deaglan Keller, Miles Keller; his nieces, Heather and Bob Barrons, Courtney and Andy Ellis; his great-niece and great-nephews, Gabriel Thamm, Allison Ellis, Jacob Ellis. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War assigned to C/229<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (Airmobile) Republic of Vietnam from 1970-71. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**. He was a New York State Trooper, worked for the Secret Service and Cherokee

National Forest. Mr. Mackey was an Eagle Scout and received the God and Country Award, as well as being a Bronze Star recipient. He was also a security officer at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.



**MICHAEL BRENT "Mike" MADDOX** - Died Monday, June 25, 2018 in Sentara RMH, Harrisonburg, Virginia at the age of 67. He was a resident of Staunton, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Staunton on February 27, 1951 to the late John Warren, Jr., and Elizabeth (née Chandler) Maddox. Mike graduated from Buffalo Gap High School, Class of 1969. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran with the United States Navy and later the Virginia Army National Guard. He was employed with the Virginia Department of Corrections and later as a Private Investigator. He was a member of Arbor Hill Church of the Brethren, the Staunton VFW, AMVETS, and the Staunton Moose Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**. Mike was a die-hard Dallas Cowboy fan. Mike was preceded in death by both parents and an older brother, Terry Randolph Maddox, who passed a day after his birth. Family members include two sons, John Michael Maddox and wife, Tiffany, of Staunton and Corey Preston Maddox and wife, Whitney, of Boyce; two brothers, Phillip Neil Maddox and Bryan Keith Maddox, both of Staunton, and; five grandchildren, Tyler Maddox, Dustin and Hunter Maddox, Hunter Lee, all of Staunton, and Scarlett Maddox of Boyce. A funeral service was conducted at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 29, 2018 in the Arbor Hill Church of the Brethren by the Reverend Grant Simmons. The burial was in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 28, 2018, in the Henry Funeral Home.

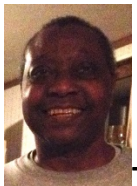
**WILLIAM N. MADDOX** – Died Thursday, May 24, 2018 in Kingman, Arizona at the age of 71. The cause of death was leukemia. He was born in East Point, Georgia on February 23, 1947. He served in the United States Army from January 15, 1971 to January 14, 1974 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from September 1971 to May 1972. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**.

**ORVILLE MANGRUM** – Died Tuesday, June 22, 1999 in Mount Pleasant, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 23, 1928. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. He is interred in the Polk Memorial Gardens in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee.



**GABRIEL SAN NICOLAS "Gabe" MANSAPIT** - Died Friday, November 10, 2017 in Marizo, Guam at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on February 8, 1948 to the late Jose Maguadog and Joaquina San Nicolas Mansapit. He is survived by his wife, Jerri L. Mansapit; his children and their spouses and their children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. A Mass of Intention was offered at 6:00 PM at San Dimas Church in Merizo and will end on the ninth night, Saturday, November 18, 2017. Last respects were held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at San Dimas Church in Merizo beginning at 10:00 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 1:00 PM. Interment services with full military honors were rendered at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, Guam.

**JERRY T. "Jake" MARTIN** (USAF, MSgt.-Ret.) - Died Friday, July 27, 2018 at the Regional Medical Center at the age of 82, after a brief illness. He was a resident of Adel, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 13, 1936 in Cook County, Georgia to the late Leon Martin and Fannie Cleon (née Touchton) Martin. He retired from the United States Air Force and was a member of Antioch United Methodist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Adel Chapter #1090**. Survivors include his sons, Carl Fletcher, of Adel and Philip (Melissa) Martin, of Adel; his daughters, Angie (Bubba) West, of Quitman, Trisha (Powell) Williams, of Adel and Rebecca Detkowski, of Marlette, Michigan; his grandchildren, Ryan Warren, Hunter Martin, Brett (Dei) West, Garrett West, Peytyn Williams, Bryce Williams, Christine Copeland, Daniel Bettis, Rian Fletcher, and Charles Fletcher. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jo (née Thomas) Martin; his children, Jeff Fletcher and Randy Fletcher; his siblings, Lamar Martin, Laurine Martin, Betty Nolan, Thelma Gray, Mary Bennett, Leonard Martin, Bill Martin, and Mickey Martin. The funeral services were held on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Purvis Funeral Home with Reverend Gary Brady officiating. The interment was in the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with full military rites. The family received friends on Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Purvis Funeral Home.



**THOMAS "Tom" MARTIN** - Died Friday, April 13, 2018 at his home in Templeton, Massachusetts at the age of 72. The cause of death was cirrhosis with portal hypertension, chronic alcohol abuse, coronary artery disease and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born in Fort Valley, Georgia on July 8, 1945 to the late Chaser Martin, Sr. and Ida Lee (née Clemons) Martin and lived in Templeton, MA for many years. A graduate of Rutgers University, Tom had worked as an English teacher and guidance counselor at Narragansett Middle High School until his retirement. Tom was a former selectman for the Town of Templeton, served on many town committees and worked at the former Templeton Developmental Center at one time. Tom



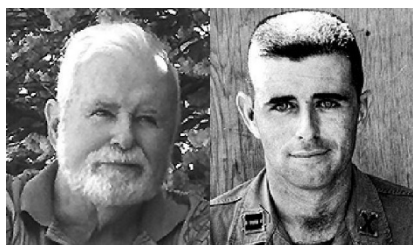
proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force. He was a member of the American Legion in Baldwinville, PACC of Gardner, Templeton Lions Club and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. , He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #907**. Tom also operated his own wine business from his home, Martin Farm Winery. Tom was well loved by his students and community. He was the husband of the late Carolyn Martin. Tom leaves a brother, Nathan Martin (Betty) of Warner Robins, GA; three sisters, Rosa M. Harris, of Columbus, Ohio, Betty M. Porter (Cecil), of Forsyth, GA and Ceola M. Bowers, of Harrisburg, PA, and; several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Calling hours in the Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon were on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Memorial donations may be made to Narragansett Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, MA 01436.

**TIMOTHY W. McCRAY** - Died quietly on Thursday, May 31, 2018 in Verona, Pennsylvania at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 5, 1929. He was the husband of the late Muhammadi McCray; beloved father of Timothy E. McCray, Leroy Keith (Raynell) McCray, Christine McCray-Bethea; brother of Harriette I. McCray; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends. He served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1972 to 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Friends visited on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the White Memorial Chapel, 800 Center Street at South Avenue, Wilkinsburg 15221. The funeral ceremony was on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church 1000 Bryn Mawr Road. The interment with Military Honors was in the Homewood Cemetery.



**STEPHEN L. McDONALD** - Died Friday, May 11, 2018 at his home in New Port Richey, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 7, 1947 in Dayton, Ohio. Stephen is survived by his wife, Tina and children, Stephanie McDonald and Michael McDonald and daughters, Melissa Greenberg and Jill Boggess and two grandchildren.

Stephen served with the United States Army with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Vietnam and was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and three Bronze Stars. Steve was the Commander of VFW Post #6180. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Richey Chapter #1003**. Services were private.



**JOHN MICHAEL McKENNA** (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Thursday, June 21, 2018 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 73. The cause of death was congestive heart failure and supra nuclear palsy (PSP). He was born in El Paso, Texas on December 22, 1944 to the late Colonel John Joseph McKenna and Ruth (née Walsh) McKenna. He lived a life of adventure. He learned Mandarin in China as a toddler, lived in Boston

near his Irish clan as a young kid and traveled the world with his attaché father, Colonel John Joseph McKenna and his mother, Ruth Walsh McKenna. In June of 1966, he graduated from Georgetown University, married Nancy Knipe and joined the United States Army. In Vietnam he flew backseat in a Cessna with the 220<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company and commanded a field artillery battery for the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized). He raised his family in Europe and Colorado. After 20 years in the U.S. Army, culminating in command of the 3/29<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, he retired, to travel the world, attend Saint Paul Catholic Church and volunteer for Silver Key, delivering hot meals and charm. John was as comfortable practicing his Mandarin on General Chiang Kai-shek as he was chatting up the regulars at the Mill Hill Saloon. He lived his life as if it might end soon, and when he left, he was at peace. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. He is predeceased by Nancy and survived by four children, Michelle, Chris, John and Kate, as well as grandchildren and several cousins. All who knew him are welcome to attend the service at Saint Paul Catholic Church, 9 El Pomar Road, Colorado Springs at 1:00 PM on July 21<sup>st</sup>, and the party following at Phantom Canyon Restaurant from 3:00-6:00 PM.

**ROBERT T. McMAHAN, JR.** – Died recently in 2018 in Falls Church, Virginia at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 9, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**.



**DONALD JAMES MEASEL** - Died Friday, March 24, 2018 at Ottawa County Riverview Nursing Home at the age of 73. He was a resident of Genoa, Ohio. The cause of death was a stroke. Donald was born in Pontiac, Michigan on December 4, 1944 to Glen and Ida (née Cross) Measel. He was a United States Army Veteran and served in Vietnam. Donald was a truck driver for 38 years and loved driving. He was also a member of the American Legion in Genoa, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35** and the VFW in Walbridge. Donald is survived by his wife of 55 years, Linda Measel; his children, James (Barbara) Measel and Joseph (Penny) Measel; seven grandchildren, and; two great-grandchildren. The family received friends at the Eggleston, Meinert and Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel, 1111 Woodville Road (east of I-280) on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Funeral services were held in the funeral home on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The interment was in the Clay Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to Ottawa County Riverview Nursing Home Auxiliary.



**CECILIA ANN BENAVENTE MENDIOLA** - Died Friday, October 13, 2017 in Mangilao, Guam at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 14, 1952 in Barrigada, Guam to Ana Rivera Benavente. She is survived by her husband, Francisco Cruz Mendiola; her children and grandchildren and many other relatives. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. Mass of Intention was offered at Santa Teresita Catholic Church in Mangilao at 10:30 AM on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Last Respects for Cecilia were held on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 11:15 AM at Santa Teresita Catholic Church in Mangilao. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at 12:00 Noon. Interment was in the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, where we bade her farewell and a peaceful rest.



**JOHN CHARLES MEYER** (USAF, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Friday, November 3, 2017 in the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, Iowa, at age of 83. He was a resident of Northwood. The cause of death was a 21-year battle with cancer. He was born on June 18, 1934 in Ossian, Iowa to the late Lawrence and Ethel (née Schutte) Meyer. He graduated from Ossian High School in 1952, and went on to marry his sweetheart, Elaine Lois Groth on July 4, 1954 at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Postville, Iowa. John began a 20-year career in the United States Air Force in October of 1954. He served four years enlisted prior to attending Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in German. Shortly following graduation, John returned to the Air Force, completing Officer Training School, and retired a Major, December 1, 1978. Serving his country for 20 years, John's assignments took him, his bride, and growing family around the United States and the world, including Germany, Japan, Okinawa, Iceland, Colorado, Montana, Mississippi, Texas, and Indiana. John also served a tour of duty in Vietnam. After serving his country as an airman, John returned to Iowa to serve the Lord and his community, first as the administrator of the Postville Community Hospital, Postville, for eight years, and then as the administrator of the Lutheran Retirement Home, Northwood, for 9 years, until retiring from professional service June 30, 1999. In retirement John and Elaine enjoyed traveling together for 18 years, visiting friends and relatives, and supporting their many philanthropic causes. John was an active member of Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood, the Northwood Lions Club, and Our Buddies VFW Memorial Post 6779, Northwood. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**. John was admired by the many people whose lives he touched. His memory will be cherished by those who knew him, including his wife of 63 years, Elaine (née Groth) Meyer; his five children, John Dennis Meyer, of Springfield, OR, Laverne Bruce Meyer (Carol), of Elgin, IA, Rebecca Lynn Trump, of Denver, CO, Elizabeth Ann Billmeyer (Jack), of Postville, IA and Anneliese Kay Schneider (David) of Golden, CO; eleven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two sisters; two brothers, and; many nieces and nephews, other extended family members, and

countless friends. John was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Ethel Meyer. Visitation hours were held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, November 10, 2017 at the Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Avenue South, Northwood and at the church one hour prior to the funeral service. The funeral service was held at 10:30 M on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the First Lutheran Church, 309 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Northwood, Iowa with the Reverend Barbara Wills officiating. Military honors were conducted at the on church on Saturday by members of Our Buddies VFW Memorial Post #6779, Northwood, and members of the United States Air Force Honor Guard. The burial was in the Postville Cemetery, Postville.



**DEACON AQUILA MILLER, SR.** - Died Friday, July 6, 2018 at the VA Medical Center in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 69. He was a resident of Denmark, South Carolina. The cause of death was metastatic gastric carcinoma. Deacon Miller was born on September 15, 1948 in Manning, South Carolina to the late Temple and Corine (née Dingle) Miller. Aquila graduated from Scotts Branch High school in Clarendon County. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and was a life member of Company C, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 503<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, Sky Soldier, Society of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, where he was awarded a Bronze Star. He served from December 3, 1968 to July 25, 1970 and served in Vietnam from July 29, 1969 to July 25, 1970. After returning from the military, Aquila enrolled and graduated from Denmark Technical College with a degree in electronics. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**. He later joined Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he faithfully served as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, president of Mount Zion male chorus, adviser of pastor's aide club, treasure of the Bethlehem Baptist Union, vice-president of Bethlehem Baptist Sunday school and in many other capacities. Aquila retired from the Savannah River Site in Aiken, where he offered many years of service. Surviving are his wife of 42 years, the Rev. Dr. Shirley (née Riley) Miller, of Denmark; a son, Aquila Jr. (Shaneata), of Charlotte, North Carolina; a granddaughter, Briana Miller, and a grandson, Xavier Miller, both of Charlotte; a sister, Nellie Miller, of Honolulu; four brothers, Temple (Shirley) Miller, Jr., of Hampton, Virginia, Sam (Elizabeth) Hardy Miller, of Sumter, Jonah (Ruth) Harrison Miller, of Irvington, New Jersey, and Arnett (Mary) Miller, of Hampton, Virginia' mother-in-law, Mother Carrie Copeland; five sisters-in-laws; three brothers-in-law; six godchildren; two aunts; a special family, the Freeman family, and; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. The funeral was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Denmark-Olar High School gym, 197 Viking Circle, Denmark. The burial was in the Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Denmark. Immediately following the burial, the family greeted friends in the church fellowship hall. Wake services were held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church. Carroll Mortuary of Denmark was in charge of the services.

**PATRICK G. MOCKLER** - Died Sunday April 22, 2018 at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Norwalk, Connecticut on December 11, 1947 to the late Howard and Alice (née McLoughlin)

Mockler. He was educated in Norwalk schools and then enlisted in the United States Army serving in Vietnam where he was disabled. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brattleboro Chapter #843**. He lived in Norwalk, CT and Vernon, VT his whole life and two years ago entered the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington. He had a great love for animals and raised various pets and birds for show over the years. He was an avid gardener and photographer, always enjoying hiking, running and cross-country skiing. He is survived by nine nieces and nephews; ten great-nieces and great-nephews, and; eight great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. There was a Catholic Prayer service on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Kidder Funeral Home, 1 Parker Avenue, Northfield, Massachusetts. Reverend Father Thomas Lisowski, Pastor of Saint Patrick Church, Northfield officiated. The burial was in the Tyler Cemetery, Vernon, Vermont. There were no calling hours. Donations in his memory may be made to the Vermont Veterans Home, 325 North Street, Bennington, VT 05201.

**DANIEL W. MOELLER** – Died recently in 2018 in Nekoosa, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 4, 1943. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Chapter #324**.



**CHARLES MASON MOODY** – Died Friday, August 10, 2018 in Berea, Kentucky at the age of 74. The cause of death was a blood infection, pneumonia and kidney failure. He was born in Richmond, Kentucky on September 18, 1943 to the late Charles Burnell Moody and Margaret Lucille (née Jackson) Moody. He was born at the old Pope Hospital in Richmond, KY and was delivered by Dr. Mason Pope, thus his namesake. As a young man, growing up in Richmond, he worked at Cornetts Drugstore and at J.J. Newberrys and he attended EKUs Rural School/ Model and graduated from Madison High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served as Boatswain Mate on the destroyer, USS Beale during the Vietnam War, Cyprus Conflict, and Cuban Missile Crisis. He was based out of Norfolk, VA and traveled the Mediterranean Sea and many ports in between. He was a member of the Baptist faith and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Big Hill Chapter #1066**. He enjoyed cruise ship vacations and RV camping. During his career, He worked at Westinghouse, Madison County School System, and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2007, having served mainly as a rural carrier for Route 5 in Berea, Ky. for thirty years. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as an infant daughter, Amy Carol Moody, and his brother, Paul Wayne Moody (Brenda). He leaves behind a wife of 32 years, Sheryl Kelly Moody. His children are Richard (Elysa) Moody, Tamara Mason (Mike) Zgoda, stepson, Matt (Rachel) Kelly, and stepdaughter, Laura Moody-Thompson (Wayde). His grandchildren are Stacey (Ryan) Fischer, Lauren Amy (Ryan) Stumpf, Austin Moody, Mason Paige Zgoda, and Michael Zgoda, Jr., as well as seven great-grandchildren; Autumn, Olivia, Grace, and Knox Fischer, and Stetson, Chesney, and Gentry Stumpf. His nephews are Gregory, Jeffery, and Michael Moody. He recently lost his beloved loyal canine companion, Miss Prissy Moody. Visitation hours were from 4:00 - 8:00 PM on



Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Joey Kays and his cousin, Reverend Gary Noe, at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at the Oldham, Roberts and Powell. A military burial was in the Old Paint Lick Cemetery at Manse, Kentucky. The pallbearers were Greg Moody, Jeff Moody, Austin Moody, Michael Zgoda, cousin Ron Jackson, and Wayde Thompson. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the Madison County Special Olympics, in memory of daughter Amy Moody, 345 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475.



**JAMES "Mo" MOZISEK** - Died Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the Manassas Health and Rehabilitation under the care of Vitas Hospice. He was 80 years of age and a resident of Luray, Virginia. He died from complications from a traumatic brain injury he suffered from a fall at his home in Luray on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He fought and worked hard, much like he did his whole life, for 86 days to recover but the damage from his brain injury was significant and medically complex. He was born on September 27, 1937 in Shiner, Texas to the late Rudolph and Caroline (née Dornak) Mozisek. He was the eldest of five sons. After graduating Shiner High School in 1956, James joined the United States Air Force in 1957. His service as part of the Security Police Division brought him to the Pentagon in Washington, DC, in 1964, where he met his wife, Barbara Phillips, and married on June 4 of 1966 in Framingham, Massachusetts. After being stationed in Turkey and domestically the couple resided in Dale City, Virginia. In 1978, he retired from the Air Force as a trained locksmith at the rank of master sergeant. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**. He ended his career as a locksmith at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C. After 15 years of service in this position the couple retired to Luray, VA in 1993. This was a location they found while enjoying Mo's hobby of skeet shooting during visits to the Page Valley Sportsman's Club. Mo was an avid trap and skeet shooter as well as a deer hunter. For many years he spent deer seasons in Shiner, Texas, hunting with his brother, Ben, and spending time with family and friends in his treasured hometown. Until his accident, Mo worked as a part-time locksmith and owner of Luray Lock and Key. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara; his daughters, Jo Linda (David) Rowe and Theresa Foster; his grandchildren, Emily Lawrence and Logan and Ethan Rowe, and; his brothers, Joseph (Florine), Patrick and Benjamin (Beverly) Mozisek. The family greeted friends from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on Thursday before a formal service celebrating his life at 2:00 PM at the Bradley Funeral Home, 187 East Main Street, Luray, VA 22835. Mo was a dedicated blood donor. Memorials may be made in James' honor to the Red Cross at 118 East Piedmont Street, Culpeper, VA 22701.





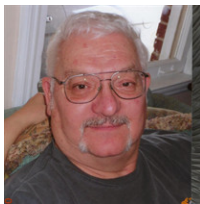
**MICHAEL J. "Mikey" MUIR** - Died Sunday, February 4, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 67, after diseases related to the Agent Orange exposure he had received while serving our Nation in Vietnam. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born on May 18, 1950 to Mary (née O'Neil) Muir and the late Kenneth Muir. He was the beloved husband of 30 years to Stella (née Maquiraya) Muir. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his Mother, Mary; his son, Mark Muir; his brothers, Kenneth (Melanie) Muir, Patrick Muir, James (Elaine) Muir, Robert (Sephora) Muir and David (Barbara) Muir; his Julie Ann Muir and the late Mary Jo (Lester, survived) Switalzki; his brother-in-law, Lori (the late Joseph) Cortina, Ines (Alex) Bojovic and Thomasa (Edgardo) Ramos, and; and many other close family and friends. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City (Philippines) Chapter #887**. Visitation hours were on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 3:00 - 9:00 PM with a Knights of Columbus service at 7:00 PM. The funeral was on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM from the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, 10727 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL with a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Barnabas Church, 10134 South Longwood Drive, Chicago at 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions in Michael's name may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) or to Vietnam Veterans of America [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org). The interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL.

**JOHN CARL MULHOLLAN** - Died Thursday, January 18, 2018 in San Marcos, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death was stage four pancreatic cancer. He was born on November 4, 1944 in Temple, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Beth Hawes. He was a graduate of Texas State University. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Marcos Chapter #923**. Arrangements were made under the direction of Legends Funeral Home, San Marcos, Texas

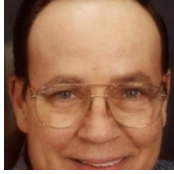


**CHARLES LOUIS "Chuck" MURRAY** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, June 6, 2018 in Dublin, Ohio at the age of 81. The cause of death was plasma cell leukemia. He was born on April 15, 1937 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "Chuck" Murray leaves behind his wife of 55 years, three children, and seven grandchildren. He retired from the United States Army in November 1988 with 33 years of Active Service; awarded the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, Vietnamese Honor Medal First Class, and many other military decorations. He retired from the Veterans Administration in 1999 retired from the electronic section of Sam's Club in August 2013 after 13 years. Boy Scouts of America active

leader with troops in the US and Europe from 1972 to 1998; Retired Enlisted Association; American Legion Post #239, Worthington, OH; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2398, Worthington, OH, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Worthington Chapter #670**, Post #144, National Association of Federal Retired Employees Chapter #235; Honor Flight Columbus Guardian for 56 flights since 2007; Woodworkers of Central Ohio officer and member in charge of the annual 'toy program'; Central Ohio Wood Turners member; Central Ohio Furniture Bank volunteer, part of woodworker team building four drawer dressers for distribution; long time member of Worthington Squares Square Dance Club; past long time Officer of Brookside Civic Association. The family would like to thank everyone who came forward with support for Chuck in this final battle with cancer. Your care and concern brought comfort and peace. The memorial service was on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Calling hours were from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a VFW memorial service at 7:00 PM at the Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to: Kobacker House, OhioHealth Hospice, 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43214; Honor Flight/Columbus, PO Box 12036, Columbus, OH 43212 or Motts Military Museum, Inc., 5075 South Hamilton Road, Groveport, Ohio 43125.



**JOE TIMOTHY "Bubba" NEWELL** - Died Thursday, August 2, 2018 in Boiling Springs, South Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina on December 24, 1948 to the late Joseph Robert Newell and Frances Marion (née Brown) Newell. He was the loving husband to Sharon (née Shirk) Newell. He retired from the United States Navy after 21 years, having fought during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #200, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spartanburg Chapter #1049** and the VFW. He was also an active member of Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Smith (Shannon), of Boiling Springs and Amanda Garrett (Greg), of Chesnee; his sister, Nelda Spivey (Junior), of Boiling Springs, and; his grandchildren, Averi, Aidan, Lake, Harper, Ezra, Katlyn and Austin. The family received friends on Sunday, August 5, 2018 from 2:00 until 3:00 PM at the Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church. Funeral services at 3:00 pm at the Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church with Reverends Todd Black and Brian Winebrenner co-officiating. The interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens with Military Honors. Memorials were requested to be made to: Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church, Veterans Memorial Fund, 104 Fairview Church Road, Spartanburg, SC 29303.

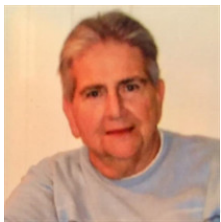


**MICHAEL DANIEL "Mike" NICHOLS** - Died Friday, April 1, 2016 at his home in Colona, Illinois at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born on October 11, 1946 in Unionville, Missouri to the late Marion and Lola (née Alvin) Nichols. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He married Patricia Jones November 6, 1967 in Rock Island, Illinois. He retired from John Deere, Moline, after 31 years of service. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, and watching NASCAR. He was a member of the Silvis Eagles. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669*. He was a devoted loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Nichols, of Colona; his daughters, Michelle (Jason) Nice, of Orion, IL, and Amber Nichols, of Colona; his grandchildren, Chelsy Stone, Alexis Garland, Steven Garland, Charlie Stone, and Coty Nice; his great-grandson, Carter Yeoman; his sisters, Pat, Linda, Liz, and Connie; his brother, Lonnie. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Ralph and Lee; sister, Fran. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Wednesday at the Van Hoe Funeral Home, Ltd., East Moline, IL. Burial was in the Greenview Memorial Gardens, East Moline. Visitation hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home.



**DENNIS CARL "Denny" NIELSEN** - Died Thursday, December 31, 2015 at the Saint Cloud VA Medical Center in Saint Cloud, Minnesota at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 26, 1939 in Armstrong, Iowa to the late Henriette and Leslie Nielsen. Denny graduated from high school in Buffalo Lake, Minnesota and joined the United States Air Force from 1959-1965 with the 551<sup>st</sup> Strategic Missile Squadron. On January 15, 1966 he was united in marriage to Ramona Jeanne Nelson at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Fairfax, Minnesota. Together they had three daughters Tracy, Cherise, and Dawn. While in the Air Force, Denny started his teaching degree. He finished his degree at Saint Cloud State University, earning both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in Physical Science. Denny taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science at North Junior High from 1967-1984 and Physics, Environmental Science, and Water Science at Apollo High School from 1984 until his retirement. He enjoyed teaching very much and, for years would take his students, along with other faculty, to Sand Dunes Wildlife Refuge and his own property to have the students enjoy the wildlife and learn about environmental conservation. Besides his teaching job, Denny had a summer concrete business, "Nielsen and Sons" which poured slabs at Airstream and several of the Travelers Country Clubs. He also worked as the park manager at the Airstream Park in Clear Lake. Denny was a master craftsman woodworker and many of his family and friends enjoyed gifts and furniture from his shop. He also enjoyed fishing and taking his family camping trips in

the summer to any state park. He was especially fond of visiting Grand Marais to have Sven and Ole pizza. One of his greatest joys was taking his grandsons on tractor rides on his International Harvester Model "A" tractor. His other joy was being with his beloved Newfoundlands King and Thumper; whom his daughters believed he loved more than them. Denny belonged to several organizations throughout his life. While teaching, he was a member of MEA, NEA, and the Central MN Science Teachers Association. He also was an active member in the Clearwater American Legion, DAV, a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290 and Forty & Eight. He was a long-time volunteer at the Saint Cloud VA and the Salvation Army. His volunteer activities taught his daughters to care for those that were less advantaged. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Clear Lake and later assisted in the development and became a member of Rejoice Lutheran Church, Clearwater. Denny is survived by his wife of almost 50 years Ramona; daughters Tracy (James) Ketzeback, Saint Cloud; Cherise Nielsen, Menomonie, WI; and Dawn Nielsen, Saint Cloud; grandsons Bradie, Blake and Tobee, all of Saint Cloud. He is also survived by one sister, Mary Ann (Donald) Brown, Brea, CA; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends. Denny was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Geraldine King and Margie Bahr, brother, James Nielsen; brother-in-law, Gerald King; nephew, Randy King; and niece, Cheyenne Hommerding; along with several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation hours were on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Miller Carlin Funeral Home in Saint Cloud and one hour prior to the service at the church in Clearwater on Saturday morning. Funeral Services were at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Rejoice Lutheran Church, Clearwater, MN with Pastor Laurie Weis officiating. Private family burial was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls. Arrangements were being made by the Miller-Carlin Funeral Homes. Denny's family would like to extend a big thank you for the staff in Building 51-2 at the Saint Cloud VA for their wonderful care, and also Jay Keller for his lifetime of friendship and daily visits until the end.



**COSMO "Dan" NINNO** - Died Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts at the age of 76. He was a resident of Gardner, Massachusetts. The cause of death was septic shock, *Stenotrophomonas pneumonia* and acute hypoxic respiratory failure. He was born on September 27, 1941 in Syracuse, New York to the late Louis and Mary (née Sasario) Ninno. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. Dan worked for the MA Department of Corrections in Gardner for many years. Being involved in local veteran organizations was extremely important to Dan. He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, was *Treasurer* and *Life Member* for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #907** and was president and volunteer coordinator at the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center. He enjoyed gardening, computers, and spending time with his wife, Lorraine, at York Beach. He leaves his wife of 46 years, Lorraine J. (née Landry) Ninno; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Alfred and Patricia Eyles, of Fitchburg, and Howard and Ferne Landry, of Clinton, NY; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-

nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Paul and John Ninno. Calling hours were on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Mack Family Funeral Homes, Lamoureux-Smith and Poliks Chapel, 105 Central Street, Gardner. The Funeral Mass was held on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:30 AM at Holy Spirit Church, Lovewell Street, Gardner. Burial with military honors was in the Massachusetts State Veteran Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dan's memory to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, 268 Central Street, Gardner, MA 01440 or to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #907, PO Box 595, Gardner, MA 01440.



**ROBERTO PACHECANO** - Died Wednesday, December 13, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 69, from Agent Orange-related complications of scleroderma, cardiorespiratory arrest and bilateral basilar pneumonia. He was a resident of Mico, Texas. Roberto's exposure to both Agent Orange in Vietnam and toxic water at Marine Base Camp Lejeune, NC likely contributed to his demise from mixed connective tissue disease and cancer. He was born in San Antonio on September 1, 1948 to the late Natividad Herrera Pachecano, Jr. and Ramona (née Garcia) Pachecano. He was also predeceased by his sister, Maria Antonietta Casanova. He is survived by his beloved wife Carole Beth (née Faseler) Pachecano; his daughters, Jevi (Isaias) Rodriguez and Megan (John Irving) Pachecano; his grandchildren, Seth and Maya Rodriguez; his brothers, Ramon (Olga) Pachecano and Ramiro (Carmen) Pachecano; his sisters, Mary Lou (Gabriel) Garcia, Linda (Wesley) Walker, and Lila Pachecano, and; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Leaving Edgewood High School at 17 years old, Roberto joined the United States Marine Corps and volunteered for service in Vietnam. He served with HQ Company, 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, and later with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Air Wing as well as the United States Air Force. He received numerous military citations including the Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, and the South Vietnam Unit Gallantry Cross. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**. Roberto worked 25 years with the US Postal Service and retired at age 50. He then graduated cum laude from Saint Mary's University with a degree in English Communication Arts, becoming a published writer in journals, magazines, and anthologies. His works were taught at various colleges and universities, and he presented as a guest lecturer at the University of Wisconsin- Madison and the US Coast Guard Academy, among others. Well known in his communities for leadership in civic affairs, Roberto served on the Board of Directors of the SA Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, National Image, Inc., Medina Lake Preservation Society, and other nonprofits, organizing fundraisers and events which included In Spirit and Song for the Lupus Foundation of South Central TX and the 100-year celebration of the construction of Medina Lake Dam. He was also a 33-year member of Lonnie Irvin Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies of SA, and Alzafar Shrine. Roberto may be remembered by some San Antonians for the rise of the "Red Chameleon" legend when he won the SA Express-News' lucky charm contest, taking him and his wooden bolo tie (Artists: Spider

Johnson/Lora Hunt) to the 1987 NBA draft lottery where the Spurs subsequently won their first No. 1 pick in the history of the franchise, bringing David Robinson to San Antonio.



**CHALLIS THEODORE "Ted" PATTON** - Died Thursday, May 31, 2018 at home in Groveport, Ohio at the age of 88. He passed peacefully after suffering from Agent Orange-related Parkinson's disease. He was born in New Boston, Ohio on April 13, 1930 to the late Elza and Fannie Mae (née Ison) Patton. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Maryjo (née Johnson) Patton. He was also predeceased by his sister, Thelma and his brother, Charles. He is survived by his sister, Sharon Patton; his children, Kim (Chuck) Woods, Robin Patton, Kelly (Ron) Haralson, Holly Kirkland and Anthony Patton; his grandchildren, Jeff (Sabrina) Sanfillipo, Joe (Kathie) Sanfillipo, Jeremy Patton, Erin (Izzy) Arroyo, Ashley (Mike) Berger, Amie (Luke) Inman, Sarah (Paul) Begley, Joanna Deal, Jennifer Haralson, Breanna, Haralson, Delanie Haralson, and; sixteen great-grandchildren. He had many interests with some being, reading, sailing and Nascar. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for more than 20 years before retiring to the private sector working with OSHA, Lockheed Martin, and his own Safety Consulting Company. After working at various businesses, he finally retired for the last time in 2010 to care for his wife. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Worthington Chapter #670**. Ted was an inspiration and hero to his family and will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers, please support your local Veterans organizations. Visiting hours will be Monday, June 4, 2018 from 4-8 Pm at the Meyers Woodyard Funeral Home, 587 Main St in Groveport, Ohio 43125. Burial will be Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 12:30 Pm with Military Honors at Scioto Burial Park, 4757 McDermott Pond Creek Rd in McDermott, Ohio 45653.



**RICHARD D. PELLONI** - Died Friday, June 1, 2018 at AGH after a brief illness at the age of 72. He was a resident of Industry, Pennsylvania. He was born on May 13, 1946 in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania to the late Anthony J. and Carolyn (née Lasso) Pelloni. He was a 1964 graduate of Lincoln High School. Richard was a veteran of the United State Navy and served in Vietnam on the USS Mansfield. He owned and operated an Auto Service Garage which he began in Ellwood City and then Industry, PA where he has been the last 34 years. He took pride in his work and often spoke about his clients as family and friends. He was also a member of various social groups in the area including the VFW and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Rich was a genuine man who was candid and loyal in his approach with others. He enjoyed spending time



with family, friends and co-workers. Along with his parents he is preceded in death by his stepmother, Margaret L. Hogue Pelloni; and one brother, William J. Pelloni. Surviving Richard are his three sons; Richard (Sandi) Pelloni, Mark (Rachel) Pelloni, and Michael (Marie) Pelloni, and their mother, Marie Elaine Pelloni; three brothers, John Pelloni of Ellwood City, Anthony (Jamie) Pelloni of La Mesa, CA, and Stan (Diane) Haddock of Yorba Linda, CA; three sisters, Cheryl (Wayne) Geras of King, NC, Cathy (Richard) Rizor of Rockledge, FL, and Candace (Steve) Curtis of Ormond Beach, FL; and ten grandchildren, Jacob, Josh, Ashley, Brooke, Max, Ethan, Mia, Dante, Rocco, and Bella. Friends were received on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM in the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver PA 15001. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Redeemer Church, Ellwood City on Saturday June 9, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Ellwood City.



**DANIEL TORRES "Dan" PEREZ** - Died Thursday, March 9, 2017 in Barrigada, Guam at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guan on May 1, 1944 to the late Francisco and Juana (née Torres) Perez. He is survived by his wife, Mary Dorothy (née Benavente) Perez; daughters and their spouses and their children and grandchildren. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668*. A Mass of Intention was offered nightly at 6:00 PM at Santa Teresita Catholic Church in Mangilao except as follows: 12:10 PM on Thursday, 10:30 AM on Sunday. Last Respects for Daniel were held on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 M to 12:15 PM at Santa Teresita Catholic Church in Mangilao. A Mass for a Christian Burial was offered at 1:00 PM. Interment was in the Guam Veteran's Cemetery in Piti, Guam where they bade him farewell and a peaceful rest.



**RONALD D. "Ron" PFLUGLER** - Died Friday, September 1, 2017 at the age of 67 at Saint Luke's Hospice House in Lower Saucon Township, Pennsylvania. He was a resident of Bath, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related metastatic non-small cell lung carcinoma, severe protein caloric malnutrition, squamous cell carcinoma of the tongue. He was born in Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania on August 2, 1950 to the late Leopold J. and Dorothy M. (née Newman) Pflugler. He was the loving husband of Barbara A. (née Walters) Pflugler. They observed their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 11, 2017. After graduating from Nazareth High School in 1968, Ron honorably served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He later

attended Northampton Community College. Ron was employed by Essroc Cement Co. in Nazareth, PA, where he was a heavy equipment operator for several years before retiring in 2013. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lehigh Valley (Easton) Chapter #415** and Fullerton American Legion Post #367, Whitehall. Additionally, Ron was a devoted and active member of Saint Paul's Third Lutheran Church of Palmer Township, PA, where he served on council and the buildings and grounds committee. A car enthusiast, Ron enjoyed driving his Corvette, gardening and carpentry. In addition to his loving wife, Barbara, he is survived by his brothers, Edward Pflugler and his wife, Phyetta, of Upper Nazareth Township, PA, and Robert Pflugler, Sr. and his wife, Alice, of Lower Nazareth Township, PA, along with many loving nieces and nephews and their families. A memorial service, with military honors, was held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at 11:00 AM in Saint Paul's Third Lutheran Church, 2561 Newburg Road, (Palmer Township) Easton, PA 18045. Friends and relatives were invited to call on Saturday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the church. The interment was private. Arrangements were under the care and direction of the George G. Bensing Funeral Home, Inc., Village of Moorestown - Bath. In memory of Ron, memorial contributions may be offered to Saint Paul's Third Lutheran Church of Palmer Township. The George Bensing Funeral Home 2165 Community Drive Bath, PA 18014-9503 was in charge of the arrangements.



**ELIJAH ARTHUR PINKNEY** - Died Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 27, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. A celebration of Mr. Pinkney's life was conducted at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Davis Funeral Home, 901 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service.

**ROBERT ALLEN PLACE** – Died Monday, May 7, 2018 in Palm Coast, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 11, 1945 in Milford, Connecticut. He served in the United States Navy from August 11, 1965 to August 4, 1969 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Augustine Chapter #1084**.



**DANIEL G. "Danny" PLYMESSER** – Died Sunday, April 29, 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 11, 1948. He was the loving companion of Mary Lynn Church; father of Heather; grandfather of Kyla, Jay and Dan; brother of Chuck, Donna Herwik and Marcy. He was a United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. Danny joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1993 and became a Lifetime member of Post #2533 in 1997. He had held the positions of VFW Post Commander, Cuyahoga County Council Commander, and was VFW District #7 Commander in 2002-2003 and again in

2005-2006. He had also held the position of Credentials Chairman for the Department of Ohio VFW for many years. Danny joined the order of the Cooties as a Lifetime member in 2005 and was the Seam Squirrel for Pup Tent #1 since 2016. Wanting to help others, Danny was also an active member of American Legion #451 in Rocky River for 19 years, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Berea Chapter #15**, Eagles Club in Geneva, and the West Side Irish-American Club. Through his life, his favorite past times, when he wasn't cooking, were softball, bowling, golfing, hunting and riding his motorcycle. Danny has been loved by everyone and will be missed by all. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at Saint Patrick Church (West Park) at 10:00 AM. Friends visited the family at the Chambers Funeral Home of Cleveland, 4420 Rocky River Drive at Puritas on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 PM. Donations in memory of Danny may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2533 West Park c/o Gilbert O'Neil, 3791 West 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44111.



**RICHARD TYVOLL "Dick" POUKEY** - Died Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at home in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born on August 19, 1943 in Cumberland, Wisconsin to the late George H. and Edna M. (née Tyvoll) Poukey. Richard proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 spending one year in Vietnam. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire and worked in the insurance industry for thirty-five years in the Fox Valley. Richard started his career at the Home Mutual Ins. (now Secura) and was also employed with Integrity Ins. When he retired in 2006. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**, American Legion and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Richard leaves behind his wife of fifty-one years in marriage, Diane; two daughters, Lori and Susan and three grandchildren. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas. Richard's family is honoring his wish to not have a funeral service, they only ask for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



**JIMMIE G. QUILLEN** - Died Monday evening, July 9, 2018 at the Bayhealth-Kent General Hospital at the age of 82. He was a resident of Milford, Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in McRoberts, Kentucky on July 27, 1935 to the late William H. and Thelma Quillen. Jimmie served his country proudly in the United States Air Force and retired after 22 ½ years of service and served during the Vietnam War. He worked as a car salesman for Hammonds and I.G. Burtons for over 22 years, and had many repeat customers, as he was well liked. Jimmie enjoyed socializing with everyone. He approached everyone as though they were friends. Family life and activities were the center of his world. He enjoyed yearly fishing

trips to Lake Erie with his son and grandsons. He also enjoyed camping and family gatherings. Jimmie looked forward to his daily coffee outings to McDonalds to socialize with friends. He loved attending car shows with his son where they would display their classic Mustangs. He will be forever remembered and missed for his friendly, caring, outgoing, personality and great sense of humor. Jimmie was a member of the Harrington Lions Club, Masonic Order of Neon, Kentucky, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason and Shriner through the Nur Temple Shriners Lodge of New Castle, Lonesome Pine Masonic Lodge, associate member of Masonic Temple #9 in Milford, member of both the VFW and the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, where he was a lifetime member, and a member of the Southern Delaware Street Rod Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Julia A. Quillen, and a daughter, Yvonne Quillen. Jimmie is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Gordon L. and Terri Quillen; his daughter, Trenda A. Fitzhugh; his brothers, William H. Quillen, Jr., George W. Quillen, Donnie W. Quillen; sisters, Janet Yvonne Tackett, Carrie J. Barker, E. Ann McGeorge; five grandchildren, Gordon L. Quillen, Jr., Heather L. Quillen, Brittany N. Quillen, Summer M. Fitzhugh, James Fitzhugh II; six great-grandchildren; his devoted companion, Lois Poore; and his canine pal, Sir Winston. A Memorial Service took place at the Melvin Funeral Home, 15522 South Dupont Highway, Harrington, DE, on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 PM. A visitation took place one hour prior to the service. The interment was at the Hollywood Cemetery, Harrington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Last Call Worship Center, 723 South Washington Street, Milford, DE 19963; or to the Disabled American Veterans. The arrangements were by the Thomas E. Melvin and Son Funeral Home, Inc., Harrington, DE. Visit us at [www.melvinfuneralhome.com](http://www.melvinfuneralhome.com) to send flowers or sign condolence book.

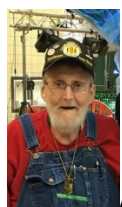


**THOMAS EDWARD RADCLIFF** - Died Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in Macomb, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1947 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to the late Clarence and Deloris (née Groth) Radcliff. On October 15, 1971 in Roseville, Michigan, he was united in marriage to the former Sharron G. Collins. Together they celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Sharron preceded her husband in death March 12, 2002. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge he returned home and was employed as a sheet metal model maker in the fabrication industry. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154** and the VFW. He was devoted grandfather to Lauren and Matthew, and because he lived with his daughter and son-in-law, was such a big part of his grandchildren's lives. A positive influence to his family and fellow veterans, he will be great missed. His survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Megan and Anthony Jakinovich; his grandchildren, Lauren and Matthew; his brothers, Daniel (Christine) Radcliff, Mark Radcliff, Paul (Lee) Radcliff, Dave (Linda) Radcliff, Randy (Dona) Radcliff; his sister-in-law, Donna Radcliff, and; nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by brother, Stephen. Cremation services were entrusted to the Harold W. Vick Funeral Home, 140 South Main, Mount Clemens, Michigan. A Celebration of Life service was held on

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Three Blind Mice Irish Pub, 101 North Main, Mount Clemens with Military Honors by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #154 at 3:30 PM.



**FRANCISCO DELEON RAMIREZ, JR.** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) – Died Saturday, July 28, 2018 in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 80, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 8, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He retired at the rank of First Sergeant (E-8). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a Rosary recitation at 7:00 PM at the Baker McCullough Funeral Home (Hubert C Baker Chapel). A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at Saint James Catholic Church. The Interment was at 1:00 PM at the Glennville National Cemetery.



**ALLEN LEE REIL** - Died Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Milbank Care and Rehab Center at the age of 70, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Milbank, South Dakota. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on March 11, 1948 in Ortonville, Minnesota to the late Roland and Caroline (née Gerdes) Reil. He grew up in the Wilmot/Corona area and graduated from Corona High School in 1966. After graduation, Allen enlisted in the United States Army and joined the National Guard. Allen worked as a Milbank Police Officer. He also drove a truck for Frigo Cheese and Hedge and Herberg. He was an active member of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Allen was very active with DAV, the American Legion, the VFW and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He was a great story teller and loved telling stories to his family and friends. Allen loved traveling to visit his siblings. He especially loved his yearly Florida trips with his brothers. He enjoyed riding motorcycle: especially in parades. He loved spending time at the lake with friends and family. He also enjoyed boating, pheasant hunting, and fishing. But his favorite pastime was spending time with his children and grandchildren. Allen always had a stash of candy for himself and his grandchildren. Allen is survived by his children, Tracy (Wayne) Loeschke, of Milbank, SD, Misty (John) Weyh, of Milbank, SD and Gary (Michelle) Reil, of Sioux Falls, SD; nine grandchildren, Alicia (Tyler) Adelman, Austin Loeschke, Madison Reil, Alex Loeschke, Kaylee Reil, Cody Reil, Samantha Reil, Sydnee Weyh, and Whitney Weyh; one great-granddaughter, Tenley Adelman; his siblings, LaWayne Reil, of Corona, SD, Rodney (Bojo) Reil, of Corona, SD, Dennis (Karen) Reil, of Beloit, WI, Tim Reil, of Jacksonville, FL and Kimberly (William) Burke, of Colorado Springs, CO, and; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Mundwiler Funeral Home and continued one hour prior to the services on Wednesday. Pastor Tim Rynearson officiated. The interment was in the Milbank City Cemetery.



**WILLIAM HAWLEY “Billy” RICE III** – Died Tuesday, July 25, 2017 in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 14, 1949. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Nashville Chapter #953.

**LENITA FAYE (née Sterry) RIEDEL** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Monday, November 28, 2016 in Waterloo, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Lenita was born in Halltown, Alabama outside Red Bay on April 25, 1947, grew up in the Freedom Hills area and Oakland, graduating from Central High School and later the University of North Alabama. Lenita is survived by her husband of 39 years, Colonel Donald Riedel, U.S. Army retired. She is also survived by two sisters, Karen Sterry Brewer (Kenneth), Pam Sterry Morton (Roger), three brothers, Frank Sterry (Linda), Scott Sterry (Ruth), Terry Sterry (Brenda) as well as the many nieces and nephews that she thought the world of and especially, a new great nephew. Lenita Sterry Riedel was a retired Lieutenant Colonel of Military Intelligence in the United States Army and pursued a second career for 12 years serving as the State of Alabama Veterans' Service Officer for Lauderdale and Colbert County. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama**. Lenita wanted to also recognize her many friends in the large veterans' community of The Shoals and to salute the dedicated medical and social workers in this area who have so faithfully helped veterans and their families. Lenita had a poem that she would love to share. *“IN THE COMPANY OF SOLDIERS.” “In the company of soldiers, I have no need to explain myself. In the company of soldiers, everybody understands. In the company of soldiers, I don't have to pretend to be the person I am not, or strike that pose, however well-intended, that is expected by those who have not known me under arms. In the company of soldiers, all my crimes are forgiven. I am safe. I am known. I am home: In The Company of Soldiers.”* A private memorial was held by family members. In lieu of flowers or gifts, she requested any donations to be sent to charities of your choice. The family would like to thank the nurses and techs at ECM Hospital and the North Alabama Cancer Center. And thanks to all her friends in the Central High School Alumni Luncheon Group. Lenita believed she was blessed with so many angels taking care of her.



**EDWIN L. “Ed” RINDFUSZ** - Died Friday, March 17, 2017 in Dothan, Alabama at the age of 80, surrounded by his wife and friends. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus-Type II and congestive heart failure. Ed was born on May 25, 1936 in Wolf Lake, Indiana to the late Charles and Jeannetta Rindfus. He lived the early years of his life there. He was in the United States Army Special Forces for 20 years and retired. He served in Vietnam for 3 ½ years. Ed also did tours in Hawaii, Germany, Bolivia, Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Huachuca, AZ, Fort Monmouth, NJ, and Panama Canal Zone. He was a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason and Shriner while living in the Panama Canal Zone. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama**. In addition to his parents, he predeceased in death by his



parents, Charles and Jeannetta Rindfusz, his son, Wesley, and by his brother, Russell. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Rose Rindfusz, Dothan; his daughter, Beverly Starling (Tina Smith), of North Carolina; his sons, John W. (Deena) Rindfusz, Atlanta, GA, and Jared A. (Lynn) Rindfusz, Port St. Lucie, FL; his brother, Everett (Sandy) Rindfusz, Hesperia, MI; several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Preston Elliott officiating. Graveside services with military honors were in the Sunset Memorial Park with Robert Byrd directing. The family received friends following the graveside services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605, or Shriners International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point, Tampa, FL 33607.



**BESSIE ELEANOR "Ellie" RISINGER-FLORES** - Died Saturday, June 2, 2018 at her daughter's residence in Rancho Viejo, Texas at the age of 76. She was a resident of Fort Isabel, Texas. The cause of death was cancer. She was born in Orlando, Florida on January 7, 1942 to the late Alpha Lee Heath and Cazzie Lou (née Pitts) Heath. She was the youngest of six children. She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Miguel "Mike" S. Flores, Jr.; her children, son, Bryan Wilson and wife, Jennifer, daughter, Rachel Wilson and husband, Charlie, daughter, Marci Wilson Boggs and husband, Christopher, daughter, Audra Spires and husband, Paul. She is also survived by eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; her brother, William Joseph Heath, of Montgomery, AL, and; several nephews and nieces. Ellie is preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Louise, Dixie, Lee and Tena. She was a *Life Member* off **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856**. She saw her life vocations as wife, mother, teacher and nurse. Her true passion was doing the Lord's work. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlingen and served in several churches most of her life. She had a heart for mission work and loved generously giving to those in need. She was a certified prison counselor along with her husband, and often wrote letters and visited many who were incarcerated in Texas. Ellie loved serving God and was an avid Bible student, and her favorite Bible passage was Galatians 2:20. In her own words, the message she would give to her family and friends is, "Strive to be good servants as God does require an accounting of our lives." Her hobbies included midwestern square dancing, swimming, reading and painting. A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church officiated by Pastor Wade Hood on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 11:00 AM. All were welcome to share in the celebration of her life.



**JUIL RALPH ROBINSON, JR.** - Died Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in Rochester, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Attapulgus, Georgia on November 30, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. The funeral service was held on Friday, July 27, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, 109 West Avenue, Rochester, New York. The interment with full military honors was held in the Bath National Cemetery.



**JAMES RICHARD ROMINGER, SR.** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Die Friday, July 13, 2018 in Killeen, Texas at the age of 85. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 18, 1932 in Alabama to the late Earnes and Emma (née Lovelady) Rominger. He had lived for many years in Lawton, Oklahoma. He retired after 30 years of service in the United States Army at the rank of Command Sergeant Major (E-9). He served in Korea, Vietnam and Germany. He earned many decorations and awards, a proud artilleryman, he attended many military schools and later received his Master of Science Degree from American Technology University. He also worked for the state of Texas and retired from there. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He was a member of several military organizations, Masonic Lodge and many civic organizations and a member of the Central Christian Church. Survivors include his nephews, Edward Leaver and Jamie Leaver and his nieces, Sheri (Leaver) Pfitzmeyer and Kimberly Pugh; several grand-nieces and grand-nephews and an adopted granddaughter, Kristin Spencer. The family received visitors from 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen. Graveside services was on Friday, July 20, 2018 at the Killeen City Cemetery at 10:00 AM.



**WALDOMAR M. "Wally" ROESER, MD** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Monday, June 25, 2018 in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 83, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 6, 1935 to the late Waldomar Otto Roeser and Marguerite Roeser. Dr. Roeser "Wally" is survived by his wife Kay of 33 years; his children, Susan (Grant) Winston, Nancy, Mark (Kathy), Elizabeth (Howard) Downer, Margaret (Thomas) Butcher, Catherine (Brian) Dooley; his grandchildren Cameron Winston, Nicolas Winston, Madison Downer, William Downer, Nicole, Natalie, Aidan Dooley, Liam Dooley, and Melanie. He is preceded in death by his brother Fredrick and his parents. Wally attended the University of

Michigan from 1953-56 where he was a Regents Alumni Scholar (1954), a Moses Gomberg Scholar in Chemistry (1955-56), and a recipient of the Rollo E. McCotter Anatomy Award (1957). He completed University of Michigan Medical School in 1960. Dr. Roeser began his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at University of Michigan in 1960. By 1961, he was in Germany providing medical support for a tank unit on the East German border. In 1965, he resumed his residency at the Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he treated casualties from Vietnam. In 1968, Dr. Roeser began his own 15-month tour of duty in Vietnam, where he worked as an Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon in a MASH unit. When he was named brigade surgeon for the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1969, he became responsible for the delivery of medical care to more than 30,000 people. Dr. Roeser retired from the military in 1971 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his military career he earned numerous honors including the Bronze Star with Four Oak Leaf clusters. Returning to civilian life in 1971, Dr. Roeser entered private practice at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor as a Clinical Instructor. In 1999 he joined University of Michigan Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Division of MedSport as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Out of appreciation for Dr. Roeser, in 2001, the graduating residency class created the Golden Scalpel Award for clinical teaching and honored him with this award numerous times. In 2006, the residents voted unanimously to change the name of the award to the Waldomar M. Roeser Golden Scalpel Award. Dr. Roeser served the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Department for 35 years as the Chief Orthopedic Specialist assisting all the Eastern Michigan University Athletics. In 2005, he was inducted to the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a *Lie Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. He loved to travel and always with Kay at his side. A few of his favorite trips were with the Eastern Football Team, the Grand Cayman Island, Italy, Alaska, around Cape Horn, and skiing at Boyne Mountain. Dr. Roeser taught his family to appreciate and respect nature as well as the importance of an education. He shared many of his hobbies with his children by teaching them all to ski, fish, morel mushroom hunt, snorkel and so much more. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Eastern Michigan University Foundation, Athletic Department (Eastern Michigan University Foundation, 00045 - Athletic Training and Sports Medicine, 112 Welch Hall, 850 West Cross Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).



**LARRY ARNELL “Rudy” RUDEBUSCH** - Died on Saturday, July 7, 2018 in Corona, South Dakota at the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on February 7, 1950 in Webster, South Dakota to the late Robert Arnell Rudebusch and Ramona Marie (née Knopf) Rudebusch who survives. Following his high school graduation, Larry served in the United States Navy. He was enlisted into active duty on April 7, 1969. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on April 6, 1973. Rudy returned to South Dakota. He was united in marriage with Eileen

Hathaway on July 15, 1972. Rudy worked for Pollard's International in Watertown, SD, from 1973 until 1983. He worked for Dakota Welding, Watertown Park and Rec., and at the Watertown golf course. Rudy was united in marriage with Judith Bucklin on January 31, 1992 in Sisseton, SD. He began farming near Corona in 1992 and continued until his passing. Rudy was a referee for football and girls/boys basketball from 1973 until 1994. He was a proud *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054*. He had a kind heart and a gentle spirit. He loved his family and cherished time spent with them. He was extremely proud of each one of them. He loved farming and took great pride in tending to his land. He died doing what he loved – haying. Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Judi, of Corona; four children, Tonya (Chris) Boykins, of Wausau, WI; Eric Rudebusch, of Wilmot, SD; Jennifer Bucklin, of Watertown, SD; and Robbie Bucklin, of Sisseton, SD; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his mother, Ramona Rudebusch, of Watertown, SD; first wife, Eileen Rudebusch, of Wausau, WI; siblings, David (Donna) Rudebusch, of Summit, SD; Julie (Lloyd) Kranz, of Kranzburg, SD; and Bobby (Jean) Rudebusch, of Wahpeton, ND. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Rudebusch; his son, Tony; siblings: Susan and Rick; and grandparents. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the Mundwiler Funeral Home in Milbank. The Reverend Dr. DeVern Schwenn officiated. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. A private family inurnment was held at the Ortley Cemetery. Music was provided by David Veflin, vocalist. Military honors were provided by VVA Northeast SD Chapter #1054; American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9; and VFW Grant County Post #3486; DAV Chapter #19. The honorary bearers were the Corona Coffee Crew. The urn bearers were the members of the VVA Northeast SD Chapter #1054.



**EDWARD JOSEPH "Ed" RYAN, JR., Ph.D.** – Died Monday, August 6, 2018 at home in Riverside, California at the age of 72, after a long-fought battle with esophageal cancer. He was born on June 27, 1946 in Spalding, Nebraska and lived his childhood in Greeley, Nebraska. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Charlotte K. Ryan along with daughter Stephanie C. Ryan and son Eric J. Ryan and his grandsons, Justin Bolin and Dylan Bolin. He was step-father to Michele Nelson, Eric Baumgart and Julie Baumgart and six step-grandchildren. He is also survived by four brothers and one sister; Jim Ryan, Dan Ryan, Richard Ryan, Frank Ryan and Marilyn Ryan. Dr. Ryan was a licensed clinical psychologist for 36 years and the majority of those years was in private practice. He did psycho diagnostic testing of children, adolescents and adults that were both victims and perpetrators of abuse and criminal behavior. He was also an expert witness in many of the courts in California and other states where he would testify on diagnostic and treatment issues of sexual assault, child abuse, child custody, parenting issues and competency to stand trial. Ed made a positive impact on the lives of many minors and their families with his work throughout the years. Ed was a highly decorated United States Army Infantry veteran with service in West Berlin and South Vietnam as a Staff Sergeant(E-6). He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star (2), Purple Heart (2), Combat Infantry Badge and Combat Air Metal(2). Since 1992 Ed had been a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47*. He

served as Chair of the PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) committee for California State Council. He also was on the National PTSC committee in Washington DC. Ed presented seminars on PTSD to local VVA Chapters, State Council and to military returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Ryan helped many of his fellow veterans with his knowledge of PTSD. There was a memorial/celebration of life on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at the VFW (Post #10267) at 2:00 PM at 8607 Mission Boulevard, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509. Dr. Ed Ryan's final resting place is in Arlington National Cemetery.



**FRANKIE L. G. "Ko" "Kiko" "Pop" SABLAN** - Died Wednesday, August 16, 2017 in Santa Rita, Guam at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on May 12, 1946 to the late Jesus Pangelinan and Dolores Arriola L. B. Sablan. He is survived by his children and grandchildren and many other family members. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. A Mass of intentions was held nightly at 6:00 PM at Santa Teresita Catholic Church in Mangilao until Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Last Respects for Frankie were held on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Peace Memorial Chapel in Barrigada from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM followed by a Mass for Christian Burial at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao at 12:00 PM. Interment was in the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Asan, where they bade him farewell and a peaceful rest.



**BRUNO MICHAEL SALAMUNIO** – Died Wednesday, January 31, 2018 in Fort Monmouth, Monmouth County, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death was Stage Four Lung Cancer. He was born on September 3, 1948 in Harz, Germany. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (née Lasek) Salamunio. He served in United States Air Force from May 10, 1968 until May 9, 1972 with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**.

**HARRY TRUMAN SAMPSON** - Died Sunday, July 1, 2018 in Harrisonburg, Virginia at the age of 73. The cause of death was metastatic bladder cancer. Harry was born on July 1, 1945, in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia to the late John Thomas and Willie Vernel (née Breeden) Sampson. Harry grew up in Page County and was a 1963 graduate of Page County High School. He served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany and the Dominican Republic. Harry loved restoring antique tractors and was an avid collector of N&W Railroad, Mr. Peanut and Howdy Doody memorabilia. He was a member of the Hensley United Methodist Church, *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**, retired from Merck and Company after 35 years of service. Harry

was a faithful husband, wonderful father and grandfather, and an amazing friend. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. Harry was always grateful for his faithful friend, Gary Breeden, and his Buddies at the "Liars Table" at several local restaurants. On August 25, 1973, he married Marcia (née Hensley) Sampson, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Nathan Sampson and wife, Lacey, of Shenandoah; grandkids, Eli and Ashby; goddaughter, Abbey Housh; brothers, John Sampson and wife, Mary, of Penn Laird, James Sampson and wife, Linda, of Shenandoah; and sisters, Eleanor May and husband, Woody, of Elkton, Becky Hudson and husband, Guy, of Grottoes and Carrie Moyers of Harrisonburg. Besides his parents, Harry was preceded in death by brothers, Melvin, Thurman, William, Buddy, Charles, Kenneth Sampson; and sisters, Hilda Merica, Charlotte Weeks; and a brother-in-law, Jack Moyers. The Reverend Rick Robertson conducted the funeral service at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at the Kyger Funeral Home Chapel in Elkton. The family received friends from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to the Shenandoah Rescue Squad, 544 Fourth Street, Shenandoah, VA.

**FREDERICK HAROLD "Fred" SATTLER, JR.** - Died Friday, September 6, 2013 at his home in Belleville, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 21, 1942 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to the late Frederick Harold Sattler, Sr. and Gladys Frances (née Miller) Sattler. Fred graduated from Utica High School where he excelled in football, basketball and baseball. He proudly served his country in the United States Army for 8 ½ years. He saw action during the Vietnam Conflict as a Military Police Staff Sergeant for the Americal Division. He was a member of the Plymouth, formerly Canton, VFW Post. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. After completing his military service, he became a police officer for the City of Detroit for one year, then served as an officer in Ypsilanti for an additional nine years. Fred worked for General Motors Powertrain at Willow Run for over 28 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, motorcycles, his dogs, and most recently, giving his wife rides on his New Holland tractor. Fred is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Ruth Annette (née Neuhart) Sattler; three children, James Sattler, of Belleville, Virginia (Ron) Huggins, of Ida, MI and Eric (Lindsay) Sattler, of Hamilton; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Stephen (Thiet) Sattler, of Bonita Springs, FL and Richard Sattler, of Hudsonville, MI, and; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation hours were from 1:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 East Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111. Visitation continued from 10:00-11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Faith Lutheran Church, 1255 East Forest Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 with an 11:00 AM funeral service. The interment was in the Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Center Phase One Clinical Trials - Dr. Lorusso and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for them to cherish.





**EDDIE L. "Pee Wee" SELLARS** - Died Friday, June 15, 2018 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 20, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. Friends were cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Eddie's life was conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the First Baptist Missionary Church, 520 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment was in the Greenlawn Memorial Park.



**LARRY DAVID SHAW** - Died Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at the Ruby Memorial Hospital at the age of 77. He was a resident of Marlinton, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 22, 1941 in Buckhannon, West Virginia to the late Ernest Keith and Corabell (née Snyder) Shaw. He was also preceded in death by two children, Lisa Kay Shaw, and Loretta Ruth Shaw and a brother, Micheal Shaw. Larry was a Methodist by Faith, a United States Army Veteran, a member of the VFW, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marlinton Chapter #1100** and worked as a coal miner for Island Creek Coal Company. Larry is survived by his wife of 53 years Charlotte Miller Shaw; his daughter, Teresa Bennett and husband, Kevin, of Marlinton; his son, John Shaw and wife, Chrissy, of Marlinton; his sister, Judy Dean and husband, Elmer, of Huntersville; his brother, Ernest Keith Shaw, Jr. and wife, Barbara, of Marlinton; eight grandchildren, and; ten great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. The burial was in the Gibson Cemetery near Slatyfork. Visitation was on Sunday from 1:00 until 2:00 PM at the funeral home.



**ROBERT JAMES SHERWOOD** - Died Wednesday, June 27, 2018 in Niagara Hospice House at the age of 70, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was a resident of North Tonawanda, New York. He was born on April 21, 1947 in Niagara Falls, New York to the late Robert and Lucy (née Abbott) Sherwood. Robert was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He had been a member of the Lewiston Lions Club and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and

fishing. He was a former employee of Triple S Sporting Supplies. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his wife, Sylvia M. Sherwood, who died in 2007. He was the beloved father of Annette (Mark) Parrini and Lynnette (Dr. Jennifer) Knapp; fiancée of Judith Tyler; brother of Donald (Lynn) Sherwood, Cynthia (Mark) Tracey, Scott (Jen) Sherwood, and Lisa Sherwood, and; uncle of several nieces and nephews. Friends visited the family at the Fretthold Funeral Home, Inc., 1241 Oliver Street at Ward Road, in North Tonawanda on Monday from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Monday beginning at 1:00 PM. If so desired, memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice.



**GEORGE LOUIS SIMECEK** - Died Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in Moulton, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was a stroke and a heart attack. He was born on June 10, 1941 in Moulton, Texas to the late Louis and Millie (née Rehak) Simecek. He was drafted into the United States Army on December 12, 1963, and his military occupational specialty was 11B10 Infantry. During his short service, he acquired the rank of Specialist E-4 and was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He also made marksman in rifle and expert rifle with M-14. George was honorably discharged from the Army on December 11, 1965, and afterwards, received the Purple Heart. George then continued his life journey in Houston where he worked for over 20 years in the drywall business. He moved back to Moulton in the early 1990s and really enjoyed the small-town life. He loved going to picnics, the Moulton Jamboree, and dance halls, and he had a passion for all types of music and operated his own DJ business- Dance Hall Sound- for several years. An avid sports fan, George could talk for hours about almost any sport but really loved his Houston Rockets, Astros, and Texans. George was a loyal member in many local organizations including the Moulton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6971, Moulton American Legion Post #392, Moulton Lions Club, and the Po.L.K.of A. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. He was also a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Moulton. George was preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother, Marvin Simecek. He is survived by his children, Shannon Simecek, of Houston, Candi Simecek, of Houston, Cole Simecek, of Austin and Macie Simecek, of Moulton, and; two grandchildren, McKenna Simecek and Austin Goodwin, of Houston. George is also survived by four sisters, Margie Muenster, of Ganado, Helen Killen, of Pearland, Rita and husband Ron Freytag, of Tomball and Gladys Criste, of Pearland, as well as several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind a special friend and former wife, Connie Cheney, who dedicated much of her life and especially the last four years to taking care of George and his home when he suffered his stroke. She truly was an angel on Earth. A luncheon was served at the American Legion Hall, 500 South Lavaca, Moulton, Texas 77975 after the services.

**BARRY J. SLONIM** – Died recently in 2017 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 7, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville (New York) Chapter #82**.



**JAMES McKENZIE "Jim" SMITH** – Died Sunday, December 25, 2016 in Ishpeming, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death was myocardial infarction, colon and kidney cancer. He was born in Menominee, Wisconsin on February 20, 1948 to the late Robert M. and Mary Joyce (née Browning) Smith. He was a 1966 graduate of Marquette Senior High School. He graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1971 with a Licensed Practical Nursing degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993. He enlisted in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**. He was married to Judith. The Smith family greeted relatives and friends from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Monday, January 2, 2017 at the Wesley United Methodist Church where the Ishpeming Fire Department stood guard. A memorial service followed at 5:00 PM on Monday at the Wesley United Methodist Church with the Reverend JJ Mannschreck who officiated. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #380 accorded the Military Honors at the conclusion of the services. Interment took place in the Wesley Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Wesley United Methodist Church Memorial Fund 801 Hemlock Street, Ishpeming, MI 49849 or to Bay Cliff Health Camp N4175 Co Road KCA Big Bay, MI 49808 or at [baycliff.org](http://baycliff.org).

**WALTER BRYAN SMITH** - Died Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at his residence in Sylacauga, Alabama at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 15, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Dobbs) Smith; his sons, Michael B. Smith and Steven D. Smith; his brother, Homer Smith, Jr.; his sister, Elaine Wimmer; seven grandchildren, and; one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his son, Thomas E. Smith and his sister Darlene Garner. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sylacauga Chapter #945**. Funeral service was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Curtis and Son North Chapel with Pastor Ronnie Forbus officiating. The burial was in the Tallassahatchie Cemetery. Visitation hours were held from 5:00-8:00 PM. Online memorials may be made at [www.curtisandsonfh.com](http://www.curtisandsonfh.com). The Curtis and Son Funeral Home North Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.



**RICHARD ALLEN SONNENBERG, JR.** - Died Saturday, November 21, 2015 in College Station, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born July 18, 1948 in Sterling, Colorado to the late Richard A. Sonnenberg, Sr. and Phyllis (née Ness) Sonnenberg. He graduated from Sterling High School in 1966 then attended Northwestern State College in Alva, Oklahoma with scholarships in basketball and baseball. Richard was drafted into the United States Army in 1970, and served with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Echo Company

2/502<sup>nd</sup> stationed in Phu Bai, Vietnam. After his service in the Army, he settled in the Denver area and met Sandy Basden. They were married in 1976. During Richard's combat tour in Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" for valor as his actions in combat saved several of his fellow soldiers. Richard was a member of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Association and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Club. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. Richard is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sandy, of Littleton, Colorado; a son, Richard III, (Teresa), of Bailey, Colorado; his daughters, Lauren Steeb (Daniel), of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Morgan Miller (Travis), of Littleton, Colorado; his beloved grandchildren, Isaac and Embree Sonnenberg, and one on the way, Crimson and Eli Steeb, Mattias, Kaiden and Oaklea Miller. Richard is also survived by one brother, John Sonnenberg and wife Susan, of Sterling, Colorado. Richard was preceded in death by parents Richard and Phyllis, his stepmother, Helen, and infant sister, Margaret K. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Richard's name to a Veterans Organization of your choice. Richard's remains were interred January 4, 2016 at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.



**ROBERT F. SOSTILIO** - Died Saturday, August 12, 2017 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 17, 1942 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late Natale and Louise Sostilio of Newton Highlands, MA and attended schools in Newton, Huntington Prep in Boston and the University of Maine at Orono. During the Vietnam War, he served as a winged crewman with helicopter Squadron Nine aboard the United States Navy Carriers Essex and Randolph. He was awarded aircrew wings in March 1966 and National Defense Service medal in 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocala Chapter #1085** and the American Legion Post #0027 of Marion County Florida. He is a Fourth Degree Knight and newsletter editor and member of the Knights of Columbus Council #9649 of Queen of Peace Catholic Church of Ocala, Florida and a member of John Paul I Assembly of Marion County. He was President and CEO of Sostilio and Associates International, Inc., of Ocala, Florida. He was SAI's founder in 2002, the Senior Group Service Director at CAP Ventures, a market research firm; he held several positions at Ricoh Corporation including Director of Strategic Planning, Director of Product Marketing and Product Program Manager. He was the Associate Director at Dataquest's Copying and Duplicating Industry Service, and National OEM Manager for Panasonic Industrial Company's Office Automation Group. He was Senior Product Manager at Kyocera Mita, National Copier Service Manager for Monroe Systems for Business, Copier Service Manager for Cybernet International, International Service Manager for Saxon Export Corp. and Product Assurance Manager for Saxon Copystatics. He was the lead test technician on the gyro packages for the Apollo Space Program in 1970. Mr. Sostilio attended the University of Maine and Broward Junior College. He has been honored with biographical profiles in Who's Who in Industry and Finance 1993-1994, 1995-1996, 1998-1999, 2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2008-2009 Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in America 1995-996, 2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, and 2008-2009. As an accomplished Toastmaster, Mr. Sostilio keynoted many national and international conferences in the United States, Asia, South America, Europe and the Middle East. He spoke at

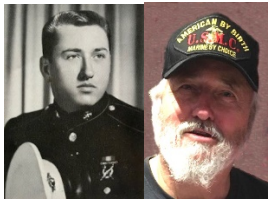
trade conferences and at office equipment dealer meetings as well as quoted in major international and US publications. He was the managing editor of Printout and CAPsule review and SAI's Digest and authored many articles ranging from color products to distribution of digital copying office equipment for various trade publications. He is survived by Gail, his wife of 51 years, two sisters, Amy Jo White, of Northborough, MA and Christine Buscemi, of Needham, MA, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation hours were held on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the Eaton and Mackay Funeral Home 465 Centre Street, Newton Corner, Massachusetts followed by his Mass of Christian Burial in Sacred Heart Church, Newton Centre at 10:30 AM. Interment with Military Honors was in the Saint Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

**RAY C. STEELE** - Died Wednesday, July 5, 2018 at the Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw, New York at the age of 71. He was a resident of Warsaw. The cause of death was heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on January 2, 1947 in Warsaw to the late Lloyd and Edwina (née Terry) Steele. Ray was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served in Vietnam. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart. Ray spent twenty-seven years in corrections primarily at Groveland Correctional Facility. He also was the owner of Ray's Beautiful People hairdressing shop first in Silver Springs and then at its' present location in Warsaw. Ray also performed contracting work in the area for many years. In earlier years, he was employed with the New York State Highway Department. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. Ray was an avid hunter and fisherman and he loved riding motorcycles. His greatest joy was supporting his children and grandchildren; attending all their sporting events and dance recitals. Surviving are his wife of thirty-eight years, Fay (née Surprenant) Steele; his children, Robert (Debbie) Steele, of Alexandria, Virginia, Nikki Steele, of Warsaw, Dale (Dawn) Kilner, of Varysburg, Todd (Lynne) Kilner, of Warsaw, Richard Kilner, of Warsaw; his grandchildren, Dmitri Steele, Bella Parker Steele, Sammie Kilner, Danny Kilner, Alicia Cohen, Brittany Cohen, Sarah Cohen; his great grandchild, Owen Kilner; his sisters, Janice Wolfer, of Ohio, Alfreda Hare, of Castile, and; many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Joan Hankins. Friends came to visit the family on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Robinson and Hackemer Funeral Home, 246 North Main Street, Warsaw where Ray's funeral service was held on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The burial with full military honors was in the East Koy Cemetery, Pike. A veteran's memorial service was held on Friday at 7:00 PM at the funeral home.



**JAMES R. "Jim" STEINBISER** - Died at his home in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the age of 69, following complications of Multiple Myeloma due to Agent Orange. He was born on December 22, 1948, in Saint Marys to the late James and Jane Gardner Steinbiser. Jim was a lifelong resident of the area and a graduate of Saint Marys Area High School. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam during the Vietnam War from 1968-

1971. On July 2, 1976 in Saint John Lutheran Church in Johnsonburg, he married Catherine (née Spencer) Steinbiser, who survives. Jim was the former owner and operator of Area Lubrication. He was a dedicated veteran who served as the Commander of the Dagus Mines Legion Post #511 and Past President and current Treasurer and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**. He had also served on the Fox Township Burial Detail. He was a proud board member and past volunteer for the Elk County Rides 4 Vets. He enjoyed playing softball in his younger years and was a PIAA umpire and had managed the Tamburlin Coal Softball Team. One of his greatest passions was the Project Gifts for Kids, which he greatly enjoyed volunteering for and helping with. In addition to his beloved wife of nearly 42 years, Catherine (née Spencer) Steinbiser, Jim is survived by a sister and by a very special niece, Kristin Swasta, of Saint MaryT. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister and by a brother-in-law, Bob Cole. A Mass of Christian Burial for James R. Steinbiser was celebrated on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 10:00 AM at Saint Boniface Church, Main Street, Kersey, PA 15846 with Reverend Father Ross Miceli officiating. Military Honors were accorded by the Fox Township Burial Detail. The family received friends at Saint Boniface Church on Monday from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Dagus Mines Legion Post #511, the Vietnam Veterans Chapter #720, or to the Community Nurses Hospice. The Lynch-Green Funeral Home, 151 North Michael Street, Saint Marys oversaw the arrangements.



**GEORGE ROBERT STREDNAK** - Died Friday, July 13, 2018 in Virginia at the age of 70. He was a resident of Newfield, New York. The cause of death was unknown. He was born on February 9, 1948. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Claudia (née Ward) Strednak; two sons, Sean, and Terry (Kate) Strednak; his grandchildren, Emerald, Alexandra, Nathaniel, Caleb, Darius, and Ian; one nephew, Eric, and; one niece, Tanya. George was very proud of his time in the military, serving as a United States Marine during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**. He was an avid Harley-Davidson motorcycle fan and was fond of antique cars. He loved his family and everything he did was for them. The family received friends on Friday, July 20, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM at the Estey, Munroe and Fahey Funeral Home, 137 Main Street, Candor, NY. A memorial service was at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's name to: Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517; or Marine Toys for Tots, The Cooper Center, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172-1776, or Homeless Program Fund, Bath VA Voluntary Service, 76 Veterans Avenue, Bath, NY 14810.





**THOMAS A. STRUZIK, SR.** - Died Sunday, July 1, 2018 at home in Niagara Falls, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Niagara Falls on April 21, 1942 to the late Peter and Wanda (née Synorski) Struzik. Thomas was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and was honorably discharged on April 28, 1974. He was a member of the DAV and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He owned and operated Center Gulf Service Station in the 70's and retired from Dunlop tire in 2002. Thomas also was a member of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parish at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing Lotto and watching NASCAR racing. Thomas is survived by his wife, Betty A. (née Lashinsky) Struzik; one son, Thomas A. (Letrice) Struzik, Jr., of Pendleton, NY; two daughters, Judith Anne (John Grabowski) Nye, of Niagara Falls, NY and Marie (Al) Penfield, of Niagara Falls, NY; grandfather of Kristine Mease, Vincent Mease, Amber Penfield, AJ Penfield, Alyssa Penfield, Rene Fink and Nathan Fink; two sisters, Therese (John) Drozdowski, of Niagara Falls, NY and Mary Anne (Charles) Reichert, of Texas; one brother, John (Chris) Struzik, of Niagara Falls, NY and several nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM at the M.J. Colucci and Son Niagara Funeral Chapel, 2730 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY, where funeral services began on Tuesday at 9:15 AM followed by A Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parish at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY. Entombment with Military Honors was in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial offerings may be made to Niagara Hospice, 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport, NY 14094 Please visit [mjcoluccifuneralchapel.com](http://mjcoluccifuneralchapel.com) for online condolences.



**CHARLES "Charlie" SUSINO, JR.** - Died peacefully on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at his home in East Amwell Township, New Jersey at the age of 94, surrounded by his loving family and under the caring watch of Hunterdon Hospice. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York on September 24, 1923 to the late Charles Susino, Sr. and Mary Denise Susino. Charlie was raised in New York City, NY and lived in Metuchen, NJ for over sixty-four years prior to moving to East Amwell Township a year ago. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Growing up in the melting pot of New York City, Charlie was a person who loved all kinds of people. He instantly gave everyone equal respect which is a major quality that has come to define his life. In trying to write about Charlie's life, one could write volumes as he filled his ninety-four years as he was a man of action; a doer. He was not a person who would sit on the sidelines and was

always doing something to help better the lives of those around him. It is in that vein that Charlie's life legacy has been separated into sections: that of a human being, that of a husband, that of a father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend, and that of a Prisoner of War and veteran. Already having read some things about Charlie as a person, it is also important to note his great sense of humor. He was easy to talk to and very approachable. He was a man who would step up to any challenge and also one who tried to anticipate needs before someone asked them to be done and never made anyone feel as though he were doing them a favor. If someone had to confide in someone, Charlie was the man most gravitated to. He would listen and give advice only if asked, and the secret was locked away. This level of trust people had for Charlie helped make him the person who could get things done, as anyone knew if Charlie was involved things would be done the right way and also for the right reasons. Charlie was a firm believer, through life experience, that you need to tell people how you feel about them when they are alive. His line, spoken at many funerals over the years was, "Never miss the opportunity to tell someone thank you or how you feel about them." Charlie was married to the love of his life, Lillian, for over seventy-one years. The two were a couple that one would think of while watching a true Disney romance film. Their love was genuine and pure; they never went to bed angry and always, always, kissed hello and goodbye. Even as Charlie was being transferred into the care of the funeral home, Lillian held his wedding band on his finger tight and kissed him. Lillian was Charlie's princess, and he always affectionately referred to her as, "darling" or "sweetheart". He lived to make her happy and they never had an argument in all their time together. Simply, they both never let anything get to that point. Lillian fondly reflected on how she never had to worry about anything as he took care of her 100% and was always there. Even in his final days, he made certain her chair was positioned so he could sit and just look into her eyes. As a father, Charlie was equally as patient and kind. His children say with love that they won the, "Dad lottery" as far as having a father goes. Like in the other aspects of his life, he knew how to love and they always felt his love for them. He taught them by example, and his children always knew that Dad had their back. Working in NYC as a salesman for Bloomingdale's, Charlie left the house each morning at 5:30 a.m. and did not usually return until 7:30 p.m.; however, he still had all the energy in the world to play or just spend time with his children. This level of energy carried over to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was the one, no matter what, that would jump up when one of the kids asked him to do something. From playing chess to changing oil in their car, he did it all. A hard worker, he made many personal sacrifices so that his children and family could have a good life. His level of patience was also fondly recalled by all members of the family and he proudly taught almost every child how to ride a bike, swim and drive a car. Imagine a 70+ year old running down the street, holding on the back of a bicycle seat to help keep balance with his grandchildren. That was the very proud and smiling Charlie. He and his wife also hosted a family vacation for the past 35 summers; every year they rented a home on Long Beach Island where the entire family would spend time together, laughing and living life to its fullest. Charlie was a United States Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was also captured and held as a Prisoner of War. In the early years after the war, he never spoke much of those horrors he witnessed. However, as time went on, he felt the need to speak out for those veterans and their families who, "did not have a voice" in his opinion. From his biography, Charlie writes, *"In World War II, I served as a Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Force*

*assigned to a B-24 Bomber as a gunner flying in the European theatre. On March 5, 1944 over France on our 13th mission, our bomber was shot down by enemy fire. With the plane on fire, the crew parachuted out into enemy territory. The bomber spiraled upside down and lost one of its wings. I suffered injuries to both legs from shrapnel and was in time captured by the Germans. There was no medical treatment provided. The Germans held us prisoners in deplorable conditions for 14 months. We never knew what or when we were going to eat and drink again, or even if. We never knew if we would live to see another day. We were moved between several prison camps during our captivity. At one point we were force-marched for 86 days, during which time I and several of my crew escaped. We were hunted by German soldiers with dogs, but we managed to elude them. We survived on whatever we could find to eat. We eventually ran across an US Army truck which drove us to safety and to the 48th Field Hospital in Hanover. We arrived on May 8, 1945. In civilian life, I have been active with veterans' organizations for several decades in various leadership roles, principally as a member of American Ex-Prisoners of War. I have served as AXPOW'S National Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commander, Director of Legislative Affairs and have sat on the organization's Board of Directors. I also counseled other veterans on their benefits eligibility as an accredited National Service Officer. I also served as AXPOW's New Jersey State Commander and as National Director of Legislative Affairs. Facing the enemy twice, once on the battlefield and then again in their prison camps — and then at their mercy — is a life experience that never leaves your mind.” ~Charles Susino, Jr.*

Charlie had lots of ailments from his imprisonment that got worse over time. This experience led him to, as was previously stated, have a desire to help those whose voice was silenced by either fear or fate. He tirelessly served any veteran that needed help and could not get their just due. Currently, he was serving as National Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. He also was a national service officer for many years for New Jersey, always helping anyone in need. For example, a civilian from Easton, PA contacted Charlie saying that his brother was in the Korean War and killed overseas and does not believe he ever received the medals he had earned. Charlie never said to him, contact someone else because you live in PA. Rather he said, let me look into it and told the man, post mortem, will receive the medals he earned, no more, no less. Months later Charlie and his family members drove to PA and presented the medals to him, making sure the community knew that this veteran was being properly honored and wanting zero credit for any assistance they provided. In November of 1990, 45 years after he served, Charlie finally received from the government several military medals that he had earned during the war. Among his many honors were the Purple Heart, the French Medal of Honor-Cavalier Level, Airman Medal Cluster and POW medal. Charlie also tirelessly located public high visibility sites throughout New Jersey to locate where an American Ex-POW monument should be placed and helped raise the funds to have it erected. Having met Presidents, Governors and many high ranking public officials, Charlie was well-respected by those on both sides of the aisle. Addressing Congress many times, his message always stressed the fact that veterans do not receive entitlements, rather they have earned them! At one session of the Congress Veterans Affairs subcommittee, a comment was made about not applying COLA (cost of living adjustment) to the disability benefit checks and Charles's comments were loud and clear, “that would be unconscionable!” The viewing audience all starting clapping. Very rarely is there ever a noise made by the audience in a hearing that is not gavelled down. To sum up Charlie's life is difficult but looking to The

Beatitudes found in the book of Matthew is probably the best way: *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5: 3-10. Though Charlie is going from this Earthly life, his legacy of love and caring for all will be as memorable as all the monuments he helped build over the years. The world is not darker because he is gone from it, rather the world is a better place for him having passed through it. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Susino, Sr. and his wife, Marian; a daughter-in-law, Celeste W. Susino; a sister-in-law, Mary Susino; his brother-in-law, Bill Bodnar and his wife, MaryEllen; a nephew, Robert Susino, Jr.; and two nieces, Maryann and Donna Susino. Surviving are his cherished wife of seventy-one years, Lillian (née Bodnar) Susino with whom he joined hands in marriage on April 6, 1947 in New York City, NY; his children, Diane and her husband, Ted Harrington III and Charles Anthony and his wife, Debra Susino; a brother, Edward Susino; his grandchildren, Ted Harrington IV, Scott and his wife, Kerry Harrington, Nicholas and his wife, Maegan Harrington, Jeffrey Harrington, Jeanette and her husband, Richard DeNunzio and Dana and her fiancé, Steve Kiess; his great-grandchildren, Derek, Hannah, Eva, T.J., Max, Sofia, Violet, Dominic and Leo; several extended family members; and many dear friends. Graveside services and burial with full military honors was in Arlington National Cemetery. The arrangements were under the care and direction of Wright & Ford Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 38 State Highway 31, Flemington, NJ. Charlie will lie in repose at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 from 2:00-5:30 p.m. where family and friends are invited to celebrate this most kind-hearted soul. Please visit Charlie's permanent memorial site at [www.wrightfamily.com](http://www.wrightfamily.com) where one can light a candle and leave a message of condolence and words of comfort, as well as share stories and photographs of his life. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Ex-Prisoners of War, of which Charlie was currently serving as National Commander. Donations may be mailed to: *American Ex-Prisoners of War, National Headquarters, P.O. Box 3444, Arlington, TX 76007-3444.*



**JACK E. "Jay" SWANSON** – Died Tuesday, December 19, 2017 in Lakeport, California at the age of 82. The cause of death was metastatic neuroendocrine tumor to the liver. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 26, 1935. He left from Momenec, Illinois to join the United States Air Force in 1952. Retired from the U.S Air Force in 1972 at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. He was also a member of the U.S. Air Force Marching Band. After retiring, he worked for Bay Area Rapid Transit and Alameda Naval Air Station, retiring from there in 1996. He then moved to Lake County in March of 1996, where he worked for the Lakeport Police Department for 11 years, before retiring in 2007. He has been a member of the Sutter Lakeside Auxiliary, working in the Emergency Room as a volunteer. At the same time, he also volunteered for the

Lake County Sheriff's Department. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearlake Chapter #951**. He was a member of the Lake County Military Funeral Honors Team. Jay is survived by his wife of 37 years, Barbara; his son, Kirk Swanson (Doreen); his daughters, Ann Catterlin (David) and Kim Tollefson (Tom); his stepsons, David Skram (Judy) and Peter Skram; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren, and; siblings, Judy (Ron) Ziltz and Greg Strand. A Celebration of his life was held. Arrangements were made by the Chapel of the Lakes Mortuary.



**JOHN H. SYLVESTER** - Died Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Williamstown Commons, Williamstown, Massachusetts at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. John was the second son born in Williamstown on June 25, 1929 to the late Theodore R. "Coach" Sylvester and Etta P. (née Baker) Sylvester. He attended local schools and entered the United States Navy in June of 1946 and was honorably discharged in April of 1948, serving mostly on the U.S. Destroyer USS Gearing, DD-710. John worked in the dairy farming business most of his life and also had a memorable 23-year career as a police officer with the Williamstown Police Department from 1957-1980 for which he is well remembered. He was also the Town Constable for the Town of Williamstown for many years. John loved the outdoors, hunting, shooting, reloading, firearms and cartridge collecting and spending time with family, especially his granddaughters as they grew up into their own families. One of his favorite things each fall for most of the last 35 years was working as a volunteer with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife every fall for the State's special Paraplegic Deer Hunt sponsored locally in Williamstown. It gave him a very special satisfaction and gratification to work with these limited mobility hunters and they always put a big smile on his face, especially when he'd see the big grin of a successful hunter. John leaves the love of his life and wife of 67 years, Shirley C. Sylvester; his brother, George Sylvester and wife, Suki, of Williamstown; his sister, Inez Wise, of Jackson, Mississippi; his son, Jonathan Sylvester and wife, Kinzer, of Lovell, Maine; his daughter, Stacy Sylvester and husband James George, of Williamstown; his granddaughter, Jaime (Sylvester) Keane and husband Patrick, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; his granddaughter, Molly (Sylvester) Hill and husband Barry, of North Fryeburg, Maine; his great-grandsons, Henry Hill, Hagen Hill and Colin Keane; his great-granddaughter, Mackenna Keane, and; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Theodore Jr, Robert Lee, and Paul. John was a 63+ year member of the Williams Masonic Lodge AF&AM in Williamstown, MA, a member of American Legion Post #152 in Williamstown, MA for 50+ years, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Adams Chapter #54** and a life member of the National Rifle Association for 60+ years. There were no calling hours. A graveside memorial service was held. The family requests in lieu of flowers, a donation to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, Pittsfield MA or the Second Congregational Church, South Williamstown, MA be made through the Flynn and Dagnoli Funeral Home - West Chapel, 21 West Main Street. North Adams, MA 01247 who was entrusted with arrangements.

**WILLIAM E. TEER** – Died recently in 2018 in Prattville, Alabama at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 7, 1950. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of

The Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri**.

**JOHN THOMAS THOMPSON** – Died recently in 2018 in Largo, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 22, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**.



**THOMAS JOSEPH “Tom” TOWLE** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 85, after suffering a stroke in June. The cause of death was carotid artery blockage causing the stroke. He was born on February 1, 1936 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Marie Fidele (née McCartie) and Henry Aloysius Towle. He is survived by his brothers Joseph, Charlie, Josephine, Don, Kathy and Harry. He was married to Norma Jean McVean. He is survived by his three daughters: Kathleen Lehman (Bruce and daughter Izzie), Leslie Berrier (Jim) and Alison Moore (Charlie). Tom was a proud United States Army Aviator. He flew both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters and was awarded numerous medals including the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross. His career highlights included positions as chief aircraft armaments officer on the Army General staff at the Pentagon and as a Battalion Commander in Vietnam. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**. After retiring Tom continued to fly and enjoyed his Falco and other aircraft and his many friends at Wisener Field in Mineola. Tom loved adventure. In recent years he traveled and lived in Argentina, Ecuador, Columbia and Europe. The day of his stroke he was leaving for Lisbon, Portugal. He had close friendships with the folks at Brookshires where he’d visit for coffee most mornings and at Byford’s garage where he and the “B.S. Boys” gathered for coffee and conversation in the afternoons. Tom was a man of deep faith and an enduring belief in the power of positive thinking. The world lost a unique soul when “The Colonel” died. We will miss his wit, intelligence, humor and generosity. His funeral was held at Arlington National Cemetery. A celebration of life was on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Royal Flying Circus Aviation Museum at Wisener Field at 1412 Country Club Drive in Mineola.

**LORING HOLMES TRIPLETT, JR.** – Died Friday, March 9, 2018 in Germantown, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death was leukemia and lymphoma. Loring was born on November 30, 1946 in Silver Spring, Maryland, the last of 8 children born to the late Loring Holmes Triplett, Sr. and Hilda (née Lockhart) Triplett. He attended Blair High Scholl and upon graduation entered the United States Marine Corps. Loring served 5 years in the USMC which included a tour in Vietnam. It was during this tour he earned 3 separate purple hearts. After his tour in Vietnam,



Loring was assigned as a White House Marine guarding President Nixon. Upon an honorable discharge with the United States Marine Corps, Loring came home and worked as a postal carrier for the United States Postal Service. Retiring after 25 years, Loring acquired a position working in Food Service with Montgomery County Public Schools. He retired from this position after 15 years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Loring met his loving wife Evelyn during his employment with the United States Postal Service. They had been married for 40 years and had three children together, William (Aileen), of Santa Monica, CA, Angela (Jason), of Elkridge, MD and Cynthia (Darell), of Germantown, MD. In addition to his three children, he is survived by seven grandchildren, Jhalea, Kimi, Natalie, Alexis, Christiana, Isaiah, and Makoto. A private ceremony, for immediate family only, was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society ([www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)) or a charity of your choice in Loring's name.



**TERRANCE LEE "Terry" TUMBLIN** - 66, of Coshocton, Ohio, Died Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the Genesis Hospital in Zanesville, Ohio at the age of 66. He was a resident of Coshocton, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Coshocton, Ohio on August 15, 1949, the son of the late Charles R. and Betty (Wilson) Tumblin. Terry graduated from Coshocton High School, and then served in Vietnam in the United States Army from August 1969 – February 1972, achieving the rank of Sergeant. Terry was a Life Member of American Legion Post #65, Military order of the Cooties, Past Officer of VFW #2040, Past Commander of the DAV, Life Member of AmVets, and served on the Honor Guard of the Coshocton County Veterans Council. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. In 1976, he married Frances (née Baehr) Tumblin, who survives. He is also survived by his sons, Justin L. Tumblin, and Aaron Ray, both of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Susan Jackson, of Coshocton and Tracy Touvelle, of West Lafayette; five grandchildren, Madison, Gavin, and Kenidi Jackson, Jarren Johnson, and Joseph Rodgers; one brother, Mike Tumblin, of Coshocton; two sisters-in-law, Sue and Sheila Tumblin, both of Coshocton; numerous nieces and nephews, and; one great-nephew, Kali Martin. Terry was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Gregory Tumblin. A funeral service was held in the Chapel of Given Dawson Funeral Home, 186 Park Avenue, Coshocton, Ohio, on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 11:00 AM, officiated by the Chaplain of the Coshocton County Veterans Council. The family received friends at the funeral home on Saturday morning from 9:00-11:00 AM. The burial was in the Coshocton County Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to DAV Chapter #74, P.O. Box 116, Coshocton, OH 43812.



**LYLE ODELL USGAARD** - Died peacefully on Friday, January 26, 2018 at the VA Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 84. He was a resident of Moorehead, Minnesota. The cause of death was discontinuation of hemodialysis causing end-stage renal disease and Diabetes Mellitus Type II. Lyle was born in McVile, North Dakota on September 4, 1933 to the late Henry and Jennet (née Johnson) Usgaard. Lyle, raised in Pekin, ND, moved to Gary, MN, where he attended high school. He studied at Gale Institute, Minneapolis, MN, and Moorhead State University before joining the United States Army National Guard in 1953 and enlisting in the United States Navy in 1955. After his discharge, he attended Interstate Business College, Fargo. On April 25, 1960, Lyle was united in marriage to Janice Rebhahn. Together they resided in Moorhead, where they raised their three children, Sheri, Kent, and Jay. Lyle served the NALC for 54 years, 31 of those as a letter carrier. However, Lyle found his true passion in volunteerism, in particular through serving other veterans. Throughout his life, Lyle volunteered for numerous organizations, including the American Legion, the VFW, and the AMVETS. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**. Most people, however, remember him best through his nearly 20,000 hours of community service at the Fargo VA Hospital. As a result of his service, Lyle received numerous awards, including the national AMVETS Silver Helmet Award, which was presented to him in Washington, DC. Lyle also served as Moorhead City Councilman for several years. Lyle is survived by his loving wife, Janice; his children, Sheri (Mitch) Genn, Kent (Daneen) and Jay (Terry Brenner); four grandchildren, Marianna Genn, Janna (Adam) Howland, Jacob Usgaard, and Rachel Usgaard; two great-grandsons, Slade Genn and Xander Howland; his brother, Jerry (Barb) Usgaard; two sisters-in-law, Beverly Paul and Gloria Dezingel, and; many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Jerome and Dennis; and brothers-in-law, Edward Paul, Joney Flatland, and Pete Dezingel. The family wishes to sincerely thank the Fargo VA Medical Center employees for their devoted care. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the VA Hospital Greeter Fund or to the donor's choice.



**HAROLD LESLIE "Van" VANARSDALE, JR.** - Died Friday, June 29, 2018 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 70. He was a resident of Ponca City, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. Van was born in Fall River Mills, California on March 2, 1948 to the late Harold Leslie VanArsdale, Sr. and Bernadine Elizabeth VanArsdale. While he was in school, his parents moved to Ponca City with Van graduating from Ponca City High School in 1966. After high school, Van was drafted by the United States Army. Before leaving for Vietnam, Van had struck up a friendship with Carol Sue Osborn. They corresponded by letter while he was in Vietnam, with Van asking her to marry him in a particularly special letter. Upon his return, they were married on September 12, 1969 in Ponca City. Their marriage was blessed by their

daughter, Sarah in 1985 and son, Robert in 1987. In his early career, Van started with the City of Ponca City in the Sanitation department. He worked there for six months before a position with the Ponca City Fire Department opened up setting him off on his career. Van loved his time with the Fire Department and eventually worked his way up to Assistant Chief before his retirement in 2000. After retirement from the Fire Department, Van began working with the Community Court Sentencing, mentoring offenders as they worked their way back into society. In addition, Van served as the CPR instructor at Pioneer Vo-Tech for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Exemplified by his career, Van was a selfless soul, independent in his ways, but always looking to see how he could help others. Family was most important to Van, sitting with his wife, hiking with his children and spending time outdoors with them were the activities he enjoyed the most. When his children were younger, Van was active with their competitive swimming adventures, running time or troubleshooting the electronics and computers at the meets. More recently, Van has been enamored with his grandchildren, enjoying every minute with them as he was able. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family. Survivors include his daughter, Sarah Payne and husband, Jarod, of Ponca City, his son, Robert VanArsdale and wife, Cassie, of Ponca City; his brothers, Bryan VanArsdale and wife, Regeneia, of Ponca City and Gary VanArsdale, of Ponca City; his grandchildren, Christopher Payne, Caleb Payne, Kailee Payne, Jimmie Payne and Ellie VanArsdale. He was preceded in death by his parents, beloved wife of 48 years, and his brother Gilbert VanArsdale. A memorial ceremony celebrating his life was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 6, 2018 at the Connect Church, 1101 West Grand Avenue, Ponca City with Pastor Mark Busch officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home and Crematory. Memorial contributions in Van's name may be made to the Oklahoma Firefighter's Association, 2716 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73111.



**DAROLD E. WALL** - Died Friday, June 22, 2018 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin at the age of 71. He was a resident of Stanley, Wisconsin. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on May 1, 1947 in Ladysmith, Wisconsin to the late Edward and Donna (née Woods) Wall. The family moved to Menomonee Falls, WI where he attended local schools. After high school, Darold enlisted in the United States Air Force and served for eight years with one tour in Vietnam, retiring in 1972. He then moved to California where he worked for Gallo Winery for 10 years. Darold returned to the area and opened the Wall Inn in Cadott and went to work for Caldwell Real Estate. In retirement, he opened the American Pride Bar and JDG Liquors in Stanley and in later years for Wal Mart in Chippewa Falls. Darold was active in his community and volunteered wherever needed. He was a member of the Cadott American Legion, the Eau Claire VFW, Lake Hallie Elks Club, the Moose Lodge, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #5** and several other community and charitable organizations. Survivors include two brothers, Dennis, of Stanley and William (Carrie), of Slinger; Michael (Erin) Wall and Steven (Mellissa) Wall, both of Eau Claire, Michelle (Marshall) Olson, of Allenton, WI, Ryan (Krystal) Wall and Jaclynn (Brian) Lighthizer, both of

West Bend; his eleven great-nieces and great-nephews, Gloria's children, Dick (Missy) Henderson, Jackson NJ, Carrie Sonnentag, Pam Henderson and Brad (Sabrina) Henderson all from Stanley; eleven step-grandchildren, and; other relatives and many friends. Preceding him in death were his parents and his longtime companion, Gloria Henderson. A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Stanley. Interment was in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Sheldon. Friends visited the family on Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Plombon Funeral Home, Stanley and again from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the church.



• **THOMAS W. "Tommy" WEISS** - Died at 9:52 AM on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Saint John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 74. He was a resident of Springfield. The cause of death was a head injury, death resulting. Tommy was born September 13, 1943 on a farm in Saline Township, Illinois to the late Elmer and Dorothy (née Raymond) Weiss. He married Suzie Strayer on May 31, 1992 in Springfield. Tommy proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He retired from the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Air, after more than 30 years of service. He was a member of the ALMHG Club committee member, Ansar Shriners Arabic Patrol, and a member and former director of the Royal Order of Jesters Court 20. He was the past Commander of American Legion Post #32 and the past Master of Lodge #4. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. He enjoyed spending time with his family—they were his pride and joy. He also enjoyed Sudoku, a good cold can of Miller Lite, and helping others when he could. Tommy was an avid Saint Louis Cardinals and Illini Fan. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Maxine Elder; and his son, Michael J. Strayer. He is survived by his wife, Suzie Weiss, of Springfield; three sons, Tom (Christie) Weiss, of Sherman, Robie (Linda) Strayer, of Springfield, and Bill (Val) Strayer, of Springfield; three daughters, Sherrie (Dane) Cookson, of Springfield, Kelly Lueck, of Mattoon, and Susan Menendez, of Springfield; twenty-two grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter on the way; his brother, Duane (Angela) Weiss, of Sherman, and; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family received friends from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Kirlin-Egan and Butler Funeral Home, 900 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield. The visitation began with a walk-through by the Royal Order of Jesters and a Masonic Ceremony. The funeral ceremony was at 9:30 AM on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Kirlin-Egan and Butler Funeral Home, with Celebrant Judy Woerner officiating. The burial was in the Edinburg Cemetery with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 4400 Clayton Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63110.

**WILLIAM CHESTER "Bill" WEST, JR.** - Died Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the VA Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina at the age of 80. He was a resident of Thomasville, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. Bill was born Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 29, 1937 to the late William Chester West, Sr. and Mildred (née Vaughn) West. He served in the United

State Marine Corps for twenty-two years at Camp Lejeune, attaining the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. Following his retirement, Bill managed the Speedway station off Highway 17 in Jacksonville for several years. He was a former member of the Moose Lodge in Greenville, NC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon M. West. Surviving are two sons, William Chester West III and Michael West and wife, Renée; a sister, Pat Gapinski; a granddaughter, Olivia West; step-granddaughter, Shana Pittman; step-grandson, Jonathan Pittman and wife Nidia. A gathering of family and friends was held on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at the Thomasville Funeral Home from 1:00 until 3:00 PM. Memorials may be directed to Wounded Warriors. He was interred next to his wife, Sharon in Arlington National Cemetery. She was a retired member of the United States Marine Corps.



**ALBERT JEROME "A" YATES** - Died Monday, June 4, 2018 in Oxford, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pontiac, Michigan on November 5, 1950 to the late William and Doris Yates. He was raised in Drayton Plains, Michigan and a 25-year resident of Oxford, Michigan. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rosemary, whom he married in 1972; his daughters, Jennifer (Scott) Ingram and Rachel Yates; his grandchildren, Alexander and Deanna Ingram; his brothers, John and Jim Yates. Al was raised in Drayton Plains, Michigan and graduated from Waterford Kettering High School in 1968. He was a Sergeant in the United States Army and served his country from 1969-1972. Prior to his honorable discharge he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Bronze Star Medal amongst other medals and commendations. Al worked for General Motors for 50 years. His tenure at General Motors began in 1968 at the Fisher Body Plant before transferring to the Orion Assembly Plant. He began his career as a millwright, served as a Committeeman for UAW Local 5960 and spent the last 20+ years as an International Union Representative. He was a well-known and respected part of General Motors where he fostered countless relationships that became his second family. Al was very active in the veteran community and held a dual membership to the American Legion Post #108 for over 35 years and Sons of the American Legion for over 15 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – White Lake Chapter #133**. Al also taught numerous veterans benefits classes to ensure that he continued to do his part for his armed forces brothers and sisters. To further serve his veteran family, Al and his business partner, Jim Sergeant began a nonprofit organization called Freedom Ramps where they built wheelchair ramps at no cost to those in need. Over the last 20 years, Freedom Ramps provided hundreds of veterans easier access to and from their homes allowing them the freedom to live more fulfilled lives. Al was a generous, loyal, honest, loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, mentor, and friend to so many. He was a kind hearted, gentle giant. He loved his wife immensely and he was her rock and the love of her life. Al and Rosie were truly two hearts that became one. He was very loved and respected and he will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Freedom Ramps held a special place in Al's heart and therefore the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made

to Freedom Ramps at the funeral home or directly to Jim Sergeant. Visitation hours took place at the Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, 39 West Burdick, Oxford on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 3:00-8:00 PM with an American Legion service at 7:00 PM. The funeral was at the funeral home on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00 AM with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. Following the funeral there was a luncheon at 12:00 Noon at American Legion Walter Fraser Post #108, 130 East Drahner, Oxford, MI 48371. Interment of cremated remains took place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan with military honors on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.

**ARNOLD H. "Arnie" YOUNG** - Died Sunday June 10, 2018 at the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 69. He was a resident of Jamaica, Vermont. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related congestive heart failure and dementia. He was born in Brattleboro, Vermont on July 20, 1948 to the late Raymond P. Young, Sr. and Lois S. (née Reynolds) Young. He graduated from Leland and Gray Seminary. After graduating, he entered the United States Army where he served in the Vietnam War. Arnie worked for many years at Kearley Fuel in Jamaica, VT and Intervale Condominium Association in Bondville, VT, as well as providing caretaking services on the side. He was a member of the American Legion West River Valley Post #16 and a member of the West Townshend Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brattleboro Chapter #843**. He leaves his family, wife Donna Young, of Jamaica, VT and his former wife, Judith Holden, of West Townshend, VT; as well as children and grandchildren, Lori and Tom Staib, of West Townshend and their daughter, Sarah Staib, of Arlington, Linda and Jerry Hescocock and their daughters, Ashely and Kelsey, of Wardsboro, Julie and Randy Barrows, of Wardsboro and their sons, Nathan and Bryan, Marci and Ray Barrows, of Jamaica and their sons, Chris, Kenny Chase and his friend Sherry Titus-Lawrence, of Jamaica. He leaves his brother, Peter Young and sisters, Judy Young and Connie Bentley, all of Wardsboro, VT. He was predeceased by his parents Raymond, Sr. and Lois Young, his brothers, Jerry, Ray, Jr. and Robert Young, and his daughter, Lisa Young Noble and Perry Chase III. Memorial gifts in memory of Arnie may be made to the Vermont Veteran's Home, 325 North Street, Bennington, VT 05201, or Lisa's Love Charitable Association, 1120 Windham Hill Road, West Townshend, VT 05359, or contact Elaine Beckwith Community Food Pantry, 3923 RT 30, Jamaica, VT 05343. Graveside services with military honors were held on July 1, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the East Jamaica Cemetery in Jamaica, VT.

**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**