DALE EDWARD AKINS, SR. - Died Saturday, July 14, 2018 at the Genesis Medical Center in Aledo, Illinois at the age of 68. He was a resident of Viola, Illinois and formerly of Davenport, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 17, 1949 in Iowa City, Iowa to the late Phineas C. Schooley and Frances (née Morgan) Schooley-Akins. Dale was raised by his stepfather, Lester Akins. On August 18, 1979 in Davenport, he married Aurora Navarro. Dale was currently employed at Arconic (Alcoa) with 39 years of service. Dale served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from May 20, 1969 to November 23, 1970. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter ##776. He enjoyed fishing, camping, golfing and spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter. Dale loved music and playing the guitar. Those left to honor his memory include his wife, Aurora; his sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Jen Akins, of Peru, Illinois, Brett Akins, of Corinth, Texas, and Kevin and Rachel Akins, of Davenport; his granddaughter, Kaylee Akins, and; his brother, George Akins, of Cedar Rapids. Dale was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather; and his brothers, Donovan Akins and Gary Schooley. Funeral services celebrating his life were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 20, 2018 in the All Faith Chapel at the Halligan McCabe DeVries Funeral Home in Davenport. The burial was in the Rock Island National Cemetery. Visitation hours were on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

LAWRENCE EDWARD "Eddy" ATWELL - Died Tuesday January 10, 2017 at his home in Bluefield, West Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Eddy was born on October 2, 1947 in Bluefield to the late Velmer A. Atwell, Sr. and Billie Jean (née Cline) Atwell. He is survived by his son, Eric Atwell (Shannon Perdue- Atwell, of Pembroke Pines, FL) and his beloved grandchildren, Abigail Atwell and Samuel Atwell; the mother of his son, Barbara Atwell; his brothers, Andy Atwell and wife, Terri, of Montoursville, PA, and Mark Kevin Atwell and wife, Ann, of Powhatan, VA; hia sister, Rebecca Ratcliffe and husband, Bob, of Bluefield, WV; his nephews, Jeff Atwell and wife, Cynthia, of Bluefield, WV, and John Ratcliffe, of Bluefield, WV; his niece, Robyn Nelsen, of Seabrook, Texas; and his feline buddy, Sox. He graduated from Bluefield High School in 1965, attended Bluefield State College before proudly serving his Country in the United States Army with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Calvary from 1968-1969 in Vietnam. Eddy achieved the ranking of Specialist 4. He graduated from the United Stated Army Armor School in 1968. He was awarded numerous awards for is service before

being honorably discharged in October 1969. Eddy was the owner and operator of East River Safety and Supply. He enjoyed fishing and boating, especially at Claytor Lake. Eddy was a devoted, loyal, and proud member of Disabled American Veterans #31, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**, both of Princeton, WV and Veterans of Foreign Wars #9696, of Bluefield, VA. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Norm Arrington officiating. The family received friends on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the service hour. Military Honors was provided by the Mercer County Honor Guard and the VFW Post #9696. Following the service Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simmons had a reception for Eddy's family and close friends. A private burial was held at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. The Family asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the VFW Post #9696, 131 Loveland Street, Bluefield, VA 24605 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting the Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory who served the family of Lawrence Edward "Eddy" Atwell.

MILFORD STANLEY "Bart" BARTLETT (USAF, SMSgt-Ret.) - Died Monday, April 30, 2018, after a short hospital stay in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 87. He was a resident of Cleveland and a former resident of Dover, Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 7, 1930 in La Mesa, Texas. Bart, a decorated veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, served in the United States Air Force for 28 years and was a volunteer at the Dover Air Force Base clinic. He was a member of the BRAVO retirees group, the Elks Club, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596 and the Disabled American Veterans. His wife of 63 years, Loretta Ann Bartlett, predeceased him in January 2018. He is survived by his daughter, Katherine (Glenn) Bartcher, of Cleveland, TN; his sons, Richard (Marge) Bartlett, of Fort Lauderdale, FL and David Bartlett, of Bethlehem, PA; seven grandchildren, and; four great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL BATTISTI - Died Saturday, September 28, 2013 at his home in Haskell, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey on August 30, 1946 to the late Fiorino D. Battisti and Gina (nee Cellini) Battisti who survives him. Michael lived in Clifton before moving to Haskell. Before retirement, he was employed as a Police Officer with the Wanaque Reservoir Police Department. Michael was a friend to all, liked and respected by everyone he met. As a veteran of the United States Navy, he served his country proudly aboard the USS Monticello. He often travelled to attend reunions with his shipmates. Michael was a member of the NJ State PBA; the Passaic County Retired Fire and Police; a Life Member of the Pompton Lakes VFW Post #2906; an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey; served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the American Bowling Congress; and was a member of the Passaic County Bowling Association. Survivors

include: his devoted wife, Cathy (née King) Battisti; his beloved mother, Gina (née Cellini) Battisti; his dear sister, Gina Manning; his niece Diana Manning and her husband, Frank Viscomi; his nephew David Manning; his great-niece, Marissa Manning; his nephew Bill Porr and great-niece, Falisha Porr. The Battisti family received family and friends on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Bizub-Quinlan Funeral Home, 1313 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton. Funeral services were on Wednesday at 9:15 AM from the funeral home and 10:00 AM at Saint Philip the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 797 Valley Road, Clifton. Entombment was at the Calvary Cemetery, Paterson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

**MAJAMES A. "Jim" BEAVERS** - Died Thursday, February 22, 2018 in Rock, West Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death was Agent Orange- related cancer. He was born on November 30, 1950 in Squire, West Virginia to the late Frank J. and Jacqueline (née Millsap) Beavers. Mr. Beavers remained a resident of Squire until he joined the United States Army in 1968, where he served eight years, part of that time he served in the Vietnam War. After leaving the Army, Mr. Beavers returned to Squire where he worked a few years in the coal mines before moving to Florida. While living in Florida he worked for Piper Aircraft in Lakeland, FL as a Group Leader on the flight line until they shut down. He then went to work for Mosaic Chemical in Mulberry, FL as an E&I Tech for over twenty-three years until he retired in 2008. He then decided to move back to West Virginia. Mr. Beavers and his family settled in Rock, WV, where they still reside. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Princeton Chapter #628 and the VFW Post #3112 in Princeton. Survivors include his spouse of over twenty years, Reba B. Beavers, of Rock; daughter, Deborah Jo Beavers Winters of Lakeland, FL; son, Shawn A. Blanton of DeFuniak Springs, FL; granddaughter, Tori Herndon of Lakeland, FL; grandsons, Brandon K. Blanton of Rock, WV and Talin Winters of Lakeland, FL; brothers, Retired USMC Master Gunnery Sergeant Thomas I. Beavers and wife Susan of Centre, AL, Roger L. Beavers and wife Sheila of Squire, WV, and John "Sam" Beavers and wife Neva of Lebanon, VA; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Johnny and Patricia Godwin of Ocklawaha, FL, Dale Harris and Bill Walls of Polk County, FL, Roger and Deborah Lusk of Rock, WV and Valerie Damon of French Creek, WV. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at the Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Wade Quesenberry officiating. The Mercer County Honor Guard and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #628 conducted military rites at 1:00 PM. Friends visited at the funeral home from 12:00 Noon until the service hour on Wednesday. In keeping with Mr. Beavers wishes his body was cremated following the service and interred at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, VA.

ROBERT W. "Bobb" BEEHLER — Died Sunday, December 17, 2017 in Bozeman, Montana at the age of 95. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 18, 1922. He spent his early life racing outboard motorboats on the lakes of Minnesota with his elder brother, Bill. Together, their exploits were often written up in the Minneapolis newspaper, where they earned a reputation as the "Beehler Boys." advent of World War II, Bobb volunteered as a Naval Aviator and subsequently earned the rank of Lieutenant JG. Stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, he trained pilots of the amphibious PBY, and discovered that he loved flying more than almost anything else, except for his new wife, Helen, whom he married in 1944. After the war, in the early 1950s, and after spending several years in the outboard motor business in Minneapolis, he moved his family, now including young sons, Dennis and Michael, to Southern California, where he first settled in Sierra Madre before finally moving, in the early 1960s, to Costa Mesa, where he spent most of the rest of his life. He was active in Grace Lutheran Church in Anaheim where, with Helen, he established a youth choir that both allowed him to exercise another of his passions-choral singing-and to have a significant and continuing influence on many young people, some of whom still cite Bobb as a key figure in their lives. He continued to work in the marine industry until retirement, during which he and Helen traveled the country in increasingly-large RVs. He loved driving, and loved these adventures, but after Helen passed in 2004 after a lengthy illness, he followed Michael and, later Dennis, and moved to Bozeman, becoming a beloved member of the Bridger Creek community and of Christ the King Lutheran Church. He was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America - Boseman Chapter #788. A self-effacing and quiet man who was always eager to help others; a man who remained dedicated to his beloved wife during her long decline; a man who never put himself before others; a man who worked with his hands and believed he could fix anything mechanical: Bobb was loved by many and will be missed and remembered by even more. He is survived by his sons, Dennis and Michael; daughters-in-law, Paula and Sharon; grandsons, Christopher and Matthew; granddaughter-in-law, Jayne; greatgranddaughter, Emily; and great-grandson, Tyler. A memorial service was held in January. The arrangements were in the care of the Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com.

PETER MICHAEL "Pete" BELAIRE — Died on the morning of Sunday, September 23, 2018 in Saline, Michigan at the age of 68. Pete passed away surrounded by his loving family, after battling cancer for 15 years. Pete was born in Saline on March 7, 1950 to the late Edna (née Wakkala) Belaire and John L. Belaire. He was also predeceased by his brother, David J. Belaire, and his nephew, Ryan D. Housner. Pete is survived by his wife of 46 years, Deborah (née Housner) Belaire, daughter, Marsha (Fadi) Abro, son, Michael (Candice) Belaire,

and granddaughter, Madalynn Belaire. He is also survived by his brother, Dennis P. (Marian) Belaire, sister, Suzanne M. Belaire, brother-in-law, Forest (Debbie) Housner, and many loving nieces and nephews. In 1968, Pete enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and subsequently served in the Vietnam War. He served as a Communications Center Man. He returned home in 1970 and was stationed in Norfolk, VA until 1971. Pete was a Statistical Engineer with degrees from the University of Michigan and Oakland University. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 2000 after 32 years of service. Pete participated and volunteered in many veteran organizations, holding several administrative offices. These organizations included a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**, VFW, Honor Guard, Marine Corps League, American Legion, among others. In addition, he volunteered weekly at the VA hospital and devoted much of his time to the support of injured veterans. His advocation was photography, documenting family events and vacations. He enjoyed photographing unique birds all around Michigan. Additionally, he had a passion for genealogy research, tracking both his and Deborah's ancestry back to the early 1400s. Pete will be greatly missed by his family, veteran brothers and sisters, and his community.

ROBERT JOSEPH "Bob" BERNIER, JR. (USAF, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, July 31, 2018 in Ellerslie, Maryland at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 9, 1942 in Leominster, Massachusetts to the late Robert Joseph Bernier, Sr. and Evelyn L. (née Schumacher) Bernier. Bob graduated from Leominster High School in 1959 and the Lowell Technological Institute in 1963. He and his wife, Janise, owned and operated Country Trains. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172. Bob was also a member of the T.C.A., Western Maryland Chapter NRHS, National Model Railroader Association. Bob had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Bob is survived by his wife of 54 years, Janise Bernier; his son, R. Jason "Jay" Bernier and wife, Ashley; his daughters, Sandra Sharp and husband, Logan, and Sarah Bernier; six grandchildren; his brother, Peter Bernier, and; his nieces and his nephew. A celebration of Bob's life was held at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com), on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Sandra Burchell officiating. Friends were received two hours prior to services. The interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to a veterans' organization of your choice.

WILLIAM F. BLACKBURN (USAF, CPT-Ret.) - Died Friday, August 10, 2018 in Greendale, Indiana at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on

September 22, 1933 in Crittenden, Kentucky to the late Lee Blackburn and the late Sarah (née Evans). William retired from the United States Air Force as a Captain after 29 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. He got two Bachelor of Arts Degrees and a Master of Arts Degree while in the military. He then went on to work for the United States Postal Service retiring at the age of 80. He is survived by his son, Justin (wife Lori) Blackburn of Greendale, IN; daughter, Jenefer Blackburn of Milan, IN; four grandchildren, Lindsay May, Dylan May, Baylee Blackburn, Jasmyn Blackburn, and; one great-grandchild, Greyson May. Family and friends were received on Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM. Contributions may be made to Dearborn County Veterans Services.



<u>PHILIP LAWRENCE "Phil" BRIGGS</u> - Died peacefully Monday, December 18, 2017 in Charlotte, North Carolina at the age of 67, having been surrounded by those who love him. The cause of death was Cirrhosis of the liver and Diabetes Mellitus — Type II. He was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on June 25, 1950. Phil lived a life of quiet service. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Service Star

Medals, and the Combat Infantryman Badge for his meritorious bravery in Vietnam as a United States Army Infantryman in 1970-71. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina. Phil loved learning and sharing his knowledge with others. Having earned the Master Electrician designation, Phil shared his expertise with Central Piedmont Community College students for more than 25 years. Attending college while working full time, he graduated magna cum laude from Western Carolina University. A lover of nature, Phil was an avid outdoorsman and his favorite time was enjoying a campfire. He shared his passion for the outdoors with the Boy Scouts and its Explorer troops for many years and was honored to take two troops to the National Jamboree at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Phil had many interests including fishing, reading, photography, gardening, Tai Chi, geocaching, camping, and hiking; he was a devoted Carolina Tarheels fan. Phil will be remembered fondly for his brilliant blue eyes, his quick sense of humor, his warm smile, and his loving heart; his strong spirit will live on in the many people whose lives he touched. Susan invited their friends to an informal celebration of Phil's life at their home on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Hospice, the Sierra Club, Habitat for Humanity, or in support of veterans.

<u>DAVID JUDE BROWNE, SR.</u> – Died Sunday, July 1, 2018 in his home in Flowery Branch, Georgia at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pensacola, Florida on December 8, 1946 to the late Willard Smouse and Elizabeth (née Leet) (Smouse) Browne. His father was killed in an accident. When his mother remarried he and his brother were adopted by Walter Browne, Jr., his mother's husband. He is survived by two sons; David J. Browne, Jr. and wife, Rachael, of Flowery Branch GA and Dennis M. Browne and wife Wendy of Hagerstown, MD. He is also survived by the mother of his two children, Browne, Orlando, FL. He had four grandchildren, Alyssa, Andrew, Patrick and Cailynn. He was also survived by three sisters, Sarah Bretschneider and husband, Robert of Duluth, GA, Cathy Henry and husband,

Steve, of Cornelia, GA and Louise Addison and husband, Keith, of Lawtey, FL. He was preceded in death by his birth father, Willard Smouse, his mother, Elizabeth (Leet) (Smouse) Browne, adoptive father, Walter Browne, Jr. and his brother, Willard Browne. He served in the United States Navy for 24 years and was a Vietnam War Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at the American Legion Post #7 in Gainesville GA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America. The Memorial Park South Funeral Home, 4121 Falcon Parkway, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542 was in charge of the arrangements.

CHARLES QUINN BROWNRIGG - Died Friday, December 12, 2003 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 53. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in San Antonio on April 9, 1950 to Charles R. Brownrigg and Marilyn (née Alexander) Brownrigg, Charles was a student at Devine High School and Burbank High School. He joined the United States Navy in September of 1968 and served our country until September 1972 on the USS Oriskany at which time he was Honorably discharged. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366. He was preceded in death by his sister, Charlyn R. Brownrigg O'Neill. He is survived by his daughter, Amber Brownrigg; his grandson, Joe Christian Brown; his granddaughter, Alecia Chryslynn Brown; his mother, Marilyn (née Alexander0 Brownrigg; his father and stepmother, Charles R. and Anne Brownrigg; his sister, Juanita Brownrigg Chambers; his niece, Stacie O'Neill Davis; his nephews, Joel and wife Elena, Jesse and wife Jessica, and Jordan Chambers; four great-nieces; one great-nephew; one great-great niece, and; a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and VVA brothers, Robert Bruce Hill, and Stephen Parks. The family would like to extend a special Thank You to Donna Alexander, R.N., and Bruce Hill for their never-ending love, support and guidance throughout Charles' illness. Charles requested to be buried at sea and Memorial Services were pending. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory to the VNA and Hospice of South Texas, 8721 Botts Street, San Antonio, TX. 78217-9735. The Puente and Sons Funeral Home were in charge of the arrangements.

DONALD KEITH BUCHHOLZ, SR. - Died Sunday, October 4, 2015 at his home in Blackfoot, Idaho at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 3, 1930 in Freemont, Iowa to the late Bernard and Edna (née Orman) Buchholz. He spent his early life and education in Molten, Iowa, and graduated from Molten High School. He was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean and Vietnam War. During the Korean War he was wounded and received the Purple Heart, along with other medals of valor during his military

service. He retired from the Military in 1968 after 20 years of service to his country. He married Margaret E. Hartley on May 27, 1950, in Lancaster, Missouri. They were married for 65 years. He worked for the Post Office in Escondido, California, and for the State of Idaho Blackfoot South, which he retired from in 1996. He served as City Councilman for the City of Firth, was a member of American Legion, VFW, DAV, NCO enlisted men, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho Falls Chapter #972, Fleet Reserve and the Marine Corps League. He loved his grandkids, family and dogs. He was the strongest, bravest, loving man ever. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Buchholz of Blackfoot; his daughter, Judy (Sheroden) Waters of Idaho Falls; two sons, David (Susan) Buchholz, and Kevin (Ursalla Snieder) Buchholz, both of Idaho Falls; seventeen grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, and five greatgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Donald Keith Buchholz Jr., his daughter Diana Buchholz, his parents and seven sisters and six brothers. The funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 16, 2015 at the Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home, 825 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Idaho Falls with Pastor Bob Sherwood, officiating. The burial was in the Taylor Cemetery with Military Rites by the Bonneville County Veterans. A visitation for family and friends was held from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at the funeral home and one hour prior to the funeral service.

<u>JOHN CALVIN "Johnny" BURKE</u> - SPRINGFIELD - John Johnny Burke, 67 of Springfield, Georgia Died Monday, December 19, 2016 at his home in Springfield, Georgia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 10, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the Central Baptist Church. This was published in the Savannah Morning News on January 1, 2017.

Rosa, California at the age of 72. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born on February 10, 1946 in Chicago Illinois to the late Oscar F. Burke and Gertrude L. (née Ten Bruin) Burke. Bill attended Foreman High School where he learned to play the trumpet becoming an accomplished musician and graduating class president. Bill was drafted on his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday into the United States Army where he was trained as an airframe repairman arriving in Vietnam in August 1966. He was stationed with the 79<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company located in Qui Nhon, repairing hundreds of battle-damaged aircraft during his one- year tour. After completing his combat tour, he was assigned to the 437<sup>th</sup> Army Band in Fort Riley, KS. Bill was able to use his trumpet playing skills and had the honor of playing Taps at over two dozen military funerals. After leaving military active duty Bill met Barbara Stover. They were married in December 1969 and had a loving relationship for 48 plus years. Bill is father to Steven (Kelli Keen Burke) and Susan (Paul McKercher), two of the most wonderful children ever put on this earth. In addition to his wife and children, Bill is survived by two grandsons, Christopher Burke and Greysen

McKercher. He is also survived by his brother Charles Burke, sister-in-law, Maureen O'Gara (Jim), niece, Elizabeth O'Gara, many cousins, and friends. Bill worked for a manufacturing company for 22 years. It was this company that transferred the family to Santa Rosa in 1983. Bill then worked for State Compensation Insurance Fund for over 10 years until his retirement. He also worked as a tax preparer for H&R Block for 15 years. Bill is a former member of SCCA both in Illinois and in California regions for over 25 years, road racing at Laguna Beach, Sears Point, Portland Raceway, Blackhawk Farms IL, Road America WI and Mid-Ohio Race Car Course. Bill could amuse you for hours with his car stories. After hanging up his driving gloves, Bill started a new hobby of woodworking. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**, serving as treasurer for over 5 years. In lieu of flowers, Bill requested donations can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 223, PO Box 1583, Santa Rosa CA 95402.

FRANK C. CALANDRIELLO, JR. - Died Thursday, September 6, 2018 at his residence in Deming, New Mexico at the age of 85. He was born on July 3, 1933 in Red Bank, New Jersey. The cause of death was natural causes. He served in the United States Army. He also served in the United States Air Forces Reserves and the New Jersey Army National Guard for many years. He made 11 missions to Vietnam in C-141 planes. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst (New Jersey). He is survived by his wife, Robyn Calandriello of the home. Arrangements were made with the Terrazas Funeral Chapels.

PETER "Pete" CARAM - Died Monday, August 13, 2018 in his home in Freehold, New Jersey at the age of 70 after an inspirational battle with pancreatic cancer. Peter was born on December 11, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Thomas and Victoria Caram. Pete graduated from Millbrook High School in 1965, and shortly thereafter enlisted in the United States Air Force. He would go on to serve his country in the Vietnam War from 1966 - 67. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Allenhurst Chapter #12. Upon completion of his service, he joined the Port Authority Police Department in 1973. During this time, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from NJIT in 1978. Pete would give 25 years of distinguished service to the PAPD, rising to the rank of Detective Sergeant before retiring in 1998. Pete was considered a national expert in the field of counter terrorism, authoring a book on the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. He cross-collaborated with numerous government intelligence agencies sharing his vast expertise in the field. Pete would be the first to say that his greatest achievement was his loving family. He was a voracious hunter, gun enthusiast, avid golfer, and would never pass up a trip to Atlantic City. He could usually be found on his deck with his family smoking his pipe sharing laughs. Left to mourn his memory are his beloved wife of 42 years Madeline; his son, Christian and wife, Alyssa; his daughter, Courtney and husband, Michael; his sister, Theresa Cincotta, and; the absolute joys of his life, his grandchildren, Giuliana, Henry and James. In his lifetime, Pete has touched countless lives and will be missed by many. Calling hours were at the Freeman Funeral Home,

47 East Main Street, Freehold on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM and on Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. The funeral service at funeral home was on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM followed by the interment at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ. In Lieu of flowers, donations to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research in Pete's honor would be appreciated.

JOHN LEO "Jack" CASEY, SR. - Died peacefully Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at home in Wildwood, New Jersey at the age of 74. The cause of death was nerve sheath tumor cancer. Jack was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania to the late Eugene and Margaret Casey and raised in North Camden, New Jersey. He was the beloved husband of Sue Ann; father of John (Stephanie), Michael and Regina Pirolli (Ken); grandfather of Danny, Steven, Vinny, Amanda, Jake, Zach, Juliana and Jenna; great-grandfather of four; dear brother of Mary Ann Miles (Jim), his nephews Jim and Sean Miles; by his uncle and godfather, Joseph Cuff, and; special cousin Captain Dan Cuff, USN, retired. He also leaves behind his brothers and sisters of the American Legion Post #184. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Wildwood Chapter #955. Jack served his country in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1965 and upon his honorable discharge settled in Lindenwold NJ where he raised his family. Active in the community, Jack coached his son's football teams for the Lindenwold Lancers (Later Cowboys) from 1974 to 1980 as well as coaching the Lindenwold little league baseball Cubs from 1973 to 1979 Upon moving to Wildwood in 1988 Jack became heavily involved with his American Legion Post becoming an officer and eventually bar steward Jack was a presence at the post and well known to the conventioneers that passed through its doors With great commitment to those who served our country. Jack devoted countless volunteer hours to the Vietnam Wall replica at Burke and Ocean. A motorcycle enthusiast, Jack was a member of the Legion Riders where he and Sue participated in memorial runs and pleasure rides on their trike. Happy Jack was also a kid's favorite on the Wildwood beach for several years in his role as a Fudgy Wudgy man. Having a gruff exterior that housed a heart of gold, if Jack never yelled at you, it is because he never met you. If you were his friend, and there were many, there is nothing he wouldn't do for you. Two of his great passions at the post was the organization of the annual polar bear plunge fundraiser for the Special Olympics and participating in serving Thanksgiving dinner each year to the Coast Guard Academy cadets. Family visitation was from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM and a memorial service was at 1:00 PM on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Post 184, 4200 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ 08260. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Legion, P.O. Box 1405, Wildwood, NJ 08260 or the animal adoption organization, Justice Rescue, PO Box 112, Woodlyn, PA 19094.

<u>CHARLES M. "Charlie" CIOFALO</u> - Died Wednesday April 11, 2018 in Dorothy, New Jersey at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1928. Charlie was a long-time area resident, retired from the US post office as a postal fraud specialist, and was a World War II United States Navy veteran. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America** 

– **Pleasantville Chapter #825**. He is predeceased by his brother Pasquale and his sister Thomasina Burns. A mass was held on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM from Saint Casimir Roman Catholic Church, 304 Clay Street, Woodbine with a burial in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Mays Landing. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, 200 Tuckahoe Road, Marmora, NJ, 08223. Memories and condolences can be shared at www.LangleyLovelandFuneralHome.com.

JACK HARRISON CLOUD, SR. - Died Friday, September 7, 2018 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 69. The cause of death was complications from open heart surgery. He was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma on September 23, 1948 to the late William F. and Rosalie M. Cloud. Jack was a member of Saint Pius X Catholic Church, where he and his wife of 18 years, Nancy Cloud, were married. He worked for M&P Collections, Inc., and was a member of Tulsa Jaycees and Oklahoma JCI Senate. Jack was proud to be a United States Army Veteran that served in the Vietnam War. He was an avid supporter and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Sapulpa Chapter #1132 and other Tulsa and Sapulpa veterans' groups. Jack also supported Sapulpa Disabled American Vets, and Sapulpa Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. He enjoyed fishing, reading and collecting crazy T-shirts. Jack is survived by his wife, Nancy Cloud; nephews, Frank Buckaloo and wife, Tricia, Shawn Buckaloo, Ryne Webster, and Tyler Webster and wife, Jessica; his nieces, Hope Cates and Alexcia Haynes; sisters-in-law, Diane Webster and Bill Cates of Sapulpa, OK, and Debbie Becker of Tulsa, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Billie Short. Viewing hours were from 2:00-6:00 PM on Monday, September 10, 2018 in Moore's Eastlawn Chapel. The recitation of the Rosary was at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 10, 2018 in Saint Pius X Catholic Church, 1727 South 75<sup>th</sup> East Avenue, Tulsa, OK. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in Saint Pius X Catholic Church, 1727 South 75<sup>th</sup> East Avenue, Tulsa, OK. The family requested donations be made to the Sapulpa VVA Chapter #1132, 2210 North Surrey Lane, Sapulpa, OK 74066.

JOHN P. COFFEY - Died Friday, August 24, 2018 in Raleigh, North Carolina after a 13-month valiant battle with brain cancer (Glioblastoma). He was 77 years of age. John was born on June 9, 1941 in Peoria, Illinois to the late Alice (née Quinn) Coffey and William J. Coffey. Left to carry his memory are the love of his life, Mary Jo Coffey, his wife of 52 years; his daughter, Michelle Paul (Tom), of Wenatchee, Washington; his son, Mark (Jenny), of Raleigh; his grandchildren, Peyton and Carter Paul and Quinn Coffey; two brothers, William J. Coffey, of Seminole, Florida, and Michael P. Coffey, of Sevierville, Tennessee; and his beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. John was a graduate of Peoria Spalding High School and Lewis University

and received his Master of Business Administration at Eastern Illinois University. He served as Sergeant in the 6<sup>th</sup> United States Army during the Vietnam War. John retired after 33 years with State Farm Insurance Company as an Executive Vice President and member of the Chairman's Council. He served leadership roles on various boards, including Bloomington, Illinois Holy Trinity Parish school board, President of McLean County Center for Human Services, Board of Directors for Chestnut Health Systems, Vice Chairman of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, food donation coordinator for St. Peter's Parish, Jupiter Florida, Life Member and Director of Vietnam Veterans of America - Durham Chapter #530. He was awarded Eastern Illinois University College of Business Distinguished Alumnae and served as a leader on their Master of Arts in Business Dean's Advisory Board. John was a proudly devoted parishioner of Raleigh's Saint Francis of Assisi Church and volunteered assisting as a consultant, with his background in Human Resources. John was also an ardent college football follower and a diehard University of Notre Dame football fan. He loved a good game of golf with his friends and fishing trips. He was an avid reader, loved traveling with his family, and had a talent for great story telling with wit and humor. John was a mentor, loyal friend and confidante who touched many lives by his advice, generosity, humor, valuable insight and ability to listen and share wisdom. He was a pillar of strength to his family and will be remembered by his love, humor, wisdom and support. Special thanks to Father Steve Patti at St. Francis Church in Raleigh, NC, the brain cancer team at Duke, Transitions Hospice of Wake County and the great caring team at Magnolia Glen Assisted Living. His Funeral Mass was at 1:00 PM on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh. Reverend Father Steve Patti was the Main Celebrant. A gathering of family and friends followed at the church. His remains were interred in the Saint Francis Church Columbarium, following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations be made to Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh, NC; or the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke Hospital in Durham, NC.

DONALD G. "Don" COLBEY (USMC, GySgt-Ret.) - Died Thursday, August 16, 2018 in Butler, Missouri at the age of 68. He was a resident of Harrisonville, Missouri. The case of death is unknown. Don was born on August 19, 1949 in DuBois, Pennsylvania to the late Donald and Ruth (née Webb) Colbey. He grew up in Penfield, Pennsylvania and was a 1967 graduate of DuBois Area High School. While in high school, he was undefeated on the 1966-67 wrestling team. Don received an Associate of Arts degree from college in the state of Washington. He joined the United State Marine Corps and served two tours in Vietnam and also served in Beirut and Grenada. He retired as a Gunnery Sergeant from the Marines in 1992. After retiring he worked for MODOT in Lee's Summit in sign maintenance. Don was a member of the Harrisonville Elks, the Harrisonville VFW #4409, was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720, current Post Commander AMVETS in Garden City and a member of the Beirut Veterans Association. He is survived by a sister, Ruth Ann Gregori (Louis), Penfield, PA and a brother, Jeffrey Colbey (Gena), all of Penfield, PA; two daughters,

Tonya and Vanessa; three grandchildren; nieces, nephews. Colbey also had so many friends that were his chosen family that we could not possibly list them all. Bill Ladd and Donald Colbey were not only best friends but brothers. Funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at the Atkinson Funeral Home in Harrisonville, MO with visitation hours from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon. The burial was in the Parker Cemetery, Creighton, MO.

<u>NEIL I. COLON</u> – Died recently in 2018 in Holyoke, Massachusetts at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was bon on August 10, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Massachusetts**.

LESTER ROBERT COTTON – Died Friday, August 17, 2018 in Maple Shade, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 14, 1942 in Riverside, New Jersey to the late Charles and Margaret Cotton. A lifelong resident of Riverside, he was best recognized for walking around town or sitting on his front porch. He was a well-mannered, caring, generous man who would go out of his way to help people or let them know how much he appreciated what they did for him. Always sending wishes to "be careful and have a safe day." A man who loved his country and proudly served for over 20 years in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam and the National Guard (including 9/11), after he retired with Hoeganaes Corporation. He had Lifetime Memberships in Vietnam Veterans of America -Bordentown Township Chapter #899, AMVETS Post #251, VFW Post #3020, The American Legion Post #146, and DAV Chapter #42. A member of the NRA, he loved to fish and hunt and just be outside. He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Cotton; his grandchildren, Victoria, Deana, and Robert Cotton; four great-grandchildren, and; his niece and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Margaret; his brother, Joseph; his sister, Barbara; and son, Robert; all who welcomed him home with open arms. Visitation hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday and from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Thursday at the Sweeney Funeral Home, Riverside where there was an 11:00 AM service. The interment was in the Lakeview Cemetery, Cinnaminson.

<u>JOHN R. CRAUSWELL</u> – Died Friday, January 1, 2016 in Astatula, Florida at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 12, 1935. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah (Georgia) Chapter #671**.

AARON E. CRAWFORD - Died Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center at the age of 68. He was a resident of Miamisburg, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 15, 1949 in West Middletown, Ohio to the late Donald and Margaret Louise (née Sheley) Crawford. Mr. Crawford was a 1969 graduate of Miamisburg High School; honorably served his country in the United States Army; he was a former Social Worker for Montgomery County Job and Family Services and a retired Social Worker with the Montgomery County Veterans Service Center with 35 years of service. A member of the Masonic Lodge #737 F & A.M, West Carrollton; he was the Past Commander and Chaplain for the American Legion Post #165, Miamisburg, a lifetime member of the AMVETS, a member of the Miamisburg Eagles Aerie #69, Miamisburg, and the Miamisburg Moose #1645. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97. He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Judy A. (née Miller) Crawford; his daughter, Selina Carpenter; his brother, Neil E. Crawford; his sister, Delora Gilbert; grandson, Travin Carpenter, and; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. A Gathering of Family and Friends was held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the Swart Funeral Home, West Carrollton. Masonic Lodge #737 F&A.M. conducted the Masonic Services at 3:45 PM. If so desired memorial contributions may be made to the Masonic Lodge #737 F & A.M. in Aaron's memory. The graveside committal service was held at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the Dayton National Cemetery, along with Military Honors from the Combined Honor Guard of VFW Post # 3438 and American Legion Post #165.

VERNON DELAWARE - Died Thursday, September 28, 2017 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was on born June 6, 1947 in Devon, Pennsylvania to the late Bertha Delaware Jacobs and Harry M. Jacobs. He lived his younger years in Devon and attended Conestoga High School. Vernon was a member of the United States Army, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 5<sup>th</sup> US Calvary "Black Knights" and was stationed in the Long An province during the Vietnam War. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Medal. After his tour in Vietnam he returned home, married and settled in Bridgeport, PA. Vernon was a proud veteran and was involved in many veteran organizations. For many years he was an active member of the VRW, filling many roles, including Commander. He was also a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pottstown Chapter #349 and remained in close contact with the men he served with and attended yearly reunions of his Infantry Division. He never lost his love of helicopters and would often go on charter flights around the area. Vernon was a skilled mechanic who loved everything about cars. He enjoyed working on cars, restoring classics and attending car shows. He spent the bulk of his life employed at Grand Turk Equipment Company, Bridgeport, PA, recently retiring after 30 years. In his spare time, he loved working on projects around the home, listening to music, reading books and watching old western movies. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Brenda Harris and brother William Delaware. He is survived by his partner of 20 years Faith Byrd of Pottstown, PA, daughter Sheri (& Sean) Cummins of Plymouth Meeting, grandchildren, Owen, Aaron and

Sinclaire, two sisters Deborah Delaware of Devon and Daphne (James) Ockimey of Lansdowne. His Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM from the Moore, Snear and Ruggiero Funeral Home, 300 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428. Friends visited on Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Funeral Home. The interment was in the Philadelphia Memorial Park, Frazer, PA. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to: Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Springs, KY 41076.

JAMES W. "Jim" DESMOND, JR. - Died Sunday, October 11, 2018 in Pembroke Pines, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 13, 1943 to the late James and Jessie Desmond. He graduated from Brentwood High School in Pittsburgh. He married Karen Y. Duranceau on April 6, 1968 in Hialeah, Florida. He completed college classes at the University of Maryland European Division. Jim's career of over 40 years spanned from jet aircraft mechanic (National Airlines, Pan Am) to operating and maintaining the plant and engineering facilities for industrial and commercial buildings. He continued educational courses through 2018. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the United States Air Force. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23. He attended Taft Street Baptist Church where he loved to hold the door and greet people as they came for service. Jim is survived by his loving wife Karen, his daughter and son-in-law Tammy and Perry Long, his son and daughter-in-law James and Maria Desmond and his daughter Deanna Desmond. Also, his source of great joy, his eight grandchildren: Cassidy, Perry Jr., Bradley, Riley, Alexandra, Jake, Mikayla and Michael. He was one of nine children and is survived by his brother David and sisters Peggy, Maryellen, Susan and Cindy. Viewing was at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October17, 2018 at the Fred Hunter's Funeral Home in Hollywood. The funeral service was held at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Fred Hunter's Funeral Home in Hollywood with Pastor Albert Gerena of Taft Street Baptist Church officiating. A reception followed at the home of Perry and Tammy Long. He was buried at the South Florida National Cemetery.

VICTOR JAMES "Vic" DINUBILO — Died Sunday, October 15, 2017 in Vacaville, California at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He had been sick for 18 months and his fight with cancer is over. He was born on September 3, 1945. Vic is survived by his two brothers, John of Nevada, and Donald of California. In addition, he also leaves five children, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A 1963 graduate of Narbonne High, Vic served proudly with the United States Air Force as an Air Policeman from

1963 to 1967 including a years' tour in Vietnam at Phan Rang Air Base. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redondo Beach Chapter #53**. In respecting Vic's last wishes, there was no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to your favorite Veterans Organization in his name.

WALLACE DIXON — Died Friday, July 27, 2018 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bristol, Virginia on July 15, 1944. He served in the United States Marine Corps from August 1966 to June 1969. He did a tour in Vietnam from May 1968 to June 1969. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — Plymouth Chapter #528. Visitation hours were on Monday, July 30, 2018 from 12:00-8:00 PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. The funeral service was on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Wallace was laid to rest at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on Wednesday August 1, 2018 at 10:30 AM. Memorial contributions appreciated to the Disabled American Veterans.

**ERVIN P. DOBOSIEWICZ** – Died Saturday, March 31, 2018 in South Bend, Indiana at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 17, 1944. He served in the United States Army and in Vietnam was assigned to Charlie Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry which served under both the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**.

LAWRENCE JOSEPH "Larry" DOYLE - Died Wednesday, July 3, 2018 in Elizabeth, Illinois at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1947. He served in United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #928**. He was the beloved husband of Roberta; loving father of Larry G., Roberta (Dr. Richard Schmitt) and Dan (Maria); proud grandfather of Lanae, Alyssa, Emily, Evan, D.J. and Gianna; dear brother of Kenneth (Christine), John, Richard (Lisa), Mary Danz and Kathleen (Niles) Westphal; preceded in death by both parents. Family and friends were received at the Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 West Cermak Road, Westchester (2 blocks west of Mannheim Road) on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. The funeral was on Thursday at 10:00 AM Chapel Service. The interment was in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at 1:00 PM.

ERNEST HARVEY "Ernie" DUFRESNE, JR. - Died Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at Flagler Hospital in Saint Augustine, Florida at the age of 72, with his family by his side. He was a resident of Saint Augustine. The cause of death is unknown. Ernie was born on July 29, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York and grew up in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey. Ernie enlisted in the United States Navy at a young age and served in the Vietnam War as a communications specialist. After his discharge from the Navy, he returned to New York to study economics and finance at New York University and Brooklyn College. He began his career in investment banking in New York with Mayer and Schweitzer, Inc. Over his nearly fifty-year long career as a stock broker and trader, Ernie worked with many brokerage firms until his retirement. He continued trading stocks personally up until 2011. Ernie lived for many years in Franktown, Colorado and had been a resident of St. Augustine since 2012. Ernie was a voracious reader and aspired to writing a novel of his own. He enjoyed crossword puzzles and word games, he was an avid baseball fan, loved the beach as well as the mountains and range of his adopted home of Colorado, and was a devoted pet owner. Ernie was married to his late wife, Deborah Freeman-DuFresne for thirty-five years before her death in April of 2017. Most importantly, Ernie was a man who was loved by his friends and family and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Augustine Chapter #1084. Ernie is survived by his three daughters, Denise DuFresne, of St. Augustine, FL, Johna Baxa (Ron), of St. Augustine, FL and Deirdre DuFresne (Christian), of St. Augustine, FL three brothers; Robert DuFresne, of St. Augustine, FL, Donald DuFresne, of Julington Creek, FL and Jeff DuFresne (Debbie), of Annandale, NJ; Sister Linda Schmidt, of St. Augustine, FL and five grandchildren, Joshua, Logan, Ian, Ayzlynn and Gatlyn. A memorial service was held at 6:00 PM on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Saint Johns Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations to the following organizations are respectfully requested: K9s For Warriors - www.k9sforwarriors.com, Early Learning Coalition in St. Augustine, FL - www.elcnorthflorida.org/donate/, SAFE Pet Rescue, in St. Augustine, FL - http://www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com/donatenow.html. Saint Johns Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT WALTER DUSZA - Died Sunday, August 26, 2018, at the Baystate Medical Center Comfort Care Unit at the age of 75, surrounded by friends and family, of complications from pneumonia. He was born on March 24, 1943 in New Britain, Connecticut. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Foreword Observer during the Vietnam Conflict being awarded the Purple Heart/Vietnam Service Medal with Four Bronze Service Stars/Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm Unit Citation Badge/and Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal First Class Unit Citation Badge. He was an advocate for veteran issues and a member of various veteran organizations, including the Military Order of the Purple Heart, where he served as a Trustee. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Life* 

Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111. He was an avid bowler, competing in the Senior Olympics; among his many other interests were fishing and boating; metal detecting, gold panning, owner of the online Dragon bookstore, and owner of Black Velvet Antiques; an enthusiastic reader and animal lover. His greatest achievement was his understanding of human nature and his ability to truly listen to what others had to say. This gift gained him many wonderful friendships through the years. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He is survived by his partner and wife, Darla (née Samol) Dusza, his daughter Laura Dieni and husband Tony, his daughter Lisa Russo and husband Richie, his stepson Peter Harris and wife Gretchen, stepson Donald Samol and nine wonderful grandchildren. A special thanks to our friend Carol Hart for her unending steadfast strength and friendship during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, his wish would be for memorial contributions to be made to the Thomas O'Connor Animal Shelter in the name of his beloved dog Emily, his loyal companion on many outdoor adventures, to the Soldiers Home of Holyoke for their care and kindness during his residency there or to the Military Order of the Purple Heart of Western Mass 875. Military honors and burial were held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Massachusetts Veteran Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam. Beers and Story Funeral Home of South Hadley, MA was in charge of the arrangements.

MICHAEL ANTHONY EDWARDSON – Died Tuesday. July 3, 2018 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related ischemic cardiomyopathy and ventricular tachycardia. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on October 15, 1947 to the late Ralph Edward Edwardson and Margaret Julia (née Waters) Edwardson. He is survived by his life-long partner of 20 years, Karolyn R. Bader and his daughter, Melissa Mott. He served in the United States Army from August 22, 1969 to May 24, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparks Chapter #989.

EARL JOSEPH ELLEDGE - Died Tuesday, February 21, 2018 at his residence in Rockaway Beach, Missouri at the age of 79. The cause of death was acute myelogenous leukemia, myelodysplastic syndrome and ischemic heart disease. He was born on Sunday, July 24, 1938 in Terre Haute, Indiana to the late Carlyle and Bertha (née DePasse) Elledge. In 1956 at the age of seventeen, Earl enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as a Flight Engineer on the C-130 Hercules aircraft. After twenty years of service he retired in 1976 with the rank of Technical Sergeant (E-6). During his service, he was awarded the Air Medal, Vietnam Service Ribbon, Air Force Combat Medal, AF Longevity Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force and Army Good Conduct Medals and Small Arms Ribbon. Earl then went to work for the U.S. Naval Air Base in Pensacola, FL as an electrician. He worked there for seventeen years and retired in 1993. In 1992 he met Janice Lee Cote in Valparaiso, FL They moved from Fort Walton Beach, Florida to Rockaway Beach, Missouri in 1993. He and Janice were married October 30, 1994 in Rockaway Beach. Earl was a hard worker who was generous,

kind and loving. He had a good sense of humor and cared for others. He as a member of the Elks Lodge, VFW, DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**, AMVETS Post #78, and the American Legion. He enjoyed golf, woodworking and fishing. He was of the Catholic Faith. He is survived by his wife, Janice Elledge of Rockaway Beach; two sons, John Elledge and wife, Susan, of Valparaiso, FL, Edward Pittman, of Rockaway Beach; two daughters, Lori Tarasovich and husband, Robert, of Warrington, VA, Lisa Dalton and husband, Thomas, of Fort Walton Beach, FL; a sister, Mary J. Huffman and husband, Robert, of Terre Haute, IN; twelve grandchildren, and; three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jim Elledge; two daughters, Glenda Hale and Noralee Reynolds and one grandson, Joe Elledge. Military Honors were conducted at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kissee-Schofield-Eakins Funeral Home, Forsyth, MO.

<u>RODNEY ERVIN</u> – Died Wednesday, September 26, 2018 in Westtown, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on June 23, 1953. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**.

DANIEL R. "Dan" ESHELMAN - Died at the Saint Vincent Health Center in Erie, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the age of 66. He was a resident of Erie. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Corry, Pennsylvania on December 18, 1945 to the late Elvin and Florence (née Silvis) Eshelman. Daniel served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Erie Chapter #435. He loved creating things from wood. He was a real people person and enjoyed helping others. Daniel was a volunteer at the VA Medical Center and was a volunteer firefighter with the Columbus, Pennsylvania Fire Department. He was a history buff and had great interest in the Civil War. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Troy and Jerry Eshelman. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Ellen (née Chitester) Eshelman, whom he married August 30, 1969; two daughters, Yvonne Jost, husband, Eric and Danelle Fields, husband, Ron; two brothers, Elvin Eshelman, Jr. and Jim Eshelman; two sisters, Gayle Cohn and Faith Powers; three grandchildren, Christopher Burke, and Meghann and Gypsy Jost; five grand cats; and several VA buddies. Friends were invited to visit at the Brugger Funeral Homes and Crematory, 1595 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street at Greengarden Boulevard on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the service at Noon with Reverend Lee Pomeroy, pastor of Summit United Methodist Church, presiding.

ROBERT HAROLD EVANS - Died Saturday, May 26, 2018 in a local hospital in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 76. He was a resident of Cleveland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 14, 1941 to the late William Robert Evans and Geraldine Virginia (née Hilliard) Angelone. He was a veteran of the United States Army National Guard and was retired from Check into Cash. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596. Survivors include his half-sister, Sharon Wright; two half-brothers, Terry Evans and Joey Angelone. A memorial service was held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 31, 2018 in the chapel of Fike-Randolph and Son Funeral Home with Pastor Jeannie Cissom officiating.

MARGARET LORETTA FARLEY (USAR, LTC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in Naples, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on November 7, 1949. She served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — Naples Chapter #706. She is survived by brothers, Joseph P. and Peter V., of Virginia, and Timothy, of Georgia; her sister, Martha Decoster, of Arkansas; as well as many nieces and nephews.

THOMAS CHARLES "Tom" FINNERAN (USA, COL-Ret.) - Colonel, US Army (Retired), of Newberry, Died Saturday, August 25, 2018 in Newberry, South Carolina at the age of 98. The cause of death was brain cancer (glioblastoma). Tom was born in Columbus, Ohio on June 27, 1920 to the late Francis and Catherine (née Lawler) Finneran. During the depression his family relocated to South Bend, Indiana. He was dedicated to his family, country and church and was the epitome of the Greatest Generation. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - South Bend Chapter #1027. Drafted into the United States Army in January 1942, Tom attended OCS and was commissioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Field Artillery, During World War II he served in Africa and fought in the Italian Campaign, where he received a battlefield promotion to Captain. He then was offered and accepted a commission in the regular Army. During his 30-year career, he served in Germany, England, Japan and Korea. He received his civilian education from the Universities of Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and Florida, where he completed his degree while serving as the Senior ROTC Instructor. He graduated from the Command and General Staff School, British Army Staff College, The National Defense College, and the Senior Officer Atomic Course. He also completed Glider training with the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division. He completed his career with an assignment as Military Attaché to the Court of Saint James in London, England. Upon retirement, he taught Junior ROTC at Airport High School in West Columbia, SC. Throughout his career he received numerous medals and commendations, to include the Bronze Star and two Legion of Merits. He was proud to have served as

Commander of the Battery B, 64<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He then was the Commander of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. His next commission was as the Artillery Defense Commander, Hercules Missiles, 56<sup>th</sup> Artillery Brigade. Other assignments included Personnel Planning at the Pentagon, Intelligence Planning for US Army Europe, Secretary for the Joint Staff for United Nations Command Korea. He loved traveling with his family especially throughout the British Isles and Europe. He also was very athletic and loved squash, handball and beating his daughter in tennis and his son in golf, although he would let them win occasionally. He was very active at Saint Mark Catholic Church. He was a member of the Parish Council and Cemetery Committee, President of the Finance Council, Chairman of the Building Committee, and active as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Usher. He is survived by a son, Thomas "Mike" Finneran of Orangeburg, a daughter Carmel "Carm" Finneran of Leesville, a sister, Margaret Finneran Wagner, a brother Michael F. Finneran and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 72 years, Gertrude (née Duck) Finneran and brothers Patrick, Raymond, John and sister Eileen. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on am Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at Saint Mark Catholic Church. The family received friends following the service at the church.

WILLIAM MAXEY "Bill" FLEMING, SR. - Died Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the age of 70. He was a resident of Murfreesboro. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. Bill was born in Woodbury, Tennessee on October 20, 1947 to the late Thomas Monroe and Grace Helen (née Hewitt) Fleming. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Virginia "Jenny" Fleming, daughter, Meredith Fleming; sisters, Carolyn (Larry) Yommer, Cissy Fleming Haley, Catherine (Phil) Rowland, Bridget (Steve) Brannon and Gretchen (Rusty) Milspaugh; grandchildren, Will Fleming, Matt Fleming, Seth Kinnis and Hailie Blanton; and great grandchildren, Serenity Blanton, Dalton and Evan Thompson. Mr. Fleming was preceded in death by his son, William Maxey Fleming, Jr. and his brother, Thomas Fleming. He was a United States Army Veteran, having served in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Murfreesboro Chapter #1089. As in 2 Timothy 4:7-8, Bill has fought the good fight and finished his race, he is now receiving his crown of righteousness. Services to celebrate Mr. Fleming were at 11:00 AM on the morning of Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at the Roselawn Funeral Home with interment in Roselawn Memorial Gardens with military honors. To leave thoughts or memories, visit www.roselawnfh.com. Friends were cordially invited to visit the family on Monday evening from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Roselawn Funeral Home, 5350 NW Broad Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

<u>FRANKIE HENRY FLORES</u> – Died recently in 2018 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 25, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**.

MICHAEL EUGENE FOSS, SR. - Died Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Genesis Medical Center - Illini Campus, Silvis, Illinois at the age of 72. He was a resident of Colona, Illinois. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. Michael was born on September 15, 1945 in Moline, Illinois to the late Earling and Mary Alice (née Woolley) Foss. He married Joann Howlett on June 13, 1965 in East Moline, Illinois. He was employed as a Machine Repairman for the John Deere Company. Michael served in the United States Navy on the USS Stallion. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Moline Chapter #669. He was an active Master Mason of the Colona and Silvis lodges, he raised into the lodge his son and three grandsons. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, street rods, bicycling, breakfast with friends and family, and traveling, especially to Vegas with Joann. Michael is survived by his wife, Joann; daughters, Penny (David) Lasche, Pamela (Jeff) Beckner, Patricia Keith and Peggy Knaack; his son, Michael Foss, Jr.; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and; his two dogs Pumpkin and Yoda. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. Visitation hours were on Sunday from 1:00 - 3:00 PM with a Masonic Service at 3:00 PM at the Schroder Mortuary in Colona. Funeral services were celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 20, 2018 at the Mortuary. The burial was in the Rock Island National Cemetery with Military Honors. Memorials can be made to the family and will be divided among his favorite charities.

CARROLL D. FRENCH (USMC, MSGT-Ret.) – Died Monday, September 10, 2018 in Branson, Missouri at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 6, 1936 in Sebring, Ohio to the late Foster O. and Macel P. (née Brotherton) French. Carroll graduated from Sebring High School. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 22 years including three tours in Vietnam. Carroll moved to the state of Washington where he was a self-employed Real Estate Broker while continuing to be highly involved with the Marine Corps. He moved to the Branson area from Priest River, Idaho. Carroll married Judy Fay McCullough Leming on November 22, 2008 in Branson. This past year they had celebrated ten wonderful years together. Carroll had many interests including talking politics, golfing, and singing. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Branson Chapter #913 and was involved with the Wounded Warrior Project. He was also predeceased by this two brothers Austin and Chuck. Carroll is survived by his loving wife Judy, of the home; one brother Edward "Eddie" French (Fran) of Salem-Winona, Ohio; two sons Chuck French and Major Douglas French, USMC both of the Washington area; step-son Rocky Leming (Wendy) of Myrtle Beach, SC; along with two grandchildren, Casey and Bridgett of Ohio and two step-grandchildren, Avalyn and Tristin of Myrtle Beach, SC. No preferences were made regarding nieces or nephews however Carroll was very proud of his niece Justice Judi French. Funeral services were held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 12:00 PM in the Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home and Crematory,

Branson. Chaplain Richard Burkhalter officiated. The burial was at 2:00 PM at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #913 provided full military rites. The visitation was on Sunday afternoon, September 16, 2018 from 4:00-5:00 PM in the funeral home. In Carroll's honor, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org or P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517.

HAROLD JAMES "Jimmy/Scooby" FRUGE, SR. - Died Tuesday, October 9, 2018 in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jennings on August 22, 1949 to the Eldrige Fruge and Ophelia (née Benoit) Fruge. Jimmy/Scooby worked as a Trucker Driver, a job in which he enjoyed. He loved the outdoors, fishing and working in his garden. His greatest joy was the time he spent with his family, children, and grandchildren. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Jennings Chapter #1058. Jimmy/Scooby is survived by his wife, Margie Carlos Fruge of Jennings, LA; his two sons, Harold J. Fruge, Jr. of Jennings, LA, David Fruge of Jennings, LA; his two daughters, Racquel Renée Fruge of Welsh, LA, Jamie Fruge of Welsh, LA; his two sisters, Alice Mott of Roanoke, LA, Sherri Cornell of Gilbertown, AL; as well as his five grandchildren, Brittany, Brandon, Katylnn, Gage, Shawn and Bethany; one great grandchild, Sebastian. Jimmy/Scooby was preceded in death by his parents, Eldrige and Ophelia Fruge; his daughter, Angela Fruge; his brother, Chester Fruge, Sr.; his half-sister, Betty Fruge. The funeral services were held at the Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Mickey Istre officiating. The burial was in the Lake View Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends was held beginning on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 3:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Visitation resumed on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 8:00 AM until the time of his service at 11:00 AM. extend online condolences, please visit www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net. The arrangements were entrusted to Matthews and Son Funeral Home.

JAMES D. GARNER - Died unexpectedly Wednesday, August 8, 2018 in Claysburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on May 26, 1949 in Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania to the late James M. and Laura M. (née Meritts) Garner. On May 19, 1974 in Claysburg he married Tanyia K. (née Lingenfelter) Garner, his wife of 44 years, who survives along with three sons; James W. Garner and significant other Heather, Justin J. Garner and wife Cynthia, and Jarvis J. Garner and significant other Jessica, all

of Claysburg; two grandchildren; two sisters, Patricia Garner and Bonnie Garner, both of Baltimore; a brother, David W. Garner and wife Gloria, of Claysburg, and; his good friend and caretaker, Jim Kelly, of Claysburg. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as a MSMA electrician and plumber for 40 years before retiring. He inspected quarries, underground mines for Labor and Industry, for many years. He had a degree in high voltage work and engineering. He retired in January 2009 because of health reasons and his son Justin J. Garner took over the business in 2009. He loved his church, Greenfield Charge, and all the folks there. He was a member of the Bedford Honor Guard and performed military rites for Disabled American Veteran Groups in all areas. He was proudly a commander of DAV Chapter #34 of Altoona, and District Commander of District #5 covering 6 counties. James sat on the Disabled American Veterans of the State Finance Committee and their Prisoners of War Board. He always said every veteran has earned a military funeral. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Legion. His last assignment in Vietnam was on prisoner war camps. Having many wounds after 40 years, he was awarded 100% disability from the DAV. He had most respect for God, County, and Special Forces. He was a social member of the Moose, Elks, and Redman Tribe. He graduated from Claysburg Kimmel High School in 1967. He enjoyed special devices, welding, and custom making of electrical controls and panels. He loved his three sons and teaching them the trade on a daily basis. They all have furthered their education as well in other areas. He was close to all of them. He also loved his two grandchildren immensely and enjoyed spending time with them by pushing them on the swing, reading books, or giving them tractor rides around his farm. He is three sons helped on the family farm, of beef cattle in their spare time. His saddest time in his life was during the death of his mom and dad to whom he was very close. His wife, Tanyia, is very active in helping at military events in the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home and the VA Hospital in Altoona, along with many fund raisers for the veterans. James served in the army three years, then after getting out served in the Active Army Reserves on training. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Greenfield United Church of Christ, in Claysburg, with the Reverend James Neatrour officiating. Friends were received on Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Greenfield United Church of Christ, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. The burial was in the Garner Farm Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Timothy A. Berkebile Funeral Home, in Bedford. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in James name to: Greenfield United Church of Christ, or PA Veteran's Association.

RALPH EDWARD GASAWAY (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died in his sleep Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at his home in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 2, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Sam and Mary (née Willis) Gasaway. He retired from the United States Army in 1980, a 1SG who served our country for 24 years in Korea, Vietnam and Germany; he received numerous awards for Valor, Merit

and Performance. He was a Kentucky Colonel; a long-time member and a Deacon at Hopewell Presbyterian Church; a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454 and VFW Post #1170. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #244, a member of Suburban Masonic Lodge #740, a Kosair Shriner and Past Commander of the Kosair Legion of Honor. He is survived by his wife, formerly Donna Beesley of Scipio, IN; his children, Tracee Connor, of Mount Washington, KY and Paul Gasaway (Amy), of Allegan, MI; his grandchildren also from Allegan are Elizabeth Mendoza and Amanda (Billy) Butler; great-grandsons, Jonathen Gasaway and Avery Martinez. He left behind two stepchildren, Holly Bartlett-Connor (Benjamin), of Jeffersonville, IN; Michael Bartlett and granddaughter Kayla Flaherty, of Louisville, KY; and his niece Mary Beth Scott, of Mount Washington, KY. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Sam, Charles and Lillian and wife Frances Napier Gasaway. Special thanks to his many friends and family members, Fern Creek Highview United Ministries Adult Day Center, Brightstar Care, Home Instead, the staff of the VA Hospital Home Based Primary Care program and Hospice of Louisville. Monetary expressions of sympathy may be made to Hopewell Presbyterian Church or to Fern Creek Highview United Ministries in his honor. He was cremated, and all were invited to his Celebration of Life service at 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 13721 New Hopewell Road, Louisville, KY 40299. The service was officiated by the Reverend Robert Hill. Funeral arrangements were provided by the Fern Creek Funeral Home.

GARY LYNN "Butch" GILCHRIST - Died Friday, September 14, 2018 in Good Samaritan Hospice at Heritage Valley, Beaver at the age of 74. He was a resident of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania and formerly of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 20, 1944 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania to the late Arthur and Mary (née Parker) Gilchrist. Gary was a United States Army Veteran having served in the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Freedom Chapter #862 and was a classic car enthusiast. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Margaret "Peggy" Dercole, and Donna Davison, and a brother, Arthur Regis Gilchrist. Surviving are his children, Gary (Toni) Gilchrist, Terri Riegle, Vera Gilchrist Gregory, Jeff (Ragen) Gilchrist, and Danielle (Chris) Martin; his wife, Kathy Main Gilchrist; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren, a brother, Robert "Sonny" (Rhonda) Gilchrist, and many loving nieces and nephews. Friends were received on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Tatalovich Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 2205 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, PA, where a service was held on Thursday at 11:00 AM with Reverend Zack Blair, officiating, followed by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 862 conducting military honors. The family suggested, in honor of Gary, to please come dressed in your car cruise, veteran, or patriotic attire. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #862 conducted a white rose ceremony on Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #862, P.O. Box 26, Rochester, PA 15074.

ALFREDO ZUNIGA "Teca" "AZ" GONZALES – Died Saturday, November 1, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on 18 July 1929 in Pleasanton, Texas. Throughout his life he had a few "nicknames" such as Teca and AZ to name a couple. Most know him by these names. On 24 June 1949 AZ joined the United States Army with his specialty being an Airborne Infantry Paratrooper. He served as a Mess Sergeant for all of his 23 years of service and was very proud to do so. On 12 July 1950 he married Frances Alvarado and thus began their military career together. From 1949 to 1967 he was assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky and the elite 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade in Okinawa. In 1950 he served in Korea. In combat, he served with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade in Bien Hoa, South Vietnam from 1965-1967. His other duty stations included Fort Benning, Georgia, Fort Lewis, Washington, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas and Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa, Hawaii. He retired from military service on 1 July 1972. After his military service, AZ served with the Bexar County Sherriff's Department as a jailor and law enforcement officer serving warrants for 20 years, from 1973 to 1993. AZ was a lifetime member of VFW Chapter #9186 and served as commander from 2007 to 2008. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366. He participated in local San Antonio Veterans Day and Memorial Day parades, as well as planning and organizing numerous VFW Chapter 9186 community wide barbecues and events. AZ was an avid fast-pitch softball player, playing third base, as well as a coach. In the 1960's, he coached his unit teams in Fort Campbell and Okinawa to the base championship. His Fort Campbell team competed and won two games against the famed 4-man softball team The King and his Court. For many years AZ enjoyed bowling with his wife Frances, finishing in first place in leagues numerous times. A fisherman, he was known to go just about anywhere for the catch. He enjoyed bass fishing, as well as deep sea, where he caught a goodsized marlin in Hawaii during the 1969-70 timeframe. One of his passions was hunting. He hunted wild game and his sons were his favorite bird dogs! As a young Soldier he was a boxer, participating in smokers at Fort Bragg and Fort Benning. Another passion was family gettogethers. AZ and Frances' home was always open to all and they were known for never letting anyone leave hungry. AZ/Teca is survived by his children, Christopher, Alfredo "Robin", Richard, Roger, Terry, and Frances. He has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation hours were held on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 PM with the Rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM at Porter Loring on McCullough. On Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon a service was held in the Porter Loring Chapel on McCullough. He was buried alongside his wife of 62 years in the Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery.

STEVEN DOUGLAS "Steve" GOODWIN - Died Thursday, September 6, 2018 in Roanoke, Virginia at the age of 71 after a five-year courageous battle with cancer. He was born on November 5, 1946 to the late Jack L. Goodwin, Sr. and Barbara (née Obenshain) Goodwin who survives. He now joins in heaven his father Jack L. Goodwin, Sr., and brothers Jack L. Goodwin, Jr. and Russell W. Goodwin. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Barbara (née Getgood) Goodwin; daughter, Alisa Goodwin and husband, Tim; mother, Barbara (née Obenshain) Goodwin; sister Jody Newman; numerous nieces and nephews; and so many, many friends. Steve was a veteran of the United States Army. He originally was a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company of the 11<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, Scholfield Barracks Hawaii in 1966 then went to Vietnam in 1967-68 where he was promoted to SGT E-5 with the 148<sup>th</sup> Military Police Platoon. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Roanoke Chapter #81. Upon returning home, he spent countless hours over the next 50 years dedicated to veterans through personal interaction as well as through Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 81), Roanoke Valley Veterans Council, and was instrumental in the ground work for having the Virginia Veterans Care Center built in the Roanoke Valley. His working career placed him with the Vinton Police Department, American Red Cross Blood Services as product manager, and for 26 years with the Transportation Safety Office through DMV where he was awarded the J. Stannard Baker lifetime achievement award as a pioneer in traffic safety and crash prevention. Steve was a true family man who doted on his daughter, Alisa, spoiled his wife and loved his four-legged kids Lefty, Lucy, and Ouizer. He loved working around his home, camping with Lefty in the Captain America Mobile Retirement Command Center and spending time at New Freedom Farm with Maury the Mule (and the people). Steve dedicated himself wholeheartedly to any task undertaken and was greatly admired for his work ethics. Most of all, he will be remembered for his sense of humor and ability to always leave everyone laughing. He was a "once in a lifetime, never be another one like him" kind of person. A memorial service was conducted at 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home, Salem. The family received friends following the service until 6:00 PM.

WILLIAM A. "Bill" "Tree" GRAYBEAL — Died Saturday, March 3, 2018 in the Texas Health Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 69. He had been diagnosed with a rare auto-immune disease called Wegener's, and he fought it bravely. He was born on July 18, 1948. Tree was a United States Navy Seabee and was proud of his military service and served during the Vietnam War. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America — Texas. Tree liked to help other veterans and he served in the VFW for several years in a variety of posts: service officer, chaplain and commander. He is survived by wife, Mary; children, Melissa and James; and siblings, Frank, Thomas, Kenneth and Barb. He is also blessed with a bountiful number of other relatives. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Laurel Land Funeral Home, 7100 Crowley Road in Fort Worth,

Texas. Services were held on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 PM in the Chapel of the Chimes, behind the main building near the mausoleum.

HAMILTON GREGORY - Died June 9, 2018 at Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 15, 1943. He is survived by daughter, Jessamyn Gregory of Edneyville; son, James Gregory of Youngsville, LA; daughter, June Gregory of Asheville; and grandchildren: Brooke, Gracie, Blake, Demi, Kristin, Makayla, Bailey, and Ty. He was predeceased by Merrell Gregory, his beloved wife of 44 years. He was the author of a bestselling college textbook, Public Speaking for College and Career, which has been used by over two million students in the U.S. and Canada. A Chinese-language edition was sold in mainland China. He also wrote an Amazon.com bestseller, McNamara's Folly: The Use of Low-IQ Troops in the Vietnam War, which was highly acclaimed by leading veterans for its exposé of Project 100,000, a program that sent mentally limited men into combat in Vietnam. Anthony Zinni, a four-star general in the U.S. Marine Corps, wrote, "Hamilton Gregory has written a superb account of the debacle that was Project 100,000. This book should be read by every one of our political leaders who need to understand the effects of stupid decisions made by those who do not understand the nature of war." Gregory got to know dozens of "McNamara's Morons" (as they were cruelly called) while training at Fort Benning, GA, in 1967. He was outraged that such men were inducted and sent into combat, with a predictably high rate of death and disability. He vowed that he would someday tell their story - a vow that he fulfilled by writing his book and by appearing in a YouTube video entitled "McNamara's Folly." Gregory served in Vietnam as a United States Army intelligence agent in 1968-69. Using a false name and posing as a civilian journalist, he worked on a team that recruited and trained Frenchmen and Southeast Asians for espionage missions in Cambodia. He narrowly escaped being killed in a terrorist attack, causing him to view each day afterward as a "bonus day" - a gift from God. He was a Life Member of three organizations - Vietnam Veteran of America - (At-Large) North Carolina, Disabled American Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He wrote articles about Vietnam that appeared in the New York Times, Military History magazine, MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History, Vietnam magazine, VVA Veteran, and Huffington Post. An essay was included in War and Moral Injury: A Reader, an anthology published by Cascade Books. He taught English and public speaking at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College for 33 years. In 1988, he was named Instructor of the Year at A-B Tech. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to A-B Tech (Scholarship Fund), 340 Victoria Road, Asheville, NC 28801. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 6, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Grace Episcopal Church on Merrimon Avenue.

REVEREND GERALD D. GREEN, SR. (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Monday, September 17, 2018 in Ardmore, Oklahoma at the age of 81. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Pekin, Illinois on April 21, 1937 and graduated from Pekin Community High School. Reverend Green served in the United States Army for a period of twenty-two years, retiring as a First Sergeant. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Republic of Vietnam Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four stars, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, two Overseas Service Bars, Army Service Ribbon, 3<sup>rd</sup> award, Sharpshooter (M-14), Expert (M-16). He was employed by Civil Service and worked at Treasure Lake Job Corps as Assistant Warehouseman and Laundry Supervisor from 1988-1997. He served as Assistant Pastor of the Cornerstone Christian Church and served as the first Chaplain of the Veterans Center of Lawton for 5 years. He served on the Comanche Memorial Hospital and Southwestern Hospital Volunteer Chaplain Program for over 4 years. He served as a Hospice Chaplain for many years and was inducted into the Legion of Honor of the Four Chaplains in 1998. He served as the Third Jr. Vice Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Sate of Oklahoma, Third District Commander and Chapter Commander of the Joe McCain Chapter 56 from 1988-1989. He was a Life Member and served as Chaplain/Assistant Chaplain for Vietnam Veterans of America - Lawton Chapter #751 for over 16 years. He also served as a member of the Human Rights Committee of Lawton, OK, and worked as a volunteer at Fort Sill Veteran's Out Patient Clinic. He was one of the original Transportation Drivers for the Disabled American Veterans. He also worked as a Sentinel for the Lawton Police Department. He is survived by his brother, Robert G. Green and his wife, Elsie, of Pekin, Illinois, his daughter, Trudy Rice and husband Zeldon, of Lawton, OK, his daughter Susan Ozuna and Husband Albert, of Lawton, OK, son Gerald "Butch" Green, Jr., and wife Michelle, of Ardmore, OK, his grandchildren, Kyle Hollander, Stephanie Peddycoart, Ursela Stevens, Ginger Blendheim, Bryan Pierce, Stephen Pierce, Tyler Pierce, Parker Green, Haleigh Walker, Amber Smith, Amanda Dinwiddie, Tyler Chester, Taylor Chester, Jackie Chester and Sam Harris, and 29 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his Step Father, Walter Atherton, his mother, Juanita Atherton, and his loving wife, Gertrud Green. The funeral service for Reverend Gerald D. Green, Sr. was at 12:30 PM on Friday, September 21, 2018 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jim McGuire, associate pastor at First Baptist East officiating. The burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM EDWARD "Ed" GRIFFITH, JR. - Died peacefully Sunday, July 29, 2018 in Princeton, West Virginia at the 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 28, 1945 in Huntington, West Virginia to the late William Edward Griffith, Sr. and Cora (née Morrison) Griffith. Ed was a graduate of Concord College in Athens and a veteran of the

Vietnam War serving with the United States Army. While serving his country, he received a Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with 1 O/S Bar, Vietnam Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Ed retired from the WV Division of Environmental Protection Agency as the Assistance Chief for surface mines after 33 years of service. He served with the Athens Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years, stepping down as its Assistant Chief. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Princeton Chapter #628. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Coburn Griffith and a brother David Lee Griffith. Those left to cherish his memory, his two sons; Roger Dale Griffith of Lewisburg, Keith Edward and Jennifer Ryan Griffith of Morgantown; His four grandchildren whom he adored, Caleb, Aaron, Alex and Amanda; His sister Karen Sue Clagg and husband Denzel of NC; A former daughter-in-law Susan Griffith. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Robbie Shorter officiating. The burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery in Princeton with full military honors given under the direction of the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. Friends visited with the family on Friday from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Online condolences may be shared with the family via www.memorialfd.com. The Griffith family is being served by the Memorial Funeral Directory and Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.

MICHAEL RAYMOND HAGAN, SR. - Died Saturday, September 15, 2018, in Houston, Texas at the age of 70. He was a resident of Orange, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Orange, Texas on September 30, 1947 to the late Wilbert Otis Hagan and Dorothy Julia (née Taylor) Hagan. Michael worked as a Diesel Mechanic, proudly served his country in the United States Army, and was Purple Heart Recipient. He was a member of numerous organizations including the present Commander of Chapter #236-Disabled American Veterans in Vidor, TX, and past Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer of American Veterans (AMVETS) Chapter #64 in Wilburton, OK. Michael was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Beaumont Chapter #292 in Beaumont, VFW of Port Neches Chapter #4820, American Legion Post #49 in Orange, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #236 in Vidor, and the Purple Heart Association Chapter #727 of New Llano, LA. He was a lifetime shareholder at the United Spanish War Veterans Colony and past board member several times in Wilburton, OK. Michael was a member of the Deer Cove Hunting Club and enjoyed spending time fishing, shrimping, hunting, and skinning hides. He spent his childhood as a member of the Boy Scouts of America. Michael enjoyed sports, was an ASA Umpire, and worked the chains for the high school football games. He was an avid fan of the Houston Astros baseball team and the West Orange- Stark High School football team. He loved car racing and had a lifetime pass to N. H. R. A. drag racing. Michael loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbert and Dorothy Hagan; sisters, Joan Hagan and Claira Dee Baker; brothers, Walter Hagan and Larry Hagan; granddaughter, Felicity Starr Hagan; and his brother-in-law, Ed Baker. Those

left to cherish Michael's memory include his loving wife, Ida Hagan; children, Michael R. Hagan, Jr. and wife Cynthia Naomi, of Orange and Roy Randolph Hagan and wife Donna Gail, of Orange; grandchildren, Brittany Mae Hagan, of Houston, Michael R. Hagan, III and wife Randi, of Orange, Roy "R.J." Hagan, II, of Orange, and Serenity Faith Hagan, of Orange; greatgrandchildren, Felicity Savanna Hagan and Cameron Reed Hagan, both of Orange; and his siblings, Kenneth E. Hagan, Sr. and wife Nadine, Cecilia Krivick and husband Rick, and James Hagan. The funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating was Reverends Jeff Bell and Daniel Hagan. The burial was in the Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Orange. Visitation hours were from 5:00 to 10:00 PM on Friday at the Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Serving as pallbearers were Johnny Bergeron, Michael Hagan III, Roy "R.J." Hagan, Dylan Frazier, Orlando Reyes and Efrain Ramirez. The honorary pallbearers were Dwain Schichtel and Jack Cogle.

CHARLES ELWIN "Choo Choo Charlie" HALL - Died Sunday, August 19, 2018 at Saint John Macomb-Oakland Hospital at the age of 74. He was a resident of Center Line, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 23, 1943. Charles will be sadly missed by his wife of 27 years, Billie June Hall. "Choo Charlie," as he was known in some circles, leaves behind a loving family: daughters Sherrill (Don) Rohde, Kimberley Hall, Carrie (Greg) Flanagin; step-children Gregory (Andrea) Konzem, James (Patty) Konzem, Suzanne Konzem, Michael (Beverly) Konzem, John Konzem, several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; his brother John Hall; and sisters Rebecca Cole, Marjorie Brunett and Roberta Kleeman. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Clinton Township Chapter #154. Charlie was involved in numerous veteran organizations, including: the 40 and 8 Voiture in Mt. Clemens, VFW (Menge) Post 6756, American Legion Post 4, Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapter 154 and the NRA. No services were scheduled however the Honor Guard and committal ceremony took place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on Friday, August 31st at 9:00 AM. Arrangements were made with the Kaul Funeral Home, 27830 Gratiot Avenue, Roseville, MI 48066. Please leave a message for the family or share a memory of Charlie at www.kaulfuneral.com.

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JERRY WAYNE HARDY - Died Thursday, August 9, 2018 at the William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was a resident of Janesville, Wisconsin. Jerry was born in Edgerton, Wisconsin on July 20, 1945 to the late Albert "Jake" and Birget (née Flister) Hardy. Jerry attended Edgerton High School. Jerry owned his own retail store and also a midget race car team. He was a veteran of the United Star Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Janesville Chapter #236**. He is predeceased in death by his parents and a son, Craig. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 12:00 Noon at All Faiths Funeral Home in Janesville, WI. A visitation was held from 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> until the time of the service at the funeral home. The interment was in the Jensen Cemetery in Edgerton.

CHARLES ROGER HARMON - Died Sunday, May 21, 2017 in Austinville, Virginia at the age of 75 after a brief and hard-fought battle with cancer. The cause of death was acute gastrointestinal bleed, acute hypoxic respiratory failure, acute renal failure, stage 4 esophageal cancer and coronary artery disease. Roger was born in Carroll County, Virginia on January 7, 1942 to the late Clell and Goldie (née Smythers) Harmon. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After his service in Vietnam he returned home and then married Barbara Ann Flanagan on November 17, 1967. They shared 49 years together in marriage. Roger was a barber for over 40 years and was quite a jokester. He loved his customers dearly. He was an avid rail fan and a lifetime member of VFW Post #1115. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Galax Chapter #710. He served as a deacon at Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church. He is survived by his mother Goldie and his wife, Barbara. He was preceded in death by his father Clell. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Cora Mae and Elder Edward Bowman. Roger is also survived by their three children and spouses, Mark and Chandra Harmon, Krista and Steve Burnette, and Michael and Trish Harmon. He was a doting grandfather to Christopher, Courtney, Sarah, Caleb, Abby, Whitney and her husband, Rick, and step grandson, Gideon. He is also survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Harvey and Martha Flanagan and Roger and Carol Sue Bond. Roger also had many special friends, cousins, a niece and nephews. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel with Elder Ronnie Bowman and Elder Edward Bowman officiating. The burial was in the Beasley Cemetery. Military rites were

conducted by the Hillsville VFW Grover King Post #1115. The family received friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the Laurel Community. Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel served the family.

LARRY ROBERT HARRIS - Died Thursday, August 23, 2018 in Saint George, Utah at the age of 71. The cause of death was kidney failure. He was born on January 27, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Geneva (née Rountree) Harris and the late Robert Lee Harris Larry grew up in Hometown, Illinois and served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970 in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1974. Larry had several employment opportunities in his life, but the one he was most proud of was as a teacher at Horizonte High School in Salt Lake City. Larry was the loving husband of Tina and beloved father of Timothy and Andrea. He had a special place in his heart for Amber Fullmer Harris. His grandchild Liam Robert Harris was the light of his life. Larry is survived by his sister Sandra Abbott (Peter), nephew Jason Abbott and niece Vanessa Harris along with many aunts, uncles and cousins. Larry enjoyed fishing, playing horseshoes, creative writing and watching the Chicago Cubs, Blackhawks and the Bears. Friends and family attended a celebration of life on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Sun River Community Center, 4275 South Country Club Drive, Saint George, Utah.

ROBERT T. "Bob" HAWKINS (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Sunday, September 2, 2018 in Pawleys Island, South Carolina at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He born on April 11, 1942 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Floyd Hawkins. He was also predeceased by his brother, A. Floyd Hawkins, Jr. He was a retired Army Colonel and former Director of the Indiana Veterans Home. He is survived by his wife Fran; daughter Robin and sonin-law Mike Pineda and granddaughters Liliann and Parker; brother-in-law Dick Bennett and Anita; sister-in-law, Esther Benton and several nieces and nephews. He was an active member of his community, volunteering in numerous organizations to promote the needs of veterans and others. He received the Volunteer of the Year Award for the city of Myrtle Beach as well as the Strom Thurmond Distinguished Public Service Award from the American Legion. During his twenty-eight years of service in the United States Army, he received numerous accommodations including: The Bronze Star for service in Vietnam, The Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf clusters), and Order of Military Medical Merit. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Surfside Beach Chapter #925. He touched the lives of many individuals and will be missed. We love you Papa! A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. The family received friends from 1:00-1:45 PM prior to the service. The burial was held in the Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The American Red Cross, 104 Screven Street, Georgetown, SC 29440 or MOAA Grand Strand Chapter, PO Box 15842,

Surfside Beach, SC 29587-5842. Sign an on line guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

LARRY V. HAWTHORNE - Died Thursday, September 6, 2018 in Mineral City, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death was complications from cardiac surgery. Known as "Papa Larry" to his family, he was born in Union Hospital in Dover, Ohio on July 28, 1951; a day, years later, he would be proud to share with his grandson, Alex. Larry was one of 13 children born to the late Ralph and Oda (née Snyder) Hawthorne and a 1969 graduate of Tusky Valley High School. Larry began his career working in the factories as a Journeyman Millwright and Journeyman Machinist before enlisting into the United States Air Force. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force in Vietnam as a jet mechanic and specifically worked on the F-4 Phantom Fighter Jets. Upon his return from the service, Larry married the former Debra Scott on September 8, 1972. Larry continued his career in the machinist industry with the Trumpf Group. He became an expert regarding their CNC Punch Presses and eventually went out on his own forming First Class Technical Services of Dover. Larry became the go-to person in the industry and traveled throughout the United States and Canada, servicing, performing preventative maintenance, and installing machines. He had a natural talent to be able to fix, build and repair just about anything that included plumbing, electrical, and woodworking. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857. He was a lover of animals and often in his travels would pick up and bring home stray pets. He and Debbie cared for these pets and loved having them as part of their family. Larry's generous and giving heart gave to not only animals but any one in need; often sacrificing his own needs above others. He recently saw a need to make a difference in the government and made a self-funded run for State Representative this past May. When not helping others or working, Larry enjoyed hiking, backpacking, and spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed marathon running and instilled in his family the importance of determination and never giving up on a goal or dream. In addition to his wife of 46 years, Larry will be missed by his son, Zachary (Pamela) Hawthorne of Mineral City and his daughter, April (Scott) Bonvechio of Dover; his grandchildren, Allie, Alex, and Anna Bonvechio as well as numerous siblings, nieces and nephews. Cremation care was conducted by Geib's Tuscarawas Valley Crematory. A celebration of his life was held at a later date. Memorial contributions in his name may be directed to The George Fund, c/o Valley View Animal Hospital, 2167 Progress Street, Dover, Ohio 44622, a fund that helps local animals in need of veterinary care or to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #857, PO BOX 170, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663.

<u>RUFUS J. HEARTSILL</u> – Died recently in 2018 in Taos, New Mexico at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 26, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio** (*Texas*) **Chapter #366**.

<u>GARY JON HOPPES, Ph.D.</u> - Died Monday, July 11, 2005 in the Kindred Hospital, Sycamore, Illinois at the age of 58, following a battle with Guillain-Barré syndrome. He was a resident of Ely, Iowa. Gary was born on October 9, 1946, in Davenport, Iowa to the late James William

Hoppes and Viola Pearl (née Johnson) Hoppes. On November 5, 1971, he was united in marriage to Donna Silver at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Gary served in the United States Navy from 1965 - 1969, then the Naval Reserves until 1993, attaining the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was a 1965 graduate of Maquoketa High School. Gary received both his master's and doctorate degrees from Iowa State University. He was involved in education for over thirty years, most recently at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. Gary was a member of the Ely American Legion Post #555, Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Magnolia (Arkansas) Chapter #808; and VFW Chapter #2780. He was currently serving as president of the manufacturing division of NAIT and was also highly involved with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Gary's hobbies and interests were collecting and restoring old cars, telling his life experiences and stories and helping students and anyone with any need. He will be so truly missed. Survivors include his wife, Donna Silver; two sisters, Nancy (Allen) Sellnau of Martelle, and Linda Atkinson of Lost Nation; mother-in-law, Grace Silver of Marion; brother-in-law, Wayne (Pam) Silver of Cedar Rapids; sister-in-law, Pamela D. Silver of Marion; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, Ed Silver. Visitation hours were from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Murdoch Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Marion. A luncheon was served on Saturday, July 16, 2005 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the First Baptist Church, 1260 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Marion, with funeral services following the luncheon at 1:00 PM. The Reverend Randy Bobzien and Colonel Andy Anderson (Ret.) co-officiated. The burial was in the Mount. Clark Cemetery, Central City, with military honors provided by Ely American Legion Post #555, Central City American Legion Wapsie Post #421 and a Navy Detail. Military honors were provided by American Legion Post #555 of Ely. A memorial fund was established for a scholarship fund at a state university in Iowa.

<u>JESSE D. JOHNSON</u> – Died recently in 2018 in Loma Linda, Missouri at the age of 86. That cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 16, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma**.

<u>KURT W. JOHNSON</u> – Died recently in 2018 in Shirley, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 11, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**.

RICHARD MURRAY JONES — Died Saturday, August 5, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 72 after a long battle with cancer. Richard was born in Denison, Texas on August 13, 1944 to the late Dena and Henry Jones. He graduated from Denison High School in Denison, Texas then joined the United States Marine Corps and served as a Sergeant (E-5) serving in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — San Antonio Chapter #366. He later attended and graduated from the University of Texas in Arlington. He enjoyed a career in the Life Insurance Industry and joined USAA Insurance Company where he met and married

the love of his life Stephanie. After a career in insurance he became an elementary school teacher and taught in the Seguin School system until retirement.

LEON WESLEY KERR - Died Wednesday, April 2018 at home in Reeds Spring, Missouri at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Fort Madison, Iowa on November 2, 1949 to the John Wesley Kerr and Virgil "Virgie" Eloise (née Breitenstein) Kerr. On December 21, 1981, he married Glenda Margaret Gates. To this union, they would soon be blessed with two sons, Wesley and Collin "CJ". Leon graduated from Kahoka High School on May 23, 1968 and would leave for military service just five days later. Leon served in the United States Navy from May 29, 1968 to February 28, 1972 as an Engineman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, obtaining the rate of E-5. While serving "In-Country", he served as a member of the Brown Water Navy, and captained a River Patrol Boat on the Mekong Delta, River Division #514. Upon returning stateside, he would later commission and serve aboard the USS Trippe. Honors awarded to Leon for service to the United States were the Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal (9 stars), and National Defense Service Medal. He was a member of the American Legion Post #637, a Life Member of Tri-Lakes Vietnam Veterans of America Kimberling City Chapter #1119, Disabled American Veterans, PBR Forces Veterans Association, Inc., and Gamewardens of Vietnam Association, Inc. After his time in the service, he returned home to work along, his father. Together they owned and operated the Gambles Hardware Store in Kahoka, MO until May of 1983. During this time Leon also dabbled in the landlord business, and bit of drag racing. Most of his working years were spent in retail management of hardware stores. In the later years, he decided he just wanted to be a clerk, and 14 years late retired from Meeks Lumber in 2012. After retirement, he continued to work part time for Meeks, and did a short stint with the 'Silver Sneaker Crew'. Leon liked to go fishing, golfing with friends, playing darts, and working in his yard. But, mostly he enjoyed hanging with his many friends at the American Legion...and, of course, spoiling his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Glenda. One son, Wesley P. Kerr of Nixa, MO. He was blessed with three grandchildren, Landon Wesley Kerr and Evelyn Sue Kerr of Nixa, MO, and Corey D. Garrigus of Springfield, MO, two sisters, Nancy (Edmund) Vinci of Baton Rouge, LA, and Janet (Brett) Brewer of Memphis, MO. As well as, numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins, and many brothers from other mothers. Greeting him upon his Homecoming was his son, Collin "CJ" Joseph Kerr, both of his parents, father-in-law, and step father-in-law, many ancestors, friends, and fellow soldiers. Family, friends, and others whose lives Leon touched were invited to the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, MO (5201 South Southwood Road), on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 12:00 Noon, where he received full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you donate to the Washington Regional Cancer Support Home in Fayetteville, AR. They graciously share their facility as support to the families of, and/or patients themselves being treated at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville.

<u>WILLIAM J. KIRKER</u> – Died Wednesday, August 15, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 14, 1943. He is survived by his wife,

Avis Kirker, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**. He was cremated, and the cremains were interred in the cemetery in thee Amargosa Valley in Nevada.

EDWARD F. "Ed" "Butch" KOEHN - Died Friday, August 31, 2018 at home in The Villages, Florida at the age of 73, surrounded by his family after a short fight with lung cancer. Ed was born on February 16, 1945 in Columbus, Ohio to the late Robert E. Koehn, Sr. and Edna L. (née Corriveau) Koehn. He graduated in 1963 from Saint Mary High School in Warren, Ohio. Ed is the oldest of 8 siblings, Dick, Robyn, Bobby, Joe, Candy, Ted and Kat and precedes them in death. Ed served our country proudly in the United States Army and a veteran of Vietnam from 1965-1967. He married the love of his life Jane (née Buffington) in September 1977 and moved their family to Brockway, Pennsylvania. There, Ed worked for many years for CNG/Dominion Gas, first as a technical specialist and finally an Operations Supervisor, retiring in 2006. Ed was very active in The Villages upon his retirement joining several groups. He was a passionate golfer and bowler and a member of the VIP (Visually Impaired Person) Group and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Oxford Chapter #1036 where he served on the Chapter Color Guard. He and his wife Jane loved the wonderful friendships of their many neighbors over these last 12 years. He truly loved retiring to The Villages and tooling around in his golf cart. Ed is the proud father of his 3 children Stephen Koehn, Christine (Jeff) Polliard, and Jimmy Koehn and his many grandchildren, Sandy Martin, Julia Koehn, Zachary Polliard, Kenny Koehn, Rachel Polliard, Paige Koehn, Alayna Koehn, Haley Koehn, Teagan Koehn, Gabriella Polliard and Savannah Koehn. He also leaves behind his beloved dog John. Ed is preceded in death by his father Robert E. Koehn, Sr, his mother in law, Betty Buffington, several brothers-in-law, a niece and a nephew. Services to celebrate Ed's life were held both in Pennsylvania, where his remains were laid to rest and in The Villages, where he enjoyed the final chapters of his life. September 15, 2018: Brockway American Legion Post #95, 1109 Pershing Avenue, Brockway, PA 15824 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. September 22, 2018: Saddlebrook Recreation Center, 3010 Saddlebrook Lane, The Villages, Florida. 1:30 PM-3:30 PM. The family had asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to Two Blind Brothers (https://twoblindbrothers.com), the Alzheimer's Foundation (https://www.alz.org), or any Cancer research of your choosing. The arrangements were entrusted to the Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com.

RICHARD A. "Rick" KOZIOL (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, August 19, 2018 peacefully in Athens, Texas at the age of 76. He was a resident of Star Harbor, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born on April 9, 1942 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to the late Marion A. Koziol, Sr. and Victoria (née Zwierzchon) Koziol in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He met and married Delores J. Koziol on October 12, 1991, twenty-six years to his passing. Upon graduating in 1959 from Beaver Falls, PA High School, joined the United States Army. Serving thirty-five years to his beloved country, during those years, he was in Germany for two tours and served in the Vietnam War. Richard was also based in Korea. He served in the Special Forces and as a Green Beret. He attained many military awards of meritorious and commendations. Richard was awarded the Order of Saint George as a distinguished Knight for his long and honorable service to the Army and Calvary. He rode with the Black Horse Stables and was a distinguished member of California National Guard. Retiring in September of 1994, moving from California to Mesquite, Texas. Richard was employed with the City of Dallas Police Department as an Assistant Manager of the records department moving up as the Manager of records. During his employment there, he taught NCIC/TCIC to Dallas Policemen, then retiring in 2003. Richard was a member of VFW, American Legion and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Corsicana Chapter #1009. He was a volunteer of Corsicana Angels and Meals on Wheels in Malakoff, TX. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and brother Christopher Bielewicz. He is survived by his loving wife Delores Koziol, of Star Harbor, TX; was a father of three, a daughter, Virginia Koziol, son, Anthony Koziol and son, John Koziol, all of California; a grandson, Doug Briscoe (Amy), of Yuba City, CA; two sisters, Irene Bielewicz Oravitz (Michael), of PA and Gloria Bielewicz (Jerry), of FL, and; three stepchildren, Jeffrey Hallam and Kevin Hallam, of Fairfield, TX and Tammy Hallam Walker (Steve), of Frisco, TX. In lieu of flowers the family requested that contributions be made in Richard's honor to the Corsicana Angels, of Corsicana, Texas.

ZDZISTAW J. "James" KURASZ - Died Friday, August 10, 2018 in Cedar Grove, New Jersey at the age 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Emstedden, Germany on October 4, 1948 to the late Frank and Janina Kurasz. James came to the United States in 1949 and lived in Jersey City, New Jersey, Lyndhurst, New Jersey and North Arlington, New Jersey before settling in Cedar Grove in 1977. He proudly served our country in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was employed by the United State Postal Service as a master control room operator at the distribution center in Kearny, N.J. for over 40 years before retiring. James was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Grove Chapter #510** and the Disabled American Veterans chapters in Cedar Grove and Bayonne, NJ. Predeceased by his parents, he is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Linda (née

Ludviksen); his loving sons, James F. and Michael A.; his cherished grandson, Bryan Cubero, and; his dear siblings, Christine Schwartz, Stella Sharp, Frank and Edward. Visitation hours were on Monday, August 13, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Shook's Cedar Grove Funeral Home, 486 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove. A Catholic prayer service, with military honors, were offered at 7:45 PM. Cremation was private. Memories and condolences may be shared at shookscedargrove.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250.

GARY RAYMOND "Pytzowye" LaFAVE - Died Friday, July 20, 2018 in Port Huron, Michigan at the age of 71, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 12, 1947 in Port Huron to the late Raymond and Regina LaFave. Gary served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #1083. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, the water, boating, playing pool, darts and cards. Gary also enjoyed spending time with his family and loved ones especially his Uncle Marsh Smith. He is survived by his son, Gary LaFave, of Port Huron; his son, John (Rachael) LaFave, of Fort Gratiot; his daughter, McKenzie (Carl) Harris, of Port Huron; and their mother, Shari LaFave, of Port Huron; his grandchildren, Denver, Devyn, JoceLynn, Kiley and Laina; two sisters, Linda Delezenne of Florida and Judy Amesse, of Kimball; his brother, Joe (Nadine) LaFave, of Marysville; sister, Joanne LaFave Alexander, of Port Huron; brother, Tony LaFave, of Port Huron; his aunt, Sally Smith, of Port Huron; his uncles, Marsh Smith, of Port Huron and Pete Smith, and; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Memorial service was held at 12:00 PM on Thursday in the Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. The Reverend Max Amstutz officiated. Visiting hours were held on Thursday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the funeral home. Memorial tributes may be made to the Wishes of the Family.

WILLIAM C. LAND, SR. – Died Monday, April 23, 2018 in Lyndhurst, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related end-stage renal disease. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 24, 1943. He was the loving husband of Mary, father of William, Jr. and a daughter Tashia. He served in the United States Marine Corps from July 29, 1963 to July 7, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249**. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM at the South Euclid United Church of Christ, 4217 Bluestone Road. Friends visited with family a half hour before the service. Mr. Land layed-in-state at the Charles Taylor Funeral and Cremation Service on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM.

KEITH W. LAPE - Died Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the VA Medical Center in Syracuse, New York at the age of 69. He was a resident of Syracuse. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest, coronary artery disease, chronic kidney disease and diabetes mellitus type II. Keith was born on May 26, 1949, a native of Rochester, New York to the late Frank Lape and Betty Baxter. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran, who was awarded 2 Bronze Stars for heroism, a Bronze Star for meritorious service and 2 commendation medals, while serving as a combat medic with the United States Army 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was a *Life* Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Rochester Chapter #20. Following his military service, he worked for several years in various sales positions and resided in Liverpool, NY as well as Rochester. Survivors include, his children, Kelly (Jim) Carter, Kevin (Beth) Lape; his grandchildren, Ashley and Brooke Carter and Joseph, Emily and Andrew Lape, his siblings, Valerie Stote, Donna Lee Collins, Timothy and Steven Lape and many nieces and nephews including John Lape who he raised as a son. He was predeceased by his father, Frank Lape, by his mother, Betty Baxter, and by his brothers, Warner, Charles, Frank and David Lape. Calling hours were on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Carter Funeral Home, 1604 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse concluding with military honors. A reception was at the Mattydale VFW Post #3146, 2200 Lemoyne Avenue, Syracuse, NY. The burial was in the Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

WILLIAM GEORGE "Bill" LAUGHNER - Died Monday, September 10, 2018 in Darlington, Pennsylvania at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family at home. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on May 3, 1943 in Rochester, Pennsylvania to the late Arthur and Romaine Laughner. Bill and his "bride" Marlene Birnesser married on June 1, 1968. They recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a party thrown by their family. Bill was extremely active in his community and in numerous organizations. He was the past president of the Society of Nuclear Medicine Pittsburgh Chapter. He was the past president of the Little Beaver Lions Club, and he also directed their Mother's Day rose sale. He initiated the duck races for the Lion's Club thus earning the nickname "Duckman." For many years he was involved in the upkeep of Beacon Lodge. Bill and Marlene participated in the Lion listener reading program at Northwestern Elementary School and Chippewa. He was well known for always having a raffle ticket to sell for something. For many years he served as Chairman of the Beaver County Stockman's Club and was extremely active in the Hookstown Fair. For the last several years, the organization nearest and dearest to his heart was the Vietnam Veterans of America - Freedom Chapter #862 as a Life Member. He served as their executive vice president in the past, and he was also involved in planning projects and activities. He was most proud to welcome fellow soldiers' home and thank them for their service, a welcome home that he never received. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from March of 1966

and returned to the states in March of 1967. Bill was a graduate of the Carnegie School of Technology. He was a lab technician at Providence Hospital. In 1967, he started the first Nuclear Medicine department at New Brighton Hospital and eventually Rochester Hospital. He earned the nickname "the Father of Nuclear Medicine" in Beaver County. In 1980 Bill moved to the Medical Center which is now Heritage Valley where he worked in Nuclear Medicine until 1992. Bill then went to work for Tri-State Cardiology establishing nuclear cardiac imaging for the Hopewell and Beaver offices. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Marlene Laughner, and he is survived by his three daughters and sons-in-law, Laurie and Dan McCracken, Jodie and Larry Aikins, and Chris and Mike Sylvester. He leaves behind eight grandchildren who admired and adored him, Eric, Allison and Emily McCracken, Austin, Nathan and Hannah Aikins, and Domenic and Maryn Sylvester. He is survived by his brothers and sisters, James Laughner, Barb and Lou Magnotta, Robert and Linda Laughner, and Becky and Keith Dunbaugh; as well as many nephews and nieces who were more like grandchildren to him. He was preceded in death by both his parents, and his sister, Mary Buffington. Bill will be sadly missed by all who were lucky enough to have known him. He's travelled to a better place where there is no pain, an abundance of junk to collect, always a full cup of ice, and where the sidewalks are lined with chocolate ice cream. May we meet again. Friends were received on Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and on Sunday from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM and from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in the Gabauer-Lutton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 117 Blackhawk Road, Chippewa Township, gabauerfamily funeralhomes.com, where a service was held on Monday at 10:30 AM with Reverend C.F. Hoffman officiated. The Little Beaver Lions Club conducted a ceremony on Sunday at 1:00 PM at the funeral home. A private memorial service was held at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies on Monday at 1:30 PM. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be donated to the Vietnam Veterans Chapter #862, P.O. Box 26, Rochester, PA 15074 or the Little Beaver Lions Club, 3407 Constitution Boulevard, Darlington, PA 16115. Special thanks and gratitude to Dr. Paul Wawrzynski and staff for listening and helping when no one else would. Also, to the Stepeks, the Enslens, the Stalneckers, the Cekoviches, the Gormans, the Grivnas and the Yanssens for not only being lifelong neighbors but also for being family. Lastly, our deepest gratitude to sister-in-law Pat Birnesser, who put her life on hold to help care for Bill.

DEACON WILLIE L. LEE, JR. — Died Tuesday, September 16, 2018 in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death was acute myeloid leukemia. He was born on March 3, 1942 in West Point, Mississippi to the late Willie Lee, Sr. and Euzuma (née Cousins) Lee. He was educated in the Ypsilanti Public School system and later attended an IBM Technical School in Detroit, MI until being drafted in the United States Army in 1964. Willie served in Vietnam from 1965-1966 during which time he received a good conduct medal, Vietnam service medal, and expert rifle medal. Willie was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — Ann Arbor Chapter #310 and American Legion Post #225. Willie was united in Holy matrimony to Ernestine L. Birton on July 18, 1969. To this union three daughters were born. He accepted Christ at an early age. In 1970, he joined Mt. Olive COGIC under the leadership of Elder Willie E.

Sheard and later under Elder Arnold C. Sheard. He was a faithful worker in the church: serving as the Sunday School bus driver, church videographer, and serving on the Trustee and Deacon Boards. Willie was employed at Ford Motor Company for 34 years after which he retired in 1999 with many awards and accommodations. Willie leaves in the picture gallery of life to cherish fond memories; in his homegoing the love of his life, and wife of 49 years, Ernestine (Birton) Lee, three daughters: Quanda (Trey) Knowles of Texas, Shelli (Antoine) Johnson of Mississippi, and Carmen (Kendrick) Osborn of Michigan. Nine grandchildren: Brianna, Amiyah, Bre'Lynn, Shaylah, Kayla, Kiera, Anthony, Antoine II, and Kendrick II. One sister: Dorothy Jean Erby of Michigan, and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

JOHN WILLIAM LIGHTNER - Died Sunday, July 1, 2018 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. He was a resident of New Sewickley, Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was an accident at home, death resulting. He was born on June 28, 1948 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania to the late Donald and Martha (née Mitchell) Lightner. John proudly served his country with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862. Following his honorable discharge, he began a long rewarding career with Michael Baker and retired as a Project Manager. In his leisure time, John enjoyed traveling with his wife. He was a classic car enthusiast and liked showing his restored vehicles. John was a member of the Planning and Recreation Board of New Sewickley Township; past president of the Beaver County Diabetes Association; and member of the Rochester Free Methodist Church. John was passionate in community service delivering Meals on Wheels in Beaver and Brighton Township. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Carey in 2008. John is survived by his loving wife: Sharon (née Mayhue) Lightner, with whom he would have celebrated 50 years of marriage this August; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcy (Warren) Shaffer, Mars, PA and Heather Lightner, Parkville, MD; one brother, Paul Lightner, Tampa, FL, and; his sister, Linda Burckart, New Milford, CT. Friends were received on Friday, July 6, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Saul-Gabauer Funeral Home, Inc., 273 Route 68, Rochester (adjacent to Sylvania Hills Memorial Park Mausoleum). A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at the Rochester Free Methodist Church, 480 Jefferson Street, Rochester, PA, 15074. If desired, memorial contributions may be directed to the Building Fund of the Church. Following cremation, John's cremains were inurned at the Veterans National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA with full Military Honors.

CURTIS M. LILLY, SR. - Died Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Princeton Community Hospital at the age of 75. He was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on December 16, 1942 in Princeton to the late Dean and Lucille Lilly. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and served in the West Virginia National Guard for several years. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — Princeton Chapter #628. He formerly worked as a heavy equipment operator with the railroad. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son, Curtis M. Lilly, Jr.; one daughter, Sharon Denise Lilly and one brother, Reverend Steve Lilly. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Heaton) Lilly; his one son, Steven Bryan Lilly and wife Christina of Princeton; two sisters, Janice Hicks and husband Ronnie of Princeton and Dreama Radford and companion Terry Hawks of Princeton; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A time of visitation and sharing with the family and friends was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM at the Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton where the Mercer County Veterans Council conducted military rites. The burial was in the Resthaven Park Cemetery in Princeton.

CARL WOODROW LINDBECK - Died Saturday. May 19, 2018 in De Pere, Wisconsin at the age of 72, surrounded by friends and family two days after his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday after a vearlong battle with cancer. He was born in Stambaugh, Michigan on May 17, 1946 to the late Spencer and Carolyn Lindbeck. He married Georgene Peruzzi on December 27, 1969 after returning from serving our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Carl was a member of the 101st Airborne's "Screaming Eagles" Division from 1967 to 1969. During his tour in Vietnam he fought in the battle of Hamburger Hill. He was a decorated veteran earning the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, the Air Medal, and the Order of the Silver Rose, which recognizes veterans exposed to Agent Orange. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - De Pere Chapter #224. Upon returning from Vietnam, he finished his business degree at UWGB. Shortly after, he started his career with the American Red Cross as the Administrator of the Badger Regional Blood Center in Green Bay where he worked for over 30 years. One of his big passions was designing and building hot rods. Several of his creations were featured in national car magazines. Carl could usually be found working at his shop or cruising to car shows. He loved the 'Back to the 50's' in Minnesota where he could eat his fill of pork chops on a stick or setting up at the Hot Rod Nationals in Louisville. He made sure he made both of those shows last summer. His greatest passions, however, were his family and friends. His infectious smile and witty and clever sense of humor echoed his generous spirit and big heart. The little things in life gave him the greatest pleasure. He loved his children Nathan &

Kristin more than anything in the world. He was beyond proud of them and the adults they came to be. They cherished the time they had with him. He is survived by his wife, Georgene, his son, Nathan, Ledgeview; daughter, Kristin (Matt Reynolds), Brooklyn, NY; brother Richard (Suzette), West Bend; cousins, Jim (Amy) Lindbeck and Karin (Denis) Roff; brother and sister-in-law, Tracy and Mike McCrumb, Waunakee; nieces and nephews, Keith (Bonnie) Lindbeck, David (Michelle) McCrumb, Megan McCrumb, Ryan McCrumb, Molly (Tom) Sorensen and son TJ. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Spencer and Carolyn and father-in-law and mother-in-law, George and Joyce Peruzzi. In the words of Rascal Flatts, "Life is a highway. I want to ride it all night long." Carl did, and he enjoyed that ride. Family and friends attended a memorial visitation at the Cotter Funeral Home, 860 North Webster Avenue, De Pere on Thursday, May 24, 2018 after 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Military Honors were accorded immediately following. Online condolences may be sent to www.cotterfuneralhome.com. Carl's family wishes to express its gratitude to the staff of Aurora Bay Care Medical Center for the care given to him during his illness.

JIMMY J. LUCK - Died Tuesday, August 14, 2018 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was colon cancer. He was born on September 4, 1947 in Akron, Ohio to the late Allen J. and Erlene Luck. He is also predeceased by his brothers, Andy Luck and Alvin Luck. He served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1974. He was in Operation Ranch Hand during his tour of Vietnam (to the Ranch). He was very active in the DAV and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942. He was their secretary and was involved in the Honor Guard. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Sherry Luck; his children, Anita J. (Ed) Luck-Derenick, Tony (Terri) Luck, Kevin (Shaune) Luck, Jimmy (Melissa Long) Luck and Robert Luck; his brother, Jerry A. Luck; his sister, Strawberry Luck; honorary son, Bob Coffelt. He was a very proud grandfather and great-grandfather to his twelve grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; numerous friends who were more like family. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> in the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home with Reverends Robert Cothran and Larry Mills coofficiating. The interment was in the Hamilton Memorial Gardens with military honors by VVA Chapter #942. The family received friends at the funeral home from 5:00-8:00 PM on Thursday. Memorial donations may be made to VVA Chapter #942, PO Box 1143, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37384.

GEORGE LOUCHLIN MacKINNON - Died Friday, August 3, 2018 in Lewisburg, West Virginia at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 24, 1943 in Norfolk, Connecticut. George was a dedicated husband, father, friend, storyteller and Mr. Fix anything. In lieu of a funeral service his family planted a tree with his ashes in October 2018.

He served overseas in Vietnam in the United States Air Force and worked tirelessly as an aircraft mechanic for US Airways for 30 years. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Caldwell Chapter #1072. George married his best friend Laurie (née Chapman) MacKinnon on July 15, 1982. They enjoyed a full life together, enjoying both the simplicity of life as well as many adventures including travel and motorcycling. They lived together in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and most recently West Virginia. He proudly earned his private pilot license in 2017 and loved flying. He was the youngest of 4 brothers and is survived 'by his oldest brother Francis. He is survived by his three beloved daughters and their spouses; Kellie and Chris Von Elten, Kristle and Dennis Powell, and Lottie and Matthew Schottmiller. His grandchildren were the light of his life, Grace Von Elten 18, Sam Von Elten 16, Natalie Von Elten 10, Deborah Powell 14, Chloe Schottmiller 4, and Emmett Schottmiller 2. George was genuine, kind, wise, intelligent, goofy, patient and had an incredible appreciation for life. His greatest Assemblage was his wonderful family whose memories and love will transcend his physical absence. Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com. The arrangements were made by Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson.

JAMES SWAN MANSBERGER - Died Wednesday, August 1, 2018 in Jericho, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death was acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). He was born in the Bronx, New York on December 24, 1944 to Burl William Mansberger who survives him. James leaves behind his beloved wife, Carolyn. He was the proud father of James Edward (Dana) and Brian Scott. Survived by his brothers John (Kathy), Robert, his sister Anne (Larry) Bachteler, four loving nieces and his dear father Burl William. Inductee of the Jericho High School Hall of Fame. He served with the United States Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Division, Vietnam. James was a member of the Jericho Fire Department for over 50 years. During that service he was the president of the benevolent association, 15 years as fire commissioner, as well as, Ex-Captain, Sergeant-at-Arms and 9/11 first responder. James was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Hicksville Chapter #82 and worked for Local 25 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers where he was a member of the bagpipe band. The visitation was on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Thomas F. Dalton Funeral Home, Hicksville location, 47 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville, New York. Firematic Religious service was on Sunday at 7:30 PM. The funeral was on Monday at 10:00 AM. The interment was at the Long Island National Cemetery at Pinelawn. In lieu of flowers, family requested donations in his memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

<u>ALONZO "Marty" MARTINEZ</u> – Died Monday, September 3, 2018 in Ferguson, Missouri at the age of 64. The cause of death was two heart attacks, kidney failure and diabetes mellitus-Type II. He was born on January 8, 1948. He was the beloved husband of Janice (née McKay) Martinez; dear father of Chris (Megan) Martinez and the late infant Philip Martinez; dear grandfather of Holden, Mia and Zoey; and dear brother. He served in the United States Army stationed in Thailand from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of** 

America – Saint Louis Chapter #794. A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at Saint Richard Catholic Church, 11223 Schuetz Road at 11:00 AM. The interment was in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Saint Joseph Institute for the Deaf or Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #794 appreciated. Kriegshauser Brothers Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

DAVID MATA, SR. - Died on Sunday September 2, 2018 at his home in Wharton, Texas at the age of 70, surrounded by his family. He was formerly of Freeport, Texas. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He was born on April 16, 1948 in Wharton to the late Joe L. Mata and Olivia (née Reyna) Mata. David was raised in the Wharton area and graduated from Wharton High School. He served our country honorably in the United States Army. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - El Campo Chapter #1069. He loved his family and enjoyed spending as much time with them as he could. David enjoyed dancing, fishing, bar-b-que and charity BBQ cookoffs. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Henry Mata and Irene Esquivel. He is survived by his daughters: Cynthia Ann Mata of Wharton, Dorothy Mata of Pasadena and Natalie Luevano and husband, Phillip Hernandez of Richmond; Sons: David Mata, Jr. and fiancée Sandra Aguilar of Cypress and Joe Justin Mata of San Antonio; sisters: Nieves Cerrillo of Wharton, Guadalupe Mata of Wharton, Dolores Flores and husband, Javier of Houston and Mary Alice Mata of Wharton; brothers: Jesse Mata and wife, Helen of Richmond and Joe Mata and wife, Dora of Houston; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation hours were on Friday, September 7, 2018 starting at 3:00 PM with a rosary recited at 7:00 PM. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Wharton. Serving as pallbearers were David Mata, Jr., Luis Salinas, Joe Justin Mata, Joe Mata, Jr., Olifidio Esquivel, Jr., and Catarino Mata. Honorary pallbearers were Ernest Rivera, Jesse Mata, Mingo Marquez, Phillipe Castro, Rudy Contreas and Sam Martinez. The services were under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home. Condolences may be left at whartonfuneralhome.com.

<u>LEONARD McDONOUGH</u> – Died Sunday, August 12, 2018 in Cape Fair, Missouri at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 30, 1938. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**. Walnut Lawn Funeral Home, Ltd. DeGraffenreid-Wood-Crematory was in charge of the arrangements.

JOHN THOMAS McDOWELL (USA, SSG-Ret.) — Died Friday, August 10, 2018 in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death in unknown. He was born on October 31, 1950 to the late Sable Charles and Lorraine (née Borscha) McDowell. He is survived by his wife; Celeste A. McDowell, one sister; Mary Anne McDowell and two brothers; William

(Libby) McDowell and James (Linda) McDowell. Mr. McDowell was retired from the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Montgomery Chapter #607**. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 10:15 AM at the Alabama National Cemetery, 3133 Highway 119, Montevallo, AL with full military honors. Memorial Contributions can be made to the DAV located at P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250 or the Vietnam Veterans of Montgomery Chapter located at 1032 Haylee Brook Lane. Montgomery, AL 36117.

MICHAEL "Mickey" METCHNIK - Died Saturday, August 18, 2017 in Wildwood Crest, New Jersey at the age of 69. He was formerly of Cranford, New Jersey. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Cranford on January 15, 1948. Mickey was a highly decorated Combat Veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army. He was a member and officer of the American Legion Post #184 of Wildwood and a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955 of Wildwood, NJ. He is survived by two children, Jennifer and Gregory Metchnik, a cousin, Rich Bittle, and a granddaughter, Harley Metchnik. A memorial service was at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at the American Legion Post #184, 4200 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations to the American Legion Post #184.

<u>PAUL MILAN</u> – Died in April 2018 in Bozeman, Montana at the age of 92. The cause of death in unknown. He was born on March 23, 1926. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bozeman Chapter #788**.

C. EARLE MILLER - Died unexpectedly in Auburn, Indiana on Sunday, August 26, 2018 in Lost River, West Virginia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 23, 1945, the youngest of four sons to the late Robert Elwood Miller and Evelyn Helen Louise (née Wentz) Miller. He served six years in the United States Navy, spending all of his enlistment after basic training aboard the USS Waddell, a guided missile destroyer. His naval service took him to ports near and far, including San Diego, CA, Vietnam and Yoshukai, Japan. After leaving the Navy he purchased his first new car, a 1970 AMC Javelin SST, a vehicle whose twin made a surprise appearance later in life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg (Virginia) Chapter #1061**. He worked first as an inventory clerk and then as an insurance underwriter in Washington, DC. He left the insurance business and sold his Javelin in to study at The Corcoran School of Art in 1975. He received his BFA degree in 1979. In 1974 he met John Cinelli; in March 1978 they partnered up and were Still Together at the time of Earle's death. They lived in Arlington, VA,

Alexandria, VA, and Washington, DC, before moving to WV full-time in 1984. They shared a love of life, of art in all its forms and of family and friends across the country. Earle was an avid photographer, using that medium as a lasting way of capturing and sharing his interests and passions to best advantage. Also, a fine artist, he created an evocative body of work in oils, watercolors and lithography. In 1978 Earle started Design Studio 606, a firm that created logos, annual reports, stationery and related materials for business and non-profit organizations, including the Gay Rights National Lobby, Whitman-Walker Clinic, Human Rights Campaign Fund and the Right to Privacy Foundation. This soon expanded to include promotional products and other branded advertising specialty items. The move to WV created a need for greater visibility for his firm. So, Earle contacted Zippo Manufacturing Company, who produced a well-known Madein-USA product. His efforts coincided with the company's need to improve its sales record in WV around that time. They subsequently presented Earle with an opportunity to add Zippo's wholesale line to The Studio's offerings in 1995. In 2007 the promotional product division was closed enabling the company to focus solely on servicing wholesale accounts. A character in the most enthusiastic sense of the word, Earle loved nothing better than decking himself out in embellished and decorated hats of all kinds, complete with complimentary haberdashery. His appearances in Bradford, PA and Watkins Glen, NY wearing his series of signature "Zippo" hats were amusing, engaging and legendary. In 2011, as a somewhat surprise birthday gift, Earle received a 1970 AMC Javelin SST, identical in every respect to the one he had bought in 1970. This led to a burgeoning interest in classic and collector cars, the foundation of which became the restoration to showroom-condition of the Javelin, aka Jarvis. In 2017 and 2018, Jarvis received his 1<sup>st</sup> Junior, 1<sup>st</sup> Senior and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Grand National awards from the Antique Automobile Club of America, achievements and recognition which gave Earle immense pleasure and satisfaction. Earle is survived by his partner of more than 40 years, John Cinelli; two brothers, Robert Elwood Miller, Jr., also of Lost River, WV, and Eugene Townsend Miller (Vicky) of Long Beach, CA. A third brother, John Isaac Miller of Myrtle Beach, SC predeceased him. Surviving nieces and nephews include Cheryl Ann Miller of Long Beach, CA; Eugene Townsend Miller, Jr. (Letty) of Fullerton, CA; Mary Margaret Miller of Waldorf, MD; Chrissy Miller Killallay (Chris) of Welcome, MD; and Becky Miller Lee (Bruce) of North Miami, FL. Arrangements for a celebration of Earle's life were pending. Memorial donations may be sent to the AACA Library, 501 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033.

EDWARD GEORGE "Ed" MORHAUSER, MD — Died Sunday, October 16, 2016 in Redwood City, California at the age of 76, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 29, 1939 in Camden, New Jersey. He was a graduate of Villanova University and Temple Medical School. He dedicated his long career to helping others as a psychiatrist in private practice in San Mateo. He is survived by his wife Marie; his daughters, Barbara Black and Kathy; his granddaughters, Kelly and Nicole Black; his sister, Ann; his brothers, Bob and Tom. He moved to California as a navy doctor stationed at Oakland Naval Hospital and returned to make the Bay area his home after serving at McLean Hospital in

Boston. He was a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of numerous national and local medical and mental health organizations. He also mentored and supervised resident psychiatrists for San Mateo County. Ed served as Chief of Psychiatry at Mills Peninsula Hospital twice during his career. Before retiring he was head of continuing education there. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – American Canyon Chapter #464**. He was an avid sports fan and a student athlete who was scouted for pro-baseball before deciding on a medical career. He enjoyed coaching little league as well as his granddaughter's softball and soccer teams. A celebration of life was planned for 5:00 PM on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road in Redwood City. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made in his name to Uplift Family Services, formerly EMQ Families First, and the largest most comprehensive mental health treatment program in the state for children and families.

<u>EDWIN V. "Ed" MUNIS</u> — Died Wednesday, August 8, 2018 in Soledad, California at the age of 70. The cause of death was a Heart Attack. He was born on January 13, 1947. He served in the United States Army from February 23, 1966 to February 20, 1969 and in Vietnam as an RTO. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America — Soledad Chapter #1065**. He was the cofounder of the Veterans Service Office Service Center of Soledad State Prison. It is the only VSO in any of the California Prisons. He had worked as a representative for VFW for many years out of Sacramento which initiated a number of regulations in force today.

JACK LEE MYERS, SR. - Died Saturday, September 22, 2018 in Jackson, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. Jack was born on April 3, 1946 in Schoolcraft, Michigan to the late Harold and Eva Myers. He married the love of his life, Lois Ann Mitchell on June 6, 1970 in Jackson MI. He was a United States Navy (SeaBees) Vietnam Veteran, serving from 1965-1967 and was one of the Founding Members and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Jackson Chapter #109. He also was a member of the VFW. He retired from Industrial Steel Treating Company, working in the maintenance department for 34 years. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lois; sons, Jack Jr. (Shanna), Michael (Danielle), and Kenneth (Wendy); and grandchildren Hunter, Corey, Mercedes, Donovan, and Peyton Myers and Zachary and Airianna Speer. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother David Lantis, grandson Michael Thomas Myers, Jr., and nephew Dayton Howard. Per his wishes, cremation has been chosen. A memorial visitation was held at the Charles J. Burden and Son Funeral Home (1806 East Michigan Avenue, Jackson) on Friday, September 28, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM with military honors at 6:30 PM. He was laid to rest in the Fort Custer National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #109, 235 West Franklin Street, Jackson, MI 49204.

JOHN LOUIS MYERS II – Died at his home in Lexley, Alabama on Monday, 27 August 2018. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on March 7, 1949, a Mobile, Alabama native, an only

child who was preceded in death by his parents John Louis Myers I and Dorothy [Dottie] Lucille (née McDonald) Myers. John is survived by his wife of 41 years, Susan Margaret (née Bryant) Myers and their four children, John Louis Myers III [ wife-Christie], Justin Andrew Myers, Susan Anastacia [Stacy] Myers Homan [husband-Christopher], Wyatt Avery Myers and their three grandchildren, Jacob Louis Myers, Dorothy Grace Myers, Andrew Colton Homan. Other relatives include: Mindy M Myers, Johnnie Sue Bryant, Charles Carter Homan, Miah Grace Melton, Abby Christine Melton, Seth Alan Melton, David Alexander McCullough [wife-Della] and his cousin Ronald [Ronnie] Myers and his wife, Lana]. John was in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America — Robertsdale Chapter #864**, American Legion, VFW, BSA, Elks, and others. John Myers was employed at Precision IBC in Fairhope, AL for over 20 years. Arrangements were entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama.

GARY DAVID NEJEDLO - Died Monday, October 1, 2018 at Saint Vincent Hospital at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on January 4, 1951 in Green Bay, Wisconsin to the late Earl and Regina (née Groeschel) Nejedlo. Following high school, Gary entered the United States Marine Corps, serving his country proudly in Vietnam. After returning home, he spent much of his free time riding his motorcycle, fishing, camping and spending time outdoors. He also enjoyed the time spent with his family outdoors or going to rummage sales and recycling metal. He was a Life Member and very involved in Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224 as well as the VFW legion and color guard in Howard. Gary is survived by his children: David (Heather) Nejedlo, Tonya Dunks, and Dale Dunks; grandchildren: Austyn and Riley; siblings: Elaine, Ginger, Tom, and Val; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in passing by his parents and brother, Richard. Friends and family visited on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the Ryan Funeral Home, 305 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, De Pere. There was a time for sharing of memories as well as military honors at 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, there was a memorial fund established in Gary's name. The family would like to give a special thank you to the Saint Vincent Hospital ICU for their care and compassion for Gary in his final days.

DAVID WILLIAM NELSON, SR. - Died Sunday, September 16, 2018 in Jackson, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Jackson on June 2, 1947 to the late Clarence and Mary Margaret Nelson. Dave was a dedicated Veteran serving 3 years in the United States Army in the Vietnam War and a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109, DAV and the American Legion. Preceded in death by two sons, Cory and Chad and his brother, Gary Nelson. Survived by seven children, Lonie (Priscilla), Crysta Brown,

Nicole Riker (Randy), David, Jr. - Billy (Peggy), Angela Hanson, Ricky (Crystal) NS Jesse Nelson, 19 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, brothers Butch (Hollie) & Larry (Sissy) & sisters Shirley Trowbridge (Eric) & Betty Collins (Sam). Dave will be sadly missed by all that knew him. A celebration of life took place on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the DAV Hall, 3744 Old Michigan Avenue, Jackson.

JAMES RICHARD NELSON - Died Sunday, August 12, 2018 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on March 25, 1946 in Alexandria, Minnesota to the late Oscar Lavern and Ellen Birdyne (née Bartholome) Nelson. James grew up on Lake Geneva on his parents' resort. He earned a Business Degree from Saint Cloud State University and a Master of Arts Degree in Accounting from the University of North Florida. He served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. James was a member of Clay County Vietnam Veterans of America - Orange Park Chapter #1059. James met the woman God created for him at Saint Cloud State University, MN. To this union a son and daughter blessed the marriage. James was deeply devoted to his family and friends, ready to help anyone at any time. He will be remembered for his loving nature and his kind and generous spirit. James was a member of the Good Samaritan Anglican Church in Middleburg, Florida. He lived his life with strength from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, a copy given him at Confirmation at the First Congregational Church in Alexandria. James was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Maxwell Matthews. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Nelson of Jacksonville, FL; his son, Marshall Nelson, of Tampa, FL; his granddaughter, Victoria Nelson, of Jacksonville, FL; grandson Cullen Nelson, of Tampa, FL; daughter Jamie Matthews; granddaughter, Epiphany (Jordan) Weaver; great-grandson, Rhett Weaver and great-granddaughter, Kathleen Weaver, of Jacksonville, FL; granddaughter, Olivia (Nahit) Coskun, and great-granddaughter, Zeynep Coskun, of Lawrenceville, GA. A celebration of James' life was held on August 18, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Anglican Church. Final interment was in the Jacksonville Florida National Veterans Cemetery.

CHARLES DANIEL "Chuck" NORTON, SR. (USAF, CMSgt-Ret.) - Died Friday, August 3, 2018 in Hawkinsville, Georgia at the age of 79. Chuck was born on February 16, 1939, in Dillon, South Carolina to the late Daniel Charles and Maggie Belle (née Simpson) Norton. Not long after his high school graduation, Chuck enlisted in the United States Air Force. His time spent in Vietnam exposed him to the chemical known as Agent Orange, which unfortunately led to health related set-backs that eventually led to his disability. Chuck spent many years following his active duty service working at Robins Air Force Base until he finally retired in 1996. Even in retirement, he continued to dedicate his time assisting disabled veterans receive the benefits that were earned through their sacrifices defending our nation. Chuck was also proud to honor veteran's through his time as a Service Officer for the VFW Post 6077 in Hawkinsville for twenty years. We thank you for your service. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Warner Robins Chapter #902. Left to cherish the memories they shared with Chuck are his loving and devoted wife, Dovie Stewart Norton; his children, Charles D. Norton, Jr., and Trina McDaniel (Danny); his grandchildren, Miranda McDaniel, Christa McDaniel, and Shelby Norton; brothers, Carl Norton and Jim Norton; many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, and a host of

longtime friends. Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, August 26, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. A private interment will be held at Andersonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heart of Georgia Hospice Inpatient Care, 1120 Morningside Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069, or to the donor's charity of choice in memory of Chuck. Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

JOSEPH R. "Joe" OLTMAN - Died Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Saint Charles Medical Center at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 29, 1941. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America — Bend Chapter #820. A Graveside service was held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 in the Burns Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon followed immediately afterwards at the Burns Elks Lodge #1680. Contributions in Joe Oltman's memory can be made to the local American Legion Harne y County Post #63.

DAVID MICHAEL PAGANO SR. – Died Sunday, June 4, 2017 in Pacifica, California at the age of 74, resulting in cardiac arrest. He was born at Saint Mary's Hospital in San Francisco, California on May 25, 1943 to the late Raymond Pagano and Mary Elizabeth (née Colman) Pagano. He was raised on Elizabeth Street in Noe Valley. David attended Saint Phillips and Alvarado Grammar Schools, James Lick Junior High School and Mission High School. He is also predeceased by his sister, Beverly Jean Pagano Lyons. He is survived by his long-time beloved companion Elizabeth (née Libby) Gilbert; his son, David Michael Pagano, Jr.; his daughter, Bernadette Pagano; his granddaughter, Tara Jean; his siblings, Carol Pagano Henderson, Dolores (Toodie) Pagano O'Connell, Dominic Pagano and Theresa Pagano Dick, and; many loving nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He served in the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade of the United States Army and courageously fought in Vietnam and was a Purple Heart recipient. David by nature was an entrepreneur. As a young husband and father, he started his "barrel" business renovating and curing olive barrels for sale to nurseries as planters while working full time at a local tool and dye company. Upon his discharge from the Army in 1969, David started San Francisco Towing. In addition to his towing business, he owned and operated service stations in the San Francisco area until he retired in 1987 to care for his ailing mother. A devoted father, brother and uncle, David was the "Godfather" of the Pagano family; always there to support family and friends. By nature, a jokester and tease but with a heart of gold. He loved going to car shows with Libby and participating in parades, and his

Prowler won numerous awards. His humor, loyalty, kindness and devotion will be missed by family and friends. We love and miss you Dave. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – American Canyon Chapter #464**. A memorial Funeral Mass was held at Saint Philip Church at Elizabeth and Diamond Streets in San Francisco at 10:30 AM on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The interment of cremains was in the Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations are made to The American Red Cross in David's name.

<u>RICHARD ZANE PAGE</u> – Died in June 2018 in Norlina, North Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 25, 1952. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Charter and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Ahoskie Chapter #1094**.

May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Modesto, California. He was 78 years of age. He was born on March 19, 1949. He is survived by his sister, Sandi (Parodi) Gilbert. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuolumne Chapter #391**.

PETER EDWARD "Pete" PASSAVANT, SR. - Died Thursday, January 25, 2018 at his home in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 28, 1947 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He was retired from Newlywed Food and was a Vietnam Veteran. He served our country with the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596. He is survived by his two children, Pete Passavant, Jr. (Aimee), of Cleveland and Kammy McCullough (Steve), also of Cleveland; five grandchildren, Elizabeth Passavant, Abigail Passavant, Haddan Lewallen, Bailey Lewallen, Harlie McCullough; two brothers, Ron Passavant (Ailene), of Huntsville AL and John Passavant (Dianne), of Cleveland, and; several nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Serenity of Cleveland Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Church.

Tennessee at the age of 70, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Michigan on August 24, 1947 to the late Jack and Emma (née Scott) Patterson and has

lived in Bradley County since 1995. He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was lifetime member of the DAV and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Cleveland Chapter #596. He was strong in his faith and was a member of Clingan Ridge Baptist Church. He was known as a hard worker; loved fishing, cooking, shooting guns and most of all his wife, children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Emma (née Scott) Patterson; sisters, Gladys Marie Sorrell, Mae Stone and Mary Patterson and brother, Joseph Patterson. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Vicky Patterson, of Cleveland; two children, James Patterson, Jr. "Jimbo" and wife, Nikki of Benton, and Christy Spurgeon, of Bradley County; five grandchildren, Kaitlyn Spurgeon, Joel Patterson, Gabriel "Gabe" Spurgeon, Noah Spurgeon and Jacob Patterson; siblings, Beverly Kneeves (Danny) of Concord, GA, John Patterson (Belen) of Fort Worth, TX, Debbie Patterson of Ypsilanti, MI, Sandra Patterson of Detroit, MI and Jack G. Patterson (Karen) of Akron, OH; several nieces, nephews and other extended family members also survive. The funeral service was held at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 in the chapel of the Ralph Buckner Funeral Home with Brother Jack Patterson and Brother Christopher Watson co-officiating. The interment was at 2:00 PM in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors. A white dove release ceremony concluded the service. The family received friends from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Tuesday at the funeral home prior to the service.

<u>DON PEARSON</u> – Died recently in 2018 in Snoqualmie, Washington at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 21, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Snoqualmie Chapter #319**.

JAMES LEWIS "Jim" PETERS - Died Monday, April 2, 2018 in Redwood City, California at the age of 71. The cause of death coronary artery disease, diabetes mellitus type II, ischemic heart disease all due to sleep apnea. He was born in Kittanning, Pennsylvania on November 29, 1946 to the late James and Opal Peters. James is survived by his wife of 46 years, Delores Peters; his sister, Janet Sandin (Tom), of Auburn, CA; his son, James (Jacqueline), of Union City, CA; his daughter, April, and; his grandsons, James Colby and Matthew Maseda. James is also preceded in death by his brother, William Peters and his sister, Suzanne Marr. James graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Operations. He worked in management for United Airlines for 28 years until he retired. He served in the United States Navy from May 17, 1966 to February 2, 1970. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – American Canyon Chapter #464.

ROBERT E. PETERSEN - Died Tuesday, April 24, 2018 in Lowell, Massachusetts at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. H was born on March 1, 1949, in Lowell to the late Ernest A. Petersen and the late Lucille T. (née Perron) Petersen. He was educated in the local schools, graduating from Saint Joseph High School. Mr. Petersen served with the United States Army during the Vietnam War from May of 1968 to January 1970. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tewksbury Chapter #837. For the past five years, he made his home in Lowell, and had worked for the United States Postal Service as a mail handler for more than thirty years prior to his retirement in 2009. His survivors include his brother, Michael Petersen of Dracut, as well as his many friends throughout the Lowell area. Visitation hours were from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the McDonough Funeral Home, 14 Highland Street, Lowell. His burial was in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1110 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts.

CRAIG LOUIS PLASZENSKI - Died Thursday, September 13, 2018 at home in Penfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 66, after a lengthy illness. The cause of death is unknown. A triplet son of the late Clifford and Katherine (née Zernell) Plaszenski, he was born February 22, 1952 in DuBois, Pennsylvania. On September 9, 1972, he married Barbara L. Smith who survives in Penfield. Along with his wife, Craig is survived by: four children, Laurie (Randy) Matson of Warren, Jim (Lisa) Plaszenski of Penfield, David (Ayla Porter) Plaszenski of Penfield and Bud (Courtney) Plaszenski of Pittsburgh; four grandchildren, Dakota Matson, Sierra Matson, Brittany Gunsallus and Emberly Plaszenski; two brothers, his triplet, Curtis "Peewee" Plaszenski of Kersey and Clifford "Squeak" Plaszenski of Colorado; a sister, Mary Walters of Emporium; many nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly; and his loving dog, Daisy. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by: two sisters, Katherine "Mickey" Burkett and Patricia Emmert; and his triplet brother Charles at four days old. Craig graduated from DuBois Area High School class of 1971 and was a Coal Miner, working deep mines and strip mines for Stoker's, Lady Jane mines and Rosebud Mining Cleaning Plant, where he was fondly known as the "Coal Marshall". From 1972 – '75 he served in the US Army being stationed in Fort Hood, TX and thirteen months on the DMZ in Korea, among other assignments. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Saint Marys Chapter #720 and the Bennetts Valley American Legion Post #978 where he also served on the Honor Guard. Craig and two of his brothers were said to be the first set of triplets born in the Maple Avenue Hospital of DuBois, PA. He was well known for walking many miles a day and helping out many friends and neighbors. Craig would be seen walking in the Penfield and Sabula areas where he would stop and chat with those who would

have his company and would take the time to help out anyone who could use an extra hand. He also enjoyed time at his camp in Sabula, hunting, the outdoors and the "Old Farts Club" on Sunday mornings. There were no visitation hours. The family received friends from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Penfield Firemen's Training Center (The old Penfield Grange Hall) on Saturday, October 6, 2018. A Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Training Center in Penfield with Reverend David Miller, officiating. The family suggested memorials to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #720 or the Bennetts Valley will Legion Post #978 and be accepting online condolences www.nedzafamilyfuneralhomes.com.

DARYL E. POLLARD - Died unexpectedly on Sunday afternoon October 7, 2018 in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 76, after an apparent heart attack. He was born in Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania on August 31, 1942 to the late Charles E. and Edna Mae (née Dick) Pollard. On September 10, 1971, he married Catherine Ketrow in Hagerstown, Maryland. Surviving are his wife; two sons: Charles L. Macgregor and wife, Kelly, of Hanover and Michael L. Pollard of Martinsburg; four grandchildren: Devon, Mya, Owen and Ella; a sister, Bonnie Eshelman and husband, Dan, formerly of Roaring Spring; and a special niece, Sheila Heuston and husband, Kent, of Martinsburg. He was preceded in death by three brothers: George, Billy and Clyde; and two sisters: Shirley and Marjorie. Daryl was a 1960 graduate of Morrison Cove High School. He worked and retired as part-owner of Burchfield's/Bobcat of Martinsburg after many years of service. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, where he received the following decorations and awards: Meritorious Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal (1st AWD), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 60, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two overseas services bards and the Sharpshooter Rifle (M-14). Daryl was a member of Harvest Abundant Life Center, Claysburg; Woodbury Lodge F&AM No. 539; the Jaffa Shrine; Consistory Bodies of the Valley of Altoona; a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Hollidaysburg Chapter #967 in Blair County; and Martinsburg VFW; and he was an honorary member of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs Association. A Masonic service was held at 6:00 PM on October 10, 2018 at the Todd T. Thompson Funeral Home, Inc., Roaring Spring. Friends were received from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Harvest Abundant Life Center, Claysburg, where a funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 12, 2018 with Pastor Ronald Page officiating. The interment with military honors was accorded in the Fairview Cemetery, Martinsburg. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Daryl's memory may be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or to Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

HOWARD T. RAY - Died Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Okolona, Mississippi on November 28, 1931 to the late James and Mable (née White) Ray. He was also predeceased by Mattie Ray, the mother of his children; son, Howard T. Ray, Jr.; stepson, James (Tony) Jackson; brothers, James (Ned), Washington, Johnny, James (Ben), and Kenneth Ray. Howard moved to East St. Louis, Illinois where he spent his formative years until 1950 when he enlisted in the United States Army. He became a Prisoner of War (POW) during the Korean War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He also served in Europe, Africa and Vietnam. Howard continued his distinguished military career retiring after 29 years and six months of service. Among the many other medals he was awarded were: the Combat Infantryman Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal - 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. Following retirement from the Army, Howard became a civilian employee at Fort Sam Houston TX, retiring in 1997. He also served his communities through many military/veteran organizations, as well as numerous civic/social organizations. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - San Antonio Chapter #366. In 1996, Howard married his wife of 22 years, Gloria (née Pryor) Ray. Howard is survived by his devoted wife and children, Patricia Ray Sumers (George), James W. Ray (Kym), Ira Wade (Melody), K. Don Wade, and Eric Wilson (Kerry); sixteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Leanna Ray Miller, Ginger Ray Ezell (Willy), Lena Ray Ezell (Johnny), brother, Wilbert Ray (Dorothy), and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Howard was a faithful, long time member of Saint Philip Episcopal Church, 1310 Pecan Valley Drive, San Antonio. His home going will be held there on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM with the interment at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The viewing was at the Lewis Funeral Home, 811 S. W.W. White Road, on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-7:00 PM.

ROBERT THEODORE "Bob" RENNER — Died Thursday, January 25, 2018 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II, Renal Failure and Cardiac Arrest. He was born in Mandan, North Dakota on January 26, 1948 to the late Frank and Cecelia Renner. He was also predeceased by his brother Roger Renner. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army during The Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Sue Renner, sons Kevin and Brian Neibel, sisters, Sue Oberlander and Donna Dombrowski. Memorials may be sent to the Fisher House in Gainesville, Florida. He received military honors at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

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 Port Isabel, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in 1942 in Orlando, Florida to the late Alpha Lee Heath and Cazzie Lou Pitts. 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, 10 great grandchildren, 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 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. She was a Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856. 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 our celebration of her life.

DANIEL S. "Dan" ROBERTSON - Died Thursday, October 4, 2018 in Chubbuck, Idaho at the age of 66, after a long struggle with cancer. Dan was born on December 11, 1951 in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to the late Boyd and Margaret Robertson. His early life was spent in Missouri and later in Idaho. Dan graduated from Rigby High School in 1970. He then joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam from 1971-1972. After separating from the Army Dan briefly returned to Missouri. The call of the West went out to Dan, though; and brought him back to Rigby, Idaho where he worked construction. Dan met the love of his life, Kim, in 1978 and they were married in Elko, Nevada in 1982. Dan and Kim made their home in Pocatello and raised two boys, Joshua Cyr and Todd Robertson. Life was busy, fun, and filled with music and laughter, and, of course, camping. Although Dan was ill he didn't let it slow him down most of the time. His hard work and stubbornness allowed him to stay healthy in order to visit his grandchildren Samantha and Maxwell, children of Joshua and Jennifer, and Audrey born of Todd and Katie just 2 weeks before his passing. Dan, an avid learner, attended Idaho State University from 1981 to 1983 obtaining a certificate in Civil Engineering Technology. He later returned to ISU in 1991 and obtained his Associate of Applied Science degree in Civil

Engineering Technology. He frequently spent many hours researching, learning, and exploring all kinds of new and old topics. Dan was hired by the Idaho Transportation Department in 1983 where he worked in several disciplines before retiring in 2012. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Idaho Falls Chapter #972. Dan had a lifelong affair with music. He was a talented musician and played drums with several area bands. He loved fishing and camping, especially at Birch Creek. Kim and Dan were able to spend many happy hours touring around with their RV and on their Harley Davidson trike before poor health would no longer allow it. Strong bonds were important to Dan. He belonged to the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion and Freedom Riders. He had an especially powerful bond with his border collie Abigail. The best dog ever. A special thanks to the Portneuf Cancer Center for their wonderful care. Dan was always in good spirits frequently bringing 3 dozen donuts to the staff and was soon dubbed Donut Dan. Thanks also to the VA Clinic in Pocatello. Dan is survived by his wife, Kim (née Peterson) Robertson of Pocatello, son Todd Robertson of Dover, New Hampshire and stepson Joshua Cyr of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Dan was preceded in death by his mother and father and two brothers. He is survived by three siblings, Robbie, Warren, Tina and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Rest in peace, Dan, you were well loved. Funeral services for Dan were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Wilks Funeral Home, 211 West Chubbuck Road. A viewing was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on, Wednesday, October 10th and another beginning at 1:00 PM, prior to the services on Thursday at the funeral home. Interment was in the Mountain View Cemetery with military rites provided by the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard.

KENNETH ANTHONY "Ken" ROMANELLI - Died Saturday, September 8, 2018 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 75. The cause of death was aortic aneurysm. He was born on August 11, 1943 in Maspeth, New York to the late Anthony J. Romanelli and Helen A. (née McDonald) Romanelli. He was also predeceased by his sisters, Michele Romanelli, Carol Peak, and Agnes Bellacicco. He is survived by his wife, Theresa (née Tommasino) Romanelli, son AJ Romanelli and significant other Karen Leifheit, son Adam Romanelli, daughter Mary Romanelli States and son in law Bradley States; grandchildren Benjamin and Luke States, brother Robert Warlock, sister-in-law, Sister Mary Tommasino SC and his brother-in-law Ralph P. Tommasino. Ken was a proud American and Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army for 3 years and United States Air Force for 17 years (1962-1982). He then went on to a maintenance position at Evergreen bank; a job he loved for 14 years. After that he worked at McEachron's car dealership, a fun job for a guy who loved cars. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Vermont. Ken and Theresa (finally retired) moved to Tucson, AZ in 2013 where they rescued their beloved greyhounds. He became a Knight of Columbus in the Mother Teresa Council 12696 and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight in the Monsignor James T. Weber Assembly #2152. Ken was kind and gentle soul. He cherished trips to visit his kids and grandkids and enjoyed traveling the country with Theresa. A Memorial Mass was held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Tucson, AZ on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Military Honors and interment was on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Southern Arizona VA Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

DWIGHT EDWIN ROTTENBERG — Died Sunday, October 7, 2018 in McKinney, Texas at the age of 74. He was revived after 25 minutes of CPR, and suddenly lost his battle in ICU on Monday, October 8, 2018 from a cardiac arrest. He was born on December 10, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Lucia. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America — McKinney Chapter #1122. The visitation was on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM at the Community North Baptist Church, 2500 Community Avenue, McKinney, Texas 75071. In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made in Dwight's name to a charity of one's choice. The family would appreciate any prayers or supportive thoughts during this difficult time.

CARL EUGENE 'Gene" ROWE - Died Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at his home in Ridgeley, West Virginia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 15, 1944 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Harold S. Rowe and Dorothy Lorraine (née Spriggs) Rowe. Mr. Rowe was a graduate from LaSalle High School in Cumberland. After high school, Gene served his country in the United States Air Force from 1962-1966. He was an Air Policeman stationed in Germany. He was retired from the US Postal Service, having been a Bulk Mail Supervisor. He had also worked part time as an assistant for dentist Dr. Tom Benson. In addition, Gene worked as a chef at the Cumberland Country Club, and worked for the Cumberland Times-News. Gene was a member of Saint Anthony Catholic Church in Ridgeley. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus Council #15610; Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 271; life member of American Legion Post #136 where he was a Past Commander; and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172. Mr. Rowe was an avid golfer, and was a member of the golfing group, "Grasshoppers." Survivors include his wife, Connie Lee Rowe; children, Tessie (Rowe) Dodrill and husband Scott, Charlotte, NC, and David Miller and wife Shelley, Bedford, PA; grandchildren, Robert, John, and Katie Dodrill, and Andrew and Katie Miller. He is also survived by his sister, Xenia Rae (Rowe) Browning and husband Albert "Butch" Jr., Fort Ashby; brothers-in-law, Mike Swauger and wife Kris, and Randy Swauger and wife Janet; nieces, Tanya (Browning) Smith and husband Robert, Gabby, Angel, Kathy Jo, and Kayla Swauger; nephews, Albert "Butch" Browning, III and fiancée Adrienne Kastell-Huestis, and Charlie Swauger, and; numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews. Friends were

received at the Upchurch Funeral Home, P.A., 202 Greene Street, Cumberland, on Friday from 6:00-9:00 PM. A wake service was conducted at 7:00 PM, followed by a memorial service by the Knights of Columbus. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday at Saint Anthony Catholic Church, Ridgeley at 11:00 AM with Father Mike Lecias, as celebrant. A celebration of life and lunch was held directly after Mass at the American Legion in Ridgeley. Inurnment was in the Maryland State Veteran Cemetery in Rocky Gap. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Anthony Church, P.O. Box 1560, Fort Ashby, WV 26g719, or to a charity of one's choice.

ROBERT LYLE RUHL - Died Friday, June 1, 2018 at his home in Cambridge, Illinois at the age of 71. The cause of death was diffuse large L-cell non-Hodgkins lymphoma high grade cancer. He was born on December 17, 1946 in Great Lakes, Illinois to the late Arthur L. and Helen M. (née Frerichs) Ruhl. He graduated from Davenport West High School in 1963. Bob served in the United States Navy as a Seaman from 1964 to 1968 in Vietnam on the USS America. He married Carol Mayers in October of 1968. His marriage to Shirley Verscheure took place on January 25, 1992 in Osco. He worked as a laborer at John Deere from 1970 until retiring in 2006. His memberships included a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299. His hobbies were collecting guns, woodworking, and car racing. Those surviving are his wife, Shirley, two daughters and sons-in-law, Angela Kay and Chris Gaul, McCausland, IA, Tracy and Devin Wells, Cambridge, four grandchildren, Isabella (Dalton Thrasher) Frisk, Chloe Gaul, Sawyer and Temperance Wells. Other survivors include brothersin-law, Marvin (Mary) Verscheure, Cambridge, Jerry (Janet) Verscheure, Geneseo, sisters-in-law, Helen Burleson, Moline, Georgina "Pinky" Verscheure, Davenport, and many nieces and nephews. His parents, a son Darren Walters, and a sister, Nancy Ruhl, preceded him in death. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Cambridge Chapel of Stackhouse-Moore Funeral and Cremation Services. The burial was in the Greenview Memorial Gardens, East Moline, with military services. Visitation hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Robert Ruhl Memorial Fund.

FRANK HENRY RUTZKE, SR. - Died Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in Hamilton, Montana at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born to the late Frank and Dorothea Rutzke on December 17, 1946 in Millport, New York. He was drafted into the United States Air Force, and served from 1965 through 1969, attaining the rank of Sergeant. This was a pivotal time for the country and for Frank. He came to understand service to others and the importance of duty; serving as a military policeman, Frank became deeply patriotic and eventually came to believe he could also serve his country by vigilantly challenging injustice at

every level. Another result of Frank's time in the service was an unfettered admiration of German Shepherds. Through the years he enjoyed mutual love and respect with many of these noble animals. He also loved his cat and secretly spoiled him, slipping him the food he couldn't eat, and giving him rides on his walker in the last few weeks of his life. While serving at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Frank met and then married Barbara Tilton. He spoke of how much he enjoyed her intelligence and her sense of humor. Together they brought into the world son Tony, whom they raised with love even after their divorce. Frank continued to consider Barb a friend, and worked for years with her father, Bob Tilton, who was also a lifelong mentor to Frank. Frank later met Jacqueline Brazil in Great Falls. They married after a few years; he never missed an opportunity to tell the world how beautiful he thought she was. They laughed together often, and together they loved Tony and six more children: Jessica Halvorson, Shana Brazil, Buddy Rutzke, Chandra Rutzke, Michael Rutzke, Frankie Rutzke, and Ashley Keel. Frank parented in a straightforward manner that encouraged his children to challenge conventional thinking, stand up for their beliefs, and follow their passions. He was a stern father but balanced it with a sense of humor and genuine pride in his children for their accomplishments. He later spoke of how proud he was that they became people of character and kindness. Frank worked hard to provide for his family; after many years in sales, he decided on a late career change. He returned to college at Northern Montana College in Havre (Go Lights!), graduating cum laude before taking a position as a junior high science and math teacher in Thompson Falls. He taught there for sixteen years. While Frank was known as a hard ass teacher, former students called and wrote frequently to say how grateful they were that he held them to a standard and expected their best. They will likely remember him for his sarcasm, wisdom, and the fact that he would waive homework if the Yankees won. After Frank retired from teaching, he and Jacqueline moved their empty nest to Hamilton. There he found more time for working as an umpire at all levels of baseball, his passion for many years. It was one of his profound pleasures to share this avocation with his youngest son, Frankie. While he loved calling the shots, Frank never forgot the importance of service to the community. In Hamilton, Frank took part-time work teaching adjudicated youth at the DRC. Later, he worked at the Linda Massa Youth Home; he was recently nominated for the Compass Award for his work there. Frank belonged to, and did volunteer work with, Disabled American Veterans, Knights of Columbus, a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion. The most difficult aspect of Frank's recurrence of cancer was losing the ability to do for others; only in his last weeks did he become accustomed to the grace of allowing us to do for him. After ejecting cancer once, and then putting up one hell of a fight the second time around, he was finding each extra inning of life's game less fun than the last. Surrounded by family that included his kids and wife, and their loved ones too, his prized German Shepherds, and his "felonious" therapy cat, Frank heard us talking about how great he looked behind the wheel of his Jaguar, promptly called the game, and left for other adventures in an easier place. We and all his fans like to think he will be welcomed there by son Michael, and all the other friends and family he's missed seeing through the years. He has been husband, father, grandpa, uncle, mentor, and friend. A Celebration of His Life was held on Saturday, January 27th at Saint Francis Catholic Church in Hamilton. He Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM with a reception in the church hall. The burial was in the Riverview Cemetery at 1:30

PM. In lieu of flowers, Frank asked that you consider a donation in his name to any reputable organization that supports the work and recovery of dogs in service to the military.

JAMES K. "Jim" SAK - Died Monday, November 23, 2015, at Brookdale Care Center on Pierce Street at the age of 68. He was a resident of Sioux City, Iowa and formerly of Chicago, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on April 4, 1947 in Chicago to the late Edward and Florence Sak. After he graduated from high school, he served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After he returned home from the service, he served the city of Chicago for 32 years as a police officer. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho. He enjoyed watching sports and going golfing. He was also a nature lover and enjoyed tending to his flower garden. Jim also enjoyed listening to music and was an avid bowler. Per his wishes, his body was cremated. Private graveside services were in the Logan Park Cemetery, with military rites conducted by the U.S. Army Reserves. Arrangements were under the direction of the Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to www.meyerbroschapels.com. The family requested that memorial donations be made in Jim's name and sent to the Commission of Veterans Affairs at 1211 Tri-View Avenue in Sioux City, IA 51103.

VINCENT CHARLES "Vince" SANGUEDOLCE - Died Wednesday, September 5, 2018 in Clermont, Florida at the age of 69. He was a resident of Leesburg, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. Vince was born on May 30,1949 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Vincent and Katherine (née Swerk) Sanguedolce. Vince moved to Leesburg in 2008 where he married Elizabeth Davis on December 23, 2008. During High School in Maple Heights, Ohio, Vince was a wrestler and on the state championship team for two years. Vince was a proud Vietnam Veteran who served with honor and dignity as a combat infantryman in the United States Army with the 196<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. He was awarded the bronze star, CIB, and purple heart and airborne jump wings, for combat operations at Hep Duc, RVN. He loved his country dearly, as well as his fellow veterans. He was a carpenter and a truck farmer for much of his career. His partners in life were his beloved wife Elizabeth and his two German Shepherds, Haiko and Jenny. He is survived by his stepchildren, Paul and Wendy Blumenschein, sister Debbie Babey, nephew and niece Eric and Rachel Krueger, brother in law Roland Krueger. His brother Robert Babey and mother preceded him in death. Vince had the unique distinction of climbing all 53 mountain peaks of 14,000 feet in Colorado over a 10-year period. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, DAV, an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Florida, AMVETS, Eustis Gun Club, where he was a range safety officer, and Fraternal Order of Eagles Lake County Aerie 4273.

**SCOTT LEROY SCHENCK** – Died Saturday, September 8, 2018 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey on September 10, 1949. He served in the United States Air Force with service in Vietnam from July 1970 to July 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Dixon Chapter #960**.

<u>ROGER E. SCHLEE</u> – Died Saturday, October 14, 2017 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 21, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Navy from February 1968 to December 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 1970 to December 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. He left us for a better place. Family and friends can send flowers and condolences in memory of the loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Roger Schlee to pay them a last tribute.

THOMAS "Tom" D. SCHLUCHTER - Died Tuesday, December 26, 2017 in Bay City, Michigan at the age of 71. He was formerly of Saginaw, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 30, 1946 in Bay City, to the late Darold and Alvina "Winnie" (née Oberin) Schluchter. Tom proudly served his country with the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he received a Purple Heart. He was a charter member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Association and served as their treasurer for 30 years. In July of 2016, he was knighted into the Order of Saint George, U.S. Calvary and Armor Association. Tom was also a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Bay City, American Legion Post #439, the Purple Heart Association, DAV and VFW. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Bay City Chapter #494. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Tom returned to work at the Saginaw Division of General Motors, retiring in 1996. Tom enjoyed participating and coaching his children's sports teams throughout their childhood. He was a charter member of the Saginaw Township Soccer Association and then continued to serve on the Association's Board. He also served on the board for the Saginaw Township Can-Amera Games. Tom loved to travel with his wife, Linda, whom he married on May 13, 1972. His greatest memories were made spending time with his family and long-time friends, weekly lunches with the Thursday Card buddies, special times with his "boater friends" on their boats and he always looked forward to his 2-1 CAV reunions and time spent with his military brothers and families. Tom is survived by his wife of 45 years, Linda; daughter, Jennifer Schluchter and her husband, David Clemmons of West Yellowstone, MT; son, Mark Schluchter of Bozeman, MT; granddaughter, Kaylee Clemmons, of Ennis, MT; brother, Donald and wife, Linda Schluchter of Saginaw, MI. Tom also was a "big brother" to his niece, Tina Mikulewicz (Dan) of Manistee, MI; and will be dearly missed by all his nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Darold and Winnie; and his brother, Gerald (Jerry) Schluchter. A funeral service for Tom was be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Road (off State). Pastor Andreas Teich officiated. The burial was held at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Great Lakes National Cemetery with full military honors under the auspices of the

United States Army. Visitation hours were on Monday, January 1, 2018 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM and on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 from 9:00 AM until the time of the funeral service. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a donation to the VA Medical Center or a charity of choice. VA donation info: Make check payable to: VA Medical Center, designate donation to GPF #1026. Mail check to: Aleda E Lutz VAMC, Voluntary Service (135), 1500 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI 48602.

DANIEL GEORGE "Dan" SCHNEIDER - Was killed in a farm tractor equipment accident on Monday, August 27, 2018 in Larimore, North Dakota at the age of 72. Daniel was born on July 6, 1946 in Langdon, North Dakota to the late Anthony and Dorothy Schneider. Graduated from Saint Mary Academy in Devils Lake, North Dakota in 1964. Served in United States Navy from 1966 to 1970. Daniel was awarded the NDS medal, the Navy unit Commendation, the Vietnam Service Medal with 6 Bronze Stars, ROV Campaign medal with device, and the AFE Medal. He worked for the Postal Service, owned a Devils Lake motel, and worked for the Lakota Cheese company. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Mayville Chapter #374. He is survived by sisters: Sally Stremick (Dale), Langdon ND, Beverley Baird, Phoenix, AZ, Janice Herzog (Cameron), Ellijay, GA, Pat Hershley (Gary), Monticello, MN, Pam Rotalo, Denver, CO and brothers Gary Schneider, New Town, ND, Tom Schneider, Minot, ND, Terry Schneider, (Deb) Hartford, SD and Robert Schneider, Grand Forks, ND. Numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by parents, Anthony and Dorothy Schneider, brother Joseph, and son, Tony. Hobbies included hunting, motorcycle riding, working around his yard and taking care of his good buddy "Bailey the dog!!" The service with full military honors and reception was at the Larimore American Legion, 114 East Main Street, in Larimore on Sunday, September 9, 2018, at 1:00 PM. Arrangements were handled by the Brown Funeral Home of Larimore, ND.

DWIGHT EUGENE SCOTT - Died Saturday February 10, 2018 at the Cabell Huntington Hospital from complications of pneumonia. He was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia at the age 71. He was born on June 22, 1946 in Princeton to the late Aubrey Lee Scott and late Madeline Helen (née Hamm) Scott of Mentor, Ohio. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Ronald Lee Scott, of North Carolina. Dwight was a proud United States Navy Vietnam Veteran. He served on the Board of Directors and was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628. He treasured the camaraderie of his veteran friends and family. He worked for Caterpillar Inc. in Ohio and Illinois retiring after 35 years when he returned home to Princeton, West Virginia where he loved the hills, fishing, wildlife and woodworking. Those he leaves to cherish his memories are his loving wife of 50 years, Susan A. (née Garrett) Scott; daughter, Carmella K. (Scott) and Frank Rooks; and son, Eugene H. Scott and Tina Beall all from Ohio; grandchildren, Justin Dwight Rooks of Ohio, Rachel Leigh Scott and Kelsi Nichole Scott both of Illinois, and Dylan Eugene Scott of Ohio; greatgrandchildren, Taelynn "Taels" Limberg and Tinleigh "Tiny" Scott both of Illinois; sister, Patricia

A. (Scott) and Joe Giglia; brother Douglas K. Scott both of Mentor, Ohio; brother in-law, Larry and Arleen Garrett and brother in-law Aubrey and Vickie Garrett all off Bluefield, West Virginia. He also leaves behind his aunt, Shirley Robinette of Princeton as well as multiple generations of beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

LAWRENCE ARTHUR "Larry" SEEK, SR. - Died Saturday, September 29, 2018 at Ecumen of North Branch at the age of 75, with his family by his side. He was a resident of Askov, Minnesota. The cause of death was cancer. Larry was born on June 17, 1945 in Superior, Wisconsin to Frank and Iva (née West) Seek. He went to school and graduated from Superior High School in 1963. Larry joined the United States Marine Corps in 1964 and served two tours in the Vietnam War. During his two tours, Larry was wounded, he received a Silver Star and three Purple Heart medals for his service. In 1966 he married Patricia Reinke and four years later in 1970 Larry was honorably discharged from the Marines. Larry and Pat moved several times throughout the years before settling down in Askov in 1993. Throughout his life Larry worked in the warehouse industry as a supervisor and in finances also. Larry retired about ten years ago so he could enjoy his hobbies of fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, golf, and bowling. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684. Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Iva; his sister, Kathy; and his brother Keith. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia; his two sons, Larry, Jr. of Askov, Brian of Askov; his older sister, Mary; five grandchildren, Matthew, Zachery, Miranda, Alix, Danta; two great grandchildren, Westley and Amelia. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson, MN with Pastor Philip Hoppe officiating. Visitation hours were on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and one hour prior to the service. The burial took place on Thursday at 10:00 AM at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. The arrangements were entrusted to the Methven Funeral Home of Sandstone, MN.

FREDERICK W. SELTZER, SR. – Died recently in 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Baltimore on January 16, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps from January 28, 1964 to January 26, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparrows Point Chapter #965.

RAYMOND E. "Ray" SHINE — Died Saturday, August 4, 2018 in Grass Valley, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Grass Valley on August 21, 1948. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Amy, and two daughters, 19-year-old Molly and 17-year-old Sarah. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He

was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grass Valley Chapter #535**. Shine was a Nevada Union High School graduate. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1970, then attended UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law where he earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1973. While an undergrad, he was a member of ROTC, the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve Ordnance Corps and received an honorable discharge in 1978. Shine practiced law for 45 years. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 235 S. Church Street, Grass Valley. Amy Shine said a "good, ole' fashioned Irish wake" will follow at a date to be determined.

HOWARD ROBERT "Bob" SNYDER - Died peacefully on Monday, January 8, 2018 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC at the age of 76. He was a resident of Frederick, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 25, 1941 in Trenton, New Jersey to the late Howard and Charlotte (née Wenman) Snyder. Bob was in Realty Management with IBM Corporation for 30 years. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of American Legion Post #11 in Frederick, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Frederick Chapter #304, the National Rifle Association, the Western Maryland Railway Historical Society and the Train Collectors Association. He enjoyed worshipping at Lifehouse Church in Hagerstown. Bob enjoyed model railroading, going on railroad excursions, and boating. He was a Ham Radio operator and enthusiast, and an avid fan of the Washington Redskins. He is survived by sons, Charles "Chuck" Snyder and wife Kelly of Emmitsburg, and Tim Snyder and wife Lisa of Thurmont; daughter, Jacquelyn Llewellyn and husband John of Clarksburg; sister, Beverly Wenman-Seaman of Mt. Vernon, WA; grandchildren, Matthew Morgan and wife Jennifer of Panama City, FL, and Brandon, Payton, Ashlynn, Aidan and Noelle Snyder. He is also remembered by his former wife, Denyse Corrado and her husband Charles of Chevy Chase, MD. A memorial service to celebrate Bob's life was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Lifehouse Church, 515 East Wilson Boulevard., Hagerstown, MD with Pastor Patrick Grach officiating. Inurnment took place at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery in Owings Mills, MD at the family's convenience. The arrangements were entrusted to the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home in Emmitsburg, MD. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.

JOHN VINCENT "Vince" SPALDING — Died at home in Saint Charles, Missouri on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on April 10,1948 at Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Hannibal, Missouri to the

late David A. and Ethel P. (née Delonay) Spalding. Vince graduated from Monroe City High School in 1966 and joined the United States Army in 1969 serving until 1971, with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. In 1977, he married Karon Sellars, and she survives. Vince is also survived by three children, Dawn Renee (Timothy) Gallion; Heather (Terry) Tulk and Patrick (Julie) Spalding; ten grandchildren, Jacob, Michelle, Timothy, Thomas, Trenton, Melissa, David, Liam, Ellie, and Lucas; and 3 great-grandchildren, Kiri, Owen, and Claire. Also surviving are brothers and sisters Dolores (Dan) Hill, Maryland Heights; Rosemary Duesterhaus, Quincy, IL; Elizabeth (Betty) Johnson, New Franklin; Mike (Sharon) Spalding, O'Fallon; Jim (Paula) Spalding, St. Peters; Teresa (Vern) Reece, Stockton; and Nancy Spalding, St. Peters. Vince was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Richard Wayne Spalding; brothers-in-law Jim Johnson, and Jim Duesterhaus. Vince was laid to rest at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with full military honors on August 14<sup>th</sup>, with the Hutchens Funeral Home, Saint Charles, in charge of services. A Celebration of Life was held at the AMVETS Post, Saint Peters, presided over by Reverend Julius Ketsenburg. The family requested that memorials be made to Wounded Warriors.

MICHELE L. STEELE - Died Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in Saint Augustine, Florida at the age of 62. She was formerly of Dover, Delaware. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on October 5, 1955 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Leonard and Zelda (née Korr) Pearl. She graduated from Mount Pleasant High School and the University of Delaware. Michele worked for the State of Delaware, Division of Child Protective Services as a Social Worker and as a Foster Home Coordinator. As a Breast Cancer Survivor, she was a local organizer of. Michele was a Board Member of the Central Delaware Blues Society; supporter of the Delaware Patriot Guard Riders; a USO Representative providing support for Gold Star Families and Fallen Warriors; and the 2016 recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award by the Corporation for National and Community Service. She was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850. How fitting it was that she gained her angel wings on July 4, as she was a dedicated volunteer of the USO, supported our troops, her beloved veterans, and was a true patriot. Her beautiful smile lit up every room and always had a big hug for all. She dedicated her time to organizations, loved listening to music and supporting bands, especially her Blues. Michele's life was rich with the love of "her girls"; her grandson (the love of her life); and her fur babies. Memories of seeing Paris with her brother and sister-in-law were always cherished. "All you need is faith, trust and a little pixie dust." Survived by her daughters, Danielle Masterson (Justin) and Nicole Shaw; grandson, Carter; brother, Scott Pearl (Mary Anne); and half-sister, Bonnie Lily. Viewing hours were from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19809. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested contributions to the USO of Delaware (delaware.uso.org) or of Delaware.

JAMES MICHAEL STRINGFELLOW - Died Thursday, August 30, 2018 in the Wood Glen Alzheimer's Community, Dayton, Ohio at the age of 70. He was a resident of South Charleston, Ohio. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born on April 19, 1948 in Springfield, Ohio to the Carl and Lelah (née Wagner) Stringfellow. Mr. Stringfellow was a Veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Navy and was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — Dayton Chapter #97. He had been employed as a truck driver. Survivors include three children; Jacob Stringfellow, Miamisburg, OH, Michael Stringfellow, Lakeview, OH and Julie Tillman, Findlay, OH, several grandchildren, one sister; Pamela Sparks, South Charleston, two brothers; Carl (Penny) Stringfellow, Urbana and Daniel Stringfellow, Hubbard, TX and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother; Ralph Stringfellow, a nephew; David Stringfellow and his parents. Visitation was held from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM on Monday in the Jones Kenney-Zechman Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM with Pastor Larry Morrison officiating. Condolences may be shared at www.jkzfh.com.

SAMUEL LEE SWAIN - Died Saturday, September 30, 2017 at home in San Antonio after a second battle with cancer at the age of 87. He was born on June 22, 1930. SGT Swain is survived by his wife, Ann; two children, Denise Swain and Leanne Swain Ball; and three grandchildren, Joshua Mason Ball, Samantha Deanne Ball and Jonah Rain Ball. SGT Swain was a United States Army and Air Force Veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, earning several medals as a combat photographer, and The Silver Anvil Award for the Army Hometown News Service. He served proudly in the armed forces for more than thirty years; in the Army, the Air Force and as a civil service contractor. For ten years, he volunteered as one of the three kings in the classic Rivercenter floating Christmas pageant, and was a long-time member of the Fiesta Commission. He loved VFW Post #76 and during his four terms as commander he was instrumental in its transformation into the Riverwalk icon it is now. His friends remember him as a wise and generous problem-solver. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**. A memorial service was held at 3:00 PM on October 5, 2017 at the VFW Post #76 in the Lee Swain Carriage House at 10 10<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, TX 78215.

MILLARD L. THOMPSON, JR. - Died Thursday, September 20, 2018 in Aston, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of cancer. He was born in Media, Pennsylvania on June 18, 1942 to the late Millard L. Thompson, Sr. and Alice Thompson. He was a 1961

graduate of Penncrest High School, a 1963 graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy and College, and a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic. Millard served his country in Vietnam from 1968-70 in the United States Army and was a practicing chiropractor in New Jersey until his retirement in 1996. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Thompson; his son, Hai (Chi) Tran; his stepsons, Richard (Judy) Cage, Ken (Karen) Cage, and Jim (Dawn) Cage; his stepdaughter, Kristin (John) Knight; his stepdaughter-in-Law, Cathy Cage; his grandchildren, Bronwyn, Jacob, Aidan, Maddy (Pat), Megan, David, Jimmy, Zach, Nick, Michael, Elaine, Ethan, and Eliana; and his brother, Ed (Charla). Visitation hours were held on Thursday from 9:30-10:45 AM at the Lima United Methodist Church, 209 North Middletown Road, Lima, PA 19037. The Memorial Service was on Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Lima United Methodist Church. The burial was private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Delaware County Chapter #67, P.O. Box 1220 Media, PA 19063, and the Riddle Cancer Center Advisory Committee, Riddle Healthcare Foundation 1068 West Baltimore Pike, Media PA. 19014, ATTN: Riddle Cancer Center. Condolences may be made to www.nolanfidale.com.

DAVID ALAN TOLES – Died Saturday, July 7, 2018 in Ely, Nevada at the age of 70, due to complications following prolonged respiratory disease. He was born on June 14, 1948 in Ely to the late Robert Jesse Toles and Maxine (née Skinner) Toles. Alan is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Gale Toles, as well as his daughter, Tamara Toles. Upon graduating from White Pine High School in 1966 he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Alan separated from the Air Force in 1970 and was honorably discharged in 1972 at the rank of Sergeant. Alan was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Winnemucca Chapter **#744.** We are proud of his service to our country. He loved the outdoors. He loved fishing and being in the mountains and around water. He also enjoyed golfing with his family. He was an amazing historian and would tell many factual and historical stories from recollection. He also enjoyed cooking and became very accomplished at it. He had a deep love and consideration for family and friends and will be greatly missed but never forgotten. He was a good, good man. He retired from gold mining in 2012 and enjoyed retirement by traveling to see family and fishing. He continuously educated himself in cooking and history. At Alan's request, there will be no services. He asked in lieu of flowers, to consider making donations to the Nevada NSPCA or the Nevada Humane Society in honor of his love for animals. Or if so wished, planting a lilac bush in his memory. Alan requested to be buried in his hometown, Ely, Nevada. He never liked good-byes, so we will just say, we love you, we miss you and we will be seeing you later.

THOMAS JOHN "Tom" TOWNER - Died Saturday, August 25, 2018 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 72, following a brief illness. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver, chronic kidney disease, Pancytopenia and Sarcoidosis. He was born on June 12, 1946 in Osage, Iowa to Myrtle (née Suelflow) Towner-Siegler and the late Jack Towner. Tom grew up on a farm in Floyd, lowa, and received his elementary and secondary education in Charles City, Iowa. Following his graduation from Mankato State University, he was drafted into the United States Army. Tom was on active duty from May 1969 to March 1971, serving in the artillery as a fire direction control coordinator in Vietnam. Following his service, Tom moved to Waukegan, Illinois, and worked at Sara Lee. He moved to Appleton in 1979 to manage a computer service center for AAL at Fox Valley Lutheran. Tom finished his professional life at Little Rapids Corporation in Green Bay where he worked for 29 years, retiring in 2012. Tom was united in marriage to Susan Schroeder on June 10, 1978. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Amy Lynn and Joel Thomas. Tom was a faithful and devout husband and father. He enjoyed woodworking, travel, camping, genealogy, and flying kites. Tom actively volunteered in many capacities, working with Lutheran Pioneers, serving on the board of Camp Phillip, and supporting his children in all their activities. Since his retirement, he concentrated his efforts in helping other veterans. He was an active life member of VFW and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Appleton Chapter #351, drove for DAV, was on the VFW funeral honor guard, and was a member of the board of Vets and Friends of Wisconsin. He especially enjoyed speaking to students during VVA's educational presentations, "Reflections of Vietnam." Tom was preceded in death by his father, Jack Towner, his stepfather, Oscar Siegler, and his daughter, Amy Towner. He is survived by his mother, Myrtle Siegler of Appleton, his wife, Susan, of Appleton, his son, Joel, of Houston, Texas, his brother James (Vicki) Towner of Huntsville, Texas, as well as many other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Tom were held on Friday, August 31, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 930 East Florida Avenue in Appleton, with Pastor Jasper Sellnow presiding. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Wichmann Funeral Home, 537 North Superior Street in Appleton, and Friday at Mount Olive from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The interment was in the Riverside Cemetery. For more information or to share a memory of Tom, please visit www.wichmannfargo.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Camp Phillip in Wautoma, Wisconsin, or to Vets and Friends of Wisconsin, at 2508 North Richmond Street, Appleton. The family would like to thank everyone who has supported us with their prayers, love, and help during Tom's illness.

HARRY JAMES TWEED – Died Friday, April 7, 2017 in Cape May Court House, New Jersey at the age of 65. He was a life-long resident of Cape May County, moving to Cape May at the age of seven months, to Rio Grande in 1959, and later to Middle Township. The cause of

death was a heart attack. He was born in Cape May Court House on September 19, 1951. He was a graduate of Middle Township High School's "Class of 69" and was a member of the reunion committee, helping to plan all class reunions. After graduation, Harry entered the United States Navy. Upon completing boot camp, he went on to Hospital Corpsman School in Great Lakes, IL. After graduation he was stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital where hundreds of casualties from the Vietnam War were being sent. The hospital staff earned the Meritorious Unit Citation for excellence of care given to patients while Harry was stationed there. In 1972 Harry was sent to Camp Lejeune, NC to the Fleet Marine Forces Combat Training School to serve with the United States Marine Corps. Upon graduation he was stationed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Battalion in Camp Pendleton, CA where he remained until 1974 when he was discharged. Harry worked as a bartender for many years at the Rio Grande Café, Urie's, and the Herald's Inn. He then worked as a Senior Communications Officer for the Wildwood Police/Fire Departments for 26 years, retiring in 2010. In addition to his work, Harry was a life member and past chief of the Rio Grande Rescue Squad, a past member of the Rio Grande Fire Department, a life member and past chief of the Cape May County Communications Van, and a member of the County Fireman's Aid Association. He was also the past 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander of the Cape May County American Legion Executive Board, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Wildwood Chapter #955, a life member of the Marine Corps League and member of the L/CPL George Dramis Detachment, CMCH, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and member of Chapter #44, Del Haven, a life member of the Army/Navy Union and member of Garrison #52, National Park. In addition, he was a member of the Villas Fishing Club and the NJ Retired Policeman and Fireman Association, Inc. Harry also served as Commander of American Legion Post #184 in Wildwood for 13 years. Harry is survived by his wife, Kathy (née Scobey), his daughter, Kimberly and her husband Randy Fickett, his son Robert and wife Natalie (Fay), his daughter Siubhan and her fiancé Kevin Hebron. As well as his granddaughter August Jane Hebron and another grandchild that is due this summer. He also leaves behind nieces and nephews; Christopher and Walter Belles, Jaime Fox, and Todd VonLoh, as well as great nieces and nephews: Malia, Karsyn, and Walter Belles, Emily VonLoh and Jaelynn Fox. Services for Harry were held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Radzieta Funeral Home, 9 Hand Avenue, Cape May Court House, NJ. The burial was in the Cape May County Veterans' Cemetery, Crest Haven. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to American Legion Post #184, 4200 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ 08260.

<u>OMAR S. VINAS</u> – Died Saturday, July 7, 2018 in Miami, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Santiago, Cuba on February 6, 1947. He served in the United States Army from June 10, 1966 to June 9, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**.

<u>DONALD ARTHUR WALKER</u> – Died recently in 2018 in Sandpoint, Idaho at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 4, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Sandpoint Chapter #890**.



**ERNEST ANTHONY WATSON** – Died Friday, July 27, 2018 in his home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the age of 72, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was cerebrovascular disease. He was born on March 23, 1946 in Baton Rouge to the late Spencer Watson and Thelma Oby (née Reed) Watson. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baton Rouge Chapter #852**. Survivors include

his devoted wife, Gwendolyn S. Watson; daughters, Toyia M. Watson, Montgomery, Alabama; and Tiffany R. Watson, Baton Rouge; granddaughter, Trinity Rosemarie Watson; sister, Rose Marie Howard, Altadena, California; other relatives and friends. Visitation hours were at the Neely United Methodist Church on Friday, August 10, 2018 from 8:00 AM until Masonic rites at 9:00 AM with the religious service at 10:00 AM conducted by Reverend Issac Hammond. The interment was in the Louisiana National Cemetery. The arrangements were made by the Miller and Daughter Mortuary.

SAMUEL FREDERICK "Fred" WATSON - Died Tuesday September 4, 2018 at the UPMC in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. He was a resident of Altoona. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Altoona on January 6, 1947 to the late Russell and Carrie Lang. He married Cecilia Musselman June 27, 1970 in Altoona. Surviving is his wife Cecilia Musselman, his son Fred Watson (Wendy), his two grandchildren Chris Watson and Kali Watson; four siblings: Kenneth Watson of Johnstown, Linda Highduch of Altoona, Corine Cowan of Norfolk, VA, and Grace Ritchey of Altoona; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings Estella Wise, Marlene Harris, Carol Nagl, Susan Jo Watson, Francis Watson, Jim Lang, and Sondra Boyles. Fred was a graduate of Altoona High School and went on to train professionally to operate heavy equipment. He volunteered and served in the United States Navy with the Navy Seabees in Vietnam and was a member of Juniata VFW Post Fort Apache and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Hollidaysburg Chapter #967. He retired from Altoona Area School District after many years of service in custodial services. He attended Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and enjoyed golf, hunting, and fishing. Friends were received from 10:00 AM until the 12:00 Noon memorial service on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the Mauk and Yates Funeral Home, Inc., with Pastor Jason Mauk, officiating. Military honors were rendered by the US Navy and the Blair County Veterans Honor Guard.

**THOMAS JENKINS WHITTEN** - Died Thursday, August 9, 2018 at his home in Dawson, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Princeton, Texas on October 11, 1942 to the late Walter and Dortha (née Jenkins) Whitten. He graduated from Princeton High School and entered the United States Army in 1960, rising to rank of Major (O-4). He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was a recipient of the bronze star, Vietnamese medal of honor and the army commendation medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**. He is survived by his wife Kathryn, of Dawson; his children, Pamela (Doug) Straeter, of Burlington, New Jersey, Walter E. (Manya) Whitten, of

Pearl River, Louisiana and Lorraine (Alex) Sota, of Naugatuck, Connecticut; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his sisters, Sue Donnelly and Mary Summers, both of Princeton, and; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Thomas F. Whitten and a sister Judith A. Whitten of Patoka. The burial took place in Dawson.

DONALD R. "Donny" WITNER - Died on Friday, September 9, 2016 in Spencer, West Virginia from injuries sustained in an ATV accident. He was 70 years of age and a resident of Massillon, Ohio. He was born in Massillon on June 1, 1946 to the late Maurice and Blanche (née Ward) Witmer. He was a 1964 graduate of Washington High School. He then began his college education at Malone University where he set several school records in Track and Field. He also attended The Ohio State University before being drafted into the United States Army. "Donny" served with the First Division, the "Big Red One" in Vietnam and the 199<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade in Cambodia. Although he would never lay claim to the title, he was one of the original Tunnel Rats. Being the smallest in his platoon, he would perform underground search missions to ensure enemy combatants no longer posed a threat. Following his military service, he enrolled at Kent State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Upon his return from Vietnam, he was employed at Tyson Roller Bearings where he learned the basics of welding and fabrication which would keep him busy in the back yard for the rest of his life. He claimed he couldn't weld, but built many items such as trailers, pig roasting equipment, safes and vaults. He was a compulsive collector: guns, knives, Jack Daniel's bottles, safes, quarters, Massillon items, tools, nuts and bolts, scrap etc. He hated to buy anything he needed and would spend four hours looking for a 25-cent item rather than run to the hardware store to buy it. The original picker, when asked why he kept all these things, he would only reply, "Someone might need it." He kept literally tons of stuff on the off chance someone else might need it....and they did, and he shared. In 1974 he started his career with the Massillon Police Department and served the city of Massillon for 37 years. He began as a Patrolman and earned promotions to Sergeant and Lieutenant, spending most of his career on midnight shift because that's where the "Fun" was. He received many commendations for his actions and worked many high-profile cases including the 1976 Jeff LaPorte and 1983 Jodi Robinson homicides. He was the second longest serving police officer in the department's history, retiring in 2012 with the rank of Lieutenant. His police service was not completed however, as he became a volunteer auxiliary patrol officer for the Beach City Police department. He was greatly concerned for his fellow officers, attending many training sessions in his retirement, and always trying to bring back those new ideas, concepts and techniques to his fellow officers at Beach City and Massillon when holding firearms qualifications and participating in other trainings. "Wit" was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, Lifetime Member of the Stark County Gun Collectors Association and Lifetime Member of Henderson Lodge #105, Fraternal Order of Police and the Tennessee Squires Association. He was a member of 1<sup>st</sup> of the 28<sup>th</sup> Black Lions and the Society of the First Infantry Division military associations and enjoyed attending unit reunions. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Ohio.

Although not formally a member, he would do anything for the local veteran organizations, or for any individual veteran. He was a driving force behind the creation of the Stark County Vietnam Veterans memorial and statue in Massillon's Veteran's Park. He also researched, compiled and published a book, "Not to be Forgotten," containing biographies and photos of the Stark County casualties from the Vietnam war. Donny was an avid hunter of anything, most recently it was primarily deer. He hunted from October through January and spent February through September preparing for hunting season. He was checking out tree stand locations, when he was involved in his accident. Everything he did was for family. If he liked you, you were family. Although he had a hard time saying things out loud, he greatly loved Alice, Rich, Steve and Cathy, always planning for their future. However, his great love was for his grandchildren. He was always talking about them and lit up when they came into a room. He was constantly bringing home something from garage sales for them or taking them out to the workshop. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Bud Witmer. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Alice (née Parsons) Witmer; his son, Stephen W. (Kathy)Short II; his daughter, Mary C. "Cathy" (Jeremiah) Kemp, and; his son, Richard B. (Emily) Witmer. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Stephen W. (Amanda) Short III, Stephanie (Zack) Kieffer, Madison and Ripley Kemp and Bryan and Bailey Witmer, and; his great grandchildren, Ethan, Shannon and Sophia and a nephew, Marc Witmer. Friends visited the family at the Paquelet Funeral Home on Tuesday from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM with the family present from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and from 5:00-8:00 PM. A memorial service to celebrate and honor his life took place at the funeral home on Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

<u>TOM WOLF</u> - Died recently in 2018 in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**.

<u>BEN L. WOODS</u> – Died recently in 2018 in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 1, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Dakota**.



MICHAEL J. YEAGER - Died Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Pinecrest Manor after a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 11, 1949 in St. Marys to the late Elmer and Rita (née Andres) Yeager. He was a lifelong resident of the area and was a graduate of Saint Marys Area High School. Michael was an employee of the former E & G Auto Parts. He is survived by a sister, Susan (Blake) Haberberger of Kersey; a brother, Ronald (Christine) Haberberger of Bradford; and his niece and nephews, Blake (Katie)

Haberberger Jr., Craig (Roxie) Yeager and Amy (Todd) Downs. Michael was a veteran of the United States Army and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #948**. He was a member of the Camp Owners Association and loved spending time at camp, hunting and fishing. Michael especially

enjoyed spending time with his great-nephew, Will. There was no visitation. Funeral services were held at a later date. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Elk County Humane Society, 1029 East Eschbach Road, Saint Marys, PA 15857; or to the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home who were in charge of the arrangements.

PETER PAUL ZANIS, JR. — Died Monday, May 1, 2017 in Feasterville Trevose, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Peter was born in the Panama Canal Zone on November 19, 1947 and was the only son of the late Peter Paul Zanis, Sr. and the late Mary C. (née Costello) Zanis. He was the brother of Margaret Lucas and Veronica Flynn, who predeceased him. Peter is survived by his wife Frances T. (née Kelly) Zanis and three loving children, Veronica A. Granelli (née Zanis), Peter Paul Zanis III and Thomas J. Zanis. A caring and supportive father, he was involved in local sports and school programs, as well as the Boy Scouts of America. He was a proud American who served his country as a United States Marine Corps Veteran (1966 - 1970) which included a tour in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America — Wildwood Chapter #955. In lieu of flowers, donations in Peter's memory may be made to: Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society, 4720 Thompson Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19137.

GORDON G. ZEAK - Died Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the James E. van Zandt VA Medical Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Altoona, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Altoona on May 21, 1946 to the late Gordon A. and Bernadette (née O'Neill) Zeak. On September 25, 1965, he married Eileen P. Scheungrab at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Altoona. He addition to his wife of 52 years, he is survived by a daughter, Cheryl Zeak Williams of Altoona. Gordon was a graduate of Altoona High School. He retired after 34 years of service as a Machinist Welder from Norfolk Southern. He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967. The burial took place at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington County, VA.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD! AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM! MAY THEY REST IN PEACE! AMEN! Spencer 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**