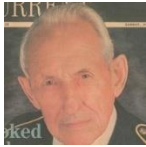


**GARY LEE ADAMS** – Died Saturday, June 15, 2019 in Great Falls, Montana at the age of 70. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest, cerebral hemorrhage, cerebral mass, neurofibromatosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and craniotomy with cerebral mass resection. Gary was born in Great Falls on July 23, 1948 to the late Charles Faye Adams, Sr. and Pauline Mary (née Koval) Adams-Lundgren. Gary grew up in the “Electric City” of Great Falls and attended school there. In 1964, he met the love of his life and future wife, Sylvia Yvon Erickson. They dated throughout high school and married July 29, 1967, celebrating 51 years of marriage this past year. Gary proudly joined the United States Navy after graduating high school from CMR in 1968. He served his country in the Vietnam War from 1969-1970. In 1973 he moved his new family to Missoula, where he worked for Coca-Cola until 1990. In 1990, Gary made a career change, moved his family to Lewistown, where he helped others with drug and alcohol addictions as a fulltime drug and alcohol counselor. In 2001, he retired and spent the remainder of his retirement in Great Falls. In the end, Gary proudly celebrated 35 years of sobriety, one day at a time. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Laurel Chapter #626**. Survivors include his beloved wife, Sylvia; three children, Terri (Sean) Murphy, Missoula, MT; Phillip (Holly) Adams, Lincoln, NE; Alicia (Joseph) O’Meara, Forsyth, MT; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild, including Michael Murphy, Daniel (Katie) Murphy; and great-granddaughter, Brooke; Brendan Murphy who is currently serving in the US Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton; Evan Adams; David “Myles” O’Meara and Helyn O’Meara; his brother, Ray (LuAnn) Adams, Livingston, MT; along with several nieces; nephews; and cousins. Preceding Gary in death is our beloved son and brother, David Lee Adams; Gary's parents, Charles Faye Adams, Sr., and Pauline Mary (Adams) Lundgren, and brother, Charles Faye Adams, Jr. Memorial services were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1226 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Great Falls on July 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM with burial following in the military section of Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to either the local chapter of your DAV (Disabled American Veterans) or Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Falls.



**RALPH GARLAND ADKINS** - Died Friday, January 18, 2019 in West Chester, Ohio at the age of 73, after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 17, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Emerson J. and Helen S. Adkins. He was the beloved husband of Rose Mary (née Jones) Adkins; devoted father of Michelle L. Dubell (Rick) and Douglas A. Adkins; loving grandfather of Andrea M. Dubell, Nicolas R. Dubell and Lyric J. Adkins; dear brother of Jack Adkins (Vicki), Emerson Adkins Jr. (Violet) and Doug Adkins (Debbie). In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Todd J. Adkins. Ralph grew up in Goshen, Ohio where he met the love of his life, Rose Mary Jones, as a teenager, they were married for 55 years. Ralph was a patriotic American and veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army from 1964 to 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

**America – Batavia Chapter #649.** He had a passion for fishing and loved browsing flea markets for treasures he shared with his grandchildren. Family and friends gathered for a graveside service on Friday February 1, 2019 at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. The service began at 10:00 AM. Friends met at the Circle along the main gate drive beginning at 9:45 AM for a procession to the grave site. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the American Heart Association.



**GEORGE ALEXANDER ALBRIGHT** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Friday, May 24, 2013 in Pulaski, Virginia at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1922. He was a United States Army Master Sergeant, retired with 31 years of service. He served during World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam-Era and the Persian Gulf War. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Korean War Veterans Assoc., and the Combat Infantrymen's Assoc. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, John. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; children George, Valerie, Linda and Carl; stepchildren, Annette, Vanessa, Sherry and Shelba; six step-grandchildren; two foster grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild: numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Hialeah; and brother, Bill. The family received friends on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 from 10:00 until 11:30 AM at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Full military burial rites were held in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. The Albright family was in the care of the Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

**JOHN H. ALBRIGHT, SR.** – Died recently in Petaluma, California at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 21, 1931. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Petaluma Chapter #563**.



**JOHN PETER ARMSTRONG** - Died Saturday, June 22, 2019 in Gardner, Massachusetts at the age of 72. The cause of death was respiratory failure – had fungus in his lungs. He was born in Lewiston, Maine on March 28, 1947 to the late John R. Armstrong and Loretta (née Allain) Armstrong. He was the husband of Beverly Armstrong. He entered the United States Army. After serving in Vietnam, he was awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in combat. He was an instructor in subjects: Mine Warfare and obstacles at the United States Military Academy West Point. He continued to serve in the United States Army as a Demolition Specialist Combat Engineer. John also served as a Military Police Supervisor and Operation Sergeant, and Unit First Sergeant at Fort Devens, MA. After John retired from the United States Army and obtaining his certification as a Refrigeration Technician he worked as a Federal Employee for the United States Army until he was Medically Retired due to his service-connected disabilities. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner**

**Chapter #907.** John loved his wife Beverly and daughter Lynda and the many Puppy Dogs and Kitty Cats that they had invited into their home. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Beverly Armstrong and daughter Lynda Armstrong; his granddaughter, Sheryl; his two sisters, Cecil Iskra and Connie Adams, both of Connecticut; his brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Laura Smith, of Virginia, and; many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers please donate funds to Sophie's Mission, [sophiesmission.org](http://sophiesmission.org). There were no services at this time. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors at later date. Mack Family Funeral Homes – Lamoureux-Smith and Poliks Chapel, 105 Central Street, Gardner assisted with the arrangements.



**ROBERT LEE “Bob” ARMSTRONG** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, March 9, 2019 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 30, 1943 in Phoenix, Arizona to the late Arthur W. “Art” and La Rue M. Armstrong, the fourth of five children. Bob was a handsome boy and best pals with older brother, Don, who tended to lead Bob into mischievous adventures while growing up in Southern California. He was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in his youth. Bob had a strong personality and stubborn determination which carried him through life. His earliest goal was to join the Army, just like his Dad. After graduating high school in 1961, Bob worked for the Los Angeles Fire Department until he was eligible to enlist in the service, beginning a nearly 30-year United States Army career retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). He served three tours of duty in Vietnam and was stationed throughout Asia, Europe, Saudi Arabia, and the United States. His key involvement besides the war was with supplies for the troops and base operations. He was proud of his many commendations for efficiency and reducing military costs by hundreds of thousands of dollars. Bob's excellent work ethic, along with the ability to organize and command, eventually earned him the rank of Master Sergeant. When Bob committed to anything it was a 100% effort. So, when he discovered Volksmarch (non-competitive walking) while stationed in Germany, he quit smoking and became an enthusiastic athlete. Bob had over 22,000 documented miles of walking, jogging and marathon running throughout Europe, Russia, and the USA. Returning to Columbia College, Bob earned a Master of Arts Degree in Business Management before retiring from the Army in 1988, then he worked at the Ballwin, Missouri Post Office and with the Blackhawk Helicopter Corporation. Married several times, Bob's greatest joy came with the birth of his daughter, Meghan Lee, to whom he was utterly devoted. In 2004, he was married and sealed for time and eternity to Beth Robinson in the St Louis, Missouri Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He volunteered considerable hours in service to CERT program, Heartland Hospice, as Den leader in the Boy Scouts of America, the Bishop's Storehouse, the AVA (Volksmarch Org.) and local election boards. Bob was also a temple worker and delighted in frequently feeding church missionaries. Generous to his own detriment, Bob donated huge amounts to many charities, veteran organizations, children's hospital, St Louis Zoo, Public Broadcasting, Boy Scouts of America; and frequently lent money to friends. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam**

**Veterans of America – Missouri.** Bob cherished his pet cockatiels and cats, taking great pleasure in their antics. In 2013, his health became critical, and he was moved to St. Peter's Manor, where he lived until his passing. Bob and his family were particularly grateful for the care and attention received from his many friends, especially Frank and Joanne Soles, Lew Willis and John and JoAnn Logsdon, as well as the staff at St. Peter's Manor, Sherry Pyatt, and Patty W., who loved, comforted, teased and helped Bob endure the most difficult challenge of his life. For Robert, the Army was his life, Volksmarch was his passion and the family were his joy. He is survived by his daughter, Meghan Lee Armstrong; his sisters, Mary Johnson and Hazel Coons, and; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur W. and La Rue M. Armstrong; his sister, Katherine Armstrong, and; his brother, Arthur Donald Armstrong. Visitation hours were held at the Shepard Funeral Chapel, 9255 Natural Bridge Road at I-170, Saint Louis, Missouri on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 until 8:00 PM and at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 66 Oak Valley Drive, Saint Peters, Missouri on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 AM until the funeral service at 11:00 AM. The burial with full military honors was held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, 2900 Sheridan Road, Saint Louis County, Missouri.

**STEPHEN V. AUGUST** – Died Sunday, October 9, 2011 I Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 19, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974.**



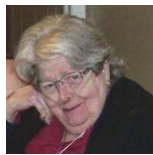
**JOSEPH STANLEY "Joe" BACZKOWSKI** - Died Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at home in Marquette, Michigan at the age of 69, in the loving, comforting care of his family and staff of the Upper Peninsula Home Health and Hospice, following a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 5, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan the son of Joseph John and Eugenia (née Zajkowski) Baczkowski, Joe was raised in Detroit and was a 1967 graduate of Denby High School. In 1969, he entered military service, serving in the United States Army with tours of duty in Vietnam and Germany. Following his honorable discharge in 1972, Joe enrolled at Wayne State University and later at Northwestern University where he received his training and education as an Orthotist. He began his 30-year career at the Detroit Medical Center Rehabilitation Institute and continued with Wright and Filippis. In 1985, he relocated to Marquette, working at the local Wright and Filippis as an Orthotist and manager, retiring in 2014. Throughout his lifetime, Joe was very service oriented and gave of his time and talent as a volunteer at Bay Cliff Health Camp for 30 years, was a member of FOCOS (Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine) making seven volunteer trips to Ghana, Africa, was an active member of Vets With A Mission where he made three humanitarian trips, including Vietnam. Additionally, he was a 35-year member of the Marquette Lions Club where he held every position and received numerous awards for service, was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

**America - Marquette Chapter #380**, Richard Jopling Post #44 of the American Legion, Marquette Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. #405, and the American Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics. In his leisure, he enjoyed spending time with family, walking Presque Isle, reading books, fishing, and traveling the world. Joe is survived by his children, whom he lovingly referred to as "his twins", Jessica (Jared) Stupsky of Appleton, WI and her twin brother, Joshua Baczkowski of Marquette; his grandchildren, Jillian and Hayden whom he adored; his mother, Eugenia Baczkowski of Myrtle Beach, SC; sisters, Christine (Terrence) Kudsin of Myrtle Beach, SC and Elizabeth (Paul) Troszak of Orange Park, FL; many loving nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his father, Joseph. Friends visited the family at the Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10:00 AM until the time of service at 12:00 Noon. Pastor Chad Mager officiated. A reception will follow in the reception room located at the funeral home. Interment with veteran honors were made at the Park Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Bay Cliff Health Camp, P.O. Box 310, Big Bay, MI 49808 or the Marquette Lions Club, P.O. Box 55, Marquette, MI 49855. Condolences may be expressed online at [fassbenderswansonhansen.com](http://fassbenderswansonhansen.com).



**ROBERT S. "Bob" BAKER** - Died Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Maine Medical Center from Hodgkin's Lymphoma caused from Agent Orange, contracted during the Vietnam War. He was 71 years of age and a resident of North Berwick, Maine. Bob was born on May 29, 1947 in Los Angeles, California to the late Arley L. and Stella M. (née Durost) Baker. After graduating from Eagle Rock High School in CA, Bob proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. It is there that he was exposed to the deadly chemical known as Agent Orange, which ultimately took his life. Bob moved from Los Angeles to the east coast while in his 20's, wanting to escape the hustle and bustle of the overwhelming chaos of the city and finally landed in North Berwick, Maine in 2016. He and his wife, Diana bought a historic home in North Berwick where he enjoyed his simple life of tinkering and collecting trucks, tractors and other vehicles that could use his repair. He was an elevator repairman for most of his life, working first in California then for over 40 years at Bay State Elevator in Springfield, MA. Bob was proud to be a veteran and was very involved in and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**, American Legion Post #26 of Biddeford and was on the Board of Directors of the Patriot Guard Riders of America, Maine Chapter One, honoring our fallen heroes. He was also a member of the Bay State Elevator Company and the International Union of Elevator constructors. In recent years, Bob was learning the art of Stained Glass. In his idle hours, Bob was an avid fan of car shows as well as a huge collector and connoisseur of all things Star Trek; whether it be movie marathons or memorabilia. Bob enjoyed antique items from our generations left behind, no matter how big or small, he loved the history. In recent years, Bob was learning the art of Stained Glass. Bob had a special relationship with his only son, Samuel. They were the closest any father and son could ever be. He was an easy-going man known for his dry sense of humor; laughing at his

own jokes and having his own “mood” noises. He would give anyone the shirt off his back if they needed it. Bob was a jack-of-all-trades from plumbing to electrical and shared his knowledge with anyone who was interested. Bob will be forever remembered as a well-loved and respected man to anyone whomever knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Diana M. (née Girard) Baker and son, Samuel J. Baker both of North Berwick; his lifelong friend Kevin Morrissey as well as all the friends he made throughout his involvement with various organizations. A time of visitation was held on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Johnson Funeral Home, 26 Market Street, North Berwick, ME. Burial with military honors was on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, Springvale, ME. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may contribute to Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign, PO Box 303 - Prince Station, New York, NY 10012-0006 - make check payable to: Veterans for Peace/VAORRC.



**MILLICENT “*Millie*” BANKS** – Died Sunday, December 31, 2017 at her home in Muncie, Indiana at the age of 74, after a long-suffering illness. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Mill Run, Pennsylvania on April 8, 1943, the fourth child of William Richard Burley and Mary Millicent (née Cox) -Banks-Burley. She lived and traveled throughout the country but lived in South Carolina for 30 years. An avid hand crotchetier, Millie loved to give away her hand-made crafts. She was also an active member and office holder in several veteran associations, including the VFW Auxiliary, with her husband, Larry. She was an *At-Large Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina*. She was a devoted parent and grandparent who generously gave her time and energy to family, friends, and even strangers. Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Larry “Baby” Banks; her sons, Bart Horne (wife, Teresa) and John Horne (wife, Terri); her daughter, Mary Horne (husband, Dustin Green); her step-son, James “Butch” Banks; her granddaughter, Nastassia Snaden; her grandsons, Leonard “Buddy” Blake and John Barnabas “JB” Horne; her brothers, William Burley and Richard Burley (wife, Glena); her sisters-in-law, Susan Burley and Janice Burley; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her granddaughters, Avigayle Ruth Horne and Cecelia Faith Horne; her mother and father; her sister, Arminda Olive; her brothers, Samuel Burley and Gerald Burley; her sister-in-law, Elsa Burley; and her nephew, Allen Burley. There were no services and she was cremated. Memorial contributions may be directed to Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters, 406 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or to the Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel was in charge of the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.meeksmortuary.com](http://www.meeksmortuary.com).





**JOHN E. BARLEY** - Died Monday, January 1, 2018 in South Fork, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 5, 1949 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to the late Andrew and Mary Jane (Barley) Jakovcic. He was also preceded in death by his son, Michael; his uncle, Sam Barley; and his best buddy, his black lab, Shadow. He is survived by loving and devoted wife of 20 years, Joanne Wojno-Barley; his children, John P. Barley, and wife, Caula (née Rolley), of Johnstown, Jason P. Barley, and girlfriend, Kathleen Borga, of Johnstown, Erica L. Fabo, and husband, Daniel, of Summerhill; his grandchildren, John Michael, Abigail, Chariti, Myckayla, and Jakob Barley, Kylee, Lucas and Jared Fabo; his grand-dog, Titan; his special aunt, Pat Fultz; his puppy-dog, Kingsley; his stepsons, Michael and Patrick Wojno, of OH; his sister, Cheryl Hale and husband, Charlie; Gary Jakovcic, and wife, Georgie, all of Johnstown. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran, serving from January 20, 1966 until February 6, 1970. He proudly served his country 2 years during Vietnam with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment. While in Vietnam he experienced heavy combat, some of which was hand-to-hand. He also suffered a gunshot wound to the shoulder and was awarded the Purple Heart as well as numerous other metals. John was a member of the DAV, VFW Menoher Post #155, lifetime member of the American Legion, the Purple Heart and Marine Corps League. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. He worked at Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the U.S. Post office. He will be sadly missed by all his friends and their old-time rock and roll, and numerous family members that are too many to name. He was loving, kind, gentle, and protective. I will miss him and love him always – Semper Fi my love. A memorial service was held on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Chapel, with Pastor Joe Stains, officiating. The military ritual was provided by the Conemaugh Valley Detachment 287 Marine Corps League. The arrangements were in the care of Hindman Funeral Homes and Crematory, Inc., 1521 Frankstown Road, “Exclusive Provider of Veterans and Family Memorial Care,” Condolences may be made at [HindmanFuneralHomes.com](http://HindmanFuneralHomes.com).

**JOHNNIE H. BEASLEY, JR.** – Died recently in 2019 in Greenville, South Carolina at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 29, 1954. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**.



**STEPHEN J. BECKLER** - Died Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 72. He was a resident of Clare, Illinois. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on September 20, 1946 in Sycamore, Illinois to the late James D. and Pauline (née Anderson) Beckler. He was a veteran of the United States Army,

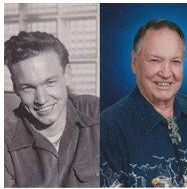
serving in the Korean Conflict. Stephen enjoyed his time in wholesale management owning and operating F.C. Grocery in DeKalb, IL. After retirement, Stephen fulfilled his love of grocery management working at Wal-Mart. He was a life-long member of the Sycamore VFW Post #5768 and got to share his love of H-gauge model trains as an active member of the Prairie State Railroad Club in Big Rock, IL where they provide education and fun with trains through community events. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kimberling City (Missouri) Chapter #1119**. Survivors include the love of his life Mary Garcia; his daughters, Bridget Beckler and Heidi Miller (Ed); his grandchildren, Phibi and Niles Miller; his sister, Karen Unger (Bob); his niece, Kalie Pesek; his nephew Jamin Unger; his stepdaughter, Sonia Fagen (Bob); his stepsons, Joe and Jacob Garcia, and; his grandchild, Kylie Fagen. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Butala Funeral Home and Crematory in Sycamore. A military graveside service was on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Sycamore VFW Auxiliary in care of the Butala Funeral Home and Crematory, 1405 DeKalb Avenue, Sycamore, IL. 60178. For info or to sign the online guest book, go to [www.butalafuneralhomes.com](http://www.butalafuneralhomes.com).



**RICHARD J. BELL** - Died Friday, March 15, 2019 at his residence in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born on February 10, 1948 in Philipsburg to the late Richard E. and Ruth C. (née Cunningham) Bell. He was married on September 27, 1966, in Philipsburg, to the former Linda M. Patrick, who survives at home. He served with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Richard was a welder by trade throughout his working career. He was employed for 12 years with the former Penn Coal Co., Inc. / Thompson Bros. Coal Co.; first as a welder and then as a foreman. He then accepted a welding position with HRI, Inc., State College. Following his time with HRI, he accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as a welding trade instructor at S.C.I. Rockview and Houtzdale. Richard retired from full-time employment in 2008; and was employed as a part-time custodian with the Philipsburg-Osceola Area School District. Richard was very active with his church, the First Baptist Church of Philipsburg. He had volunteered countless hours and held various offices including: Trustee, Deacon and Family Fellowship Committee Chairman. Richard was very patriotic and an active member of some local veteran's organizations including: VFW Post #5020, Osceola Mills; Marine Corps League, Detachment #289, DuBois; a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**; American Legion, Freeberg Post #591, Houtzdale; and a previous member of the VFW, Post #3450, Philipsburg. Richard was known to be a bit of a "workaholic," even at home. He was always busy spending time working around the house or tending to his garden. Come harvest time, he and Linda would be busy canning tomatoes and vegetables from the garden and making their own sauerkraut. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing in his spare time. Richard is survived by his wife, Linda; one son, Richard Kevin Bell and his companion, Debra Lee Fowler, of Chester Hill; three brothers: Robert E. Bell and his wife, Lettie, of Flinton, Thomas L.



Bell and his wife, Mary Ann, of Gearhartville, RD Philipsburg and Timothy L. Bell and his wife, Kelly, of Asheville, North Carolina; and numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by one infant son, Michael K. Bell; one sister, Diane L. Watson; and one brother, Charles W. Bell, in addition to his parents. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Beezer-Heath Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 719 East Spruce Street, Philipsburg with Reverend Ted G. Seibert, officiating. Military Honors were accorded at the funeral home by the Osceola Mills Honor Guard. Visitation hours were held at the funeral home on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral service. The interment was in the Philipsburg Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Richard's memory to the First Baptist Church, 214 East Beaver Street, Philipsburg, PA 16866 or the SPCA, 275 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Clearfield, PA 16830.



**ROBERT JOSEPH "Bob" BIGELOW** - Died Monday, April 22, 2019 in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the age of 92 to join his wife of 68 years. The cause of death is unknown. Born on August 19, 1926 in Paris, Mississippi, Eula (née Box) Bigelow gave birth to twins. Bob and Ralph were less than 10 ounces each at the time of birth and were not expected to survive. Sleeping in a dresser drawer for their first 3 months in a bed of cotton balls the boys had to be touched very gently to keep their skin from peeling off. They were bathed with cotton swabs and then had baby oil spread on them as was the practice at that time. Both boys survived and became sailors in the United States Navy during World War II. Bob was assigned to the USS New York (BB34) where he would serve in the Pacific Theatre until after the war ended mustering out in 1946. Bob went home to Memphis, Tennessee where he found the love of his life Margaret (Ann) Ann Bird. They were married on July 15, 1949 and raised four children, Cathy Ann, Wayne Allen, Randy Joe and Chris Carl. Bob would rejoin the military in early 1947, this time the United States Army Air Corps, and would be among the first members of the United States Air Force. He would serve in the Air Force until 1977 when he retired at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. He would have overseas tours in Korea, Japan, Turkey and Vietnam with state side tours in Washington, South Carolina and Delaware. Bob, Ann and Chris would move to Raynesford, Montana after retiring and build a log cabin on 10 acres where Bob and Ann would live for the next 16 years. In 1993 they would move to Cheyenne, Wyoming where they would spend the remainder of their lives. While stationed in Washington, Bob would be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He would remain a Mason for the rest of his life joining the Shriners, York Rite, Scottish Rite and finally becoming a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason. He was recently recognized by the Veterans Administration for over 10,000 hours of volunteer service at the Cheyenne VA Medical Center through the Masonic Services Association. Bob was a member of the Evangelical Free Church of Cheyenne, lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Wyoming Branch #59 of the Fleet Reserve Association, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Wyoming** and many other civic organizations. He

was an active participant and office holder in every organization he joined. Bob was preceded in the journey to Heaven by both his parents, his brother and his wife. He is survived by his sister Kathaline of Memphis, TN and his children Cathy (Scott) Collins and Randy (Cristy) both of Cheyenne, WY, Wayne (Patsy) of Berryville, AR and Chris (Kristan) of Flat Rock, NC. Along with numerous grandchildren and great-Grandchildren. At Bob's request there were no public services. "In Memory of" donations may be made to the Shrine Hospital for Children. God bless Bob and God bless America.



**GILBERTO BLANCO** - Died Saturday, April 20, 2019 at his residence in Donna at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 27, 1943 in Donna to the late Miguel Hector Blanco and Amelia (née Aparacio) Blanco. He served in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam as a Sergeant in 1968. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas*. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM with a rosary at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Donna. The burial was in the Val Verde Memorial Gardens. Military graveside services were conducted by VFW Post #7473 of Elsa, Texas. The funeral services were under the direction of Hawkins Funeral Home in Donna.

**MICHAEL WILLIAM BLENKE** - Died Monday, July 22, 2019 at his home in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 13, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the late William and Elizabeth (née Hatchill) Blenke. Michael is survived by his wife Diane Blenke; his daughters, Sarah, Sherri, Amy, (fiancé, Robert McPherson), Leah, and Alexis Blenke; his stepdaughter, Jeanette (Paul) Sidbeck; his stepson, Eric (Paley) Martin; his brothers and sisters: Patrick (Mary) Blenke, Tim, William, Ella, and Peggy Blenke. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Little Chute Chapter #251*. A Private Service was held. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established in his name.



**DONALD JOSEPH "Don" BLOCK** - Died Sunday, April 28, 2019 in Chesterfield, Michigan, at the age of 70, one day short of his 71st birthday. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 29, 1948. Don retired from TRW Automotive in 2006. He proudly served his country in Vietnam. He was active with VFW Post #2358 in Roseville where he served as Commander from 1999-2000. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154*. He leaves his wife, Martha, of 26 years. He was the loving father of Sean (Dawn and daughter, Zoe); dear grandfather of five grandchildren. Don is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Marlene and Doug Burns; his brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and

Maxine Block; his brother-in-law, Walter Jurdzinski, and; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were from 2:30 – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the Gendernalik Funeral Home, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore. He laid-in-state from 10:00 until 10:30 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Saint Mary, Queen of Creation Catholic Church, 50931 Maria, New Baltimore. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors via the funeral home website - [gendernalikfh.com](http://gendernalikfh.com).



**KENNETH EDWARD “Ken” BLOOMFIELD, JR.** – Died Monday, November 26, 2018 in King William, Virginia at the age of 80. The cause of death was acute hypoxic respiratory failure, shock, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and atrial fibrillation. Ken was born on August 31, 1938 in Wyandotte, Michigan into a loving family, as the oldest child to his late father, Kenneth Edward Bloomfield, Sr. and his mother Annie (née Richards of Canada). They settled in Ken Sr.’s hometown of Wyandotte, Michigan. The family grew to include four more children: Richard, Jerry, Ann and Maribeth, who have all remained close and caring of each other. Ken spent his youth in Wyandotte and went to his parish school of Saint Patrick – grades 1-12, he then attended 4 years at the University of Detroit studying Aeronautical Engineering. His heart, however, desired to serve his country, as did many others, in the extended Bloomfield family. His most notable influence – Uncle Jack. Ken was accepted to the United States Military Academy and in 1960 entered, to become part of the graduation class of 1964. His experiences there gave him a lifelong love of West Point and friendships that would last his entire life. His time there was well spent, with many events of import and special remembrance. His experience marching in JFK’s inauguration parade and JFK’s funeral procession, one of only 15 cadets to do both. He was a fierce intramural boxer with 15 knockouts in a row. Two low points of his academy time were swim class and French. He really never went into the water, except on rare occasions even though he lived at the Jersey Shore nearly 25 years. French...his MOS declares he is fluent in same. He was a plebe turnout and never liked anything French again, except Chateau-Neuf-du-Pape. After graduating with "butter bars" on his shoulders, he completed Ranger and Airborne School in the United States Army. Then onto assignments in Germany, Vietnam, Massachusetts, Maryland and Arizona. His service in Vietnam as an Infantry Company Commander garnered him three Bronze Stars and the love and respect of his men. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America (Toms River, New Jersey) Chapter #200**. His last day in NYC came on 9-11. He was under the 2<sup>nd</sup> plane that exited the WTC. He resigned the next day and only returned to NYC twice more. Having left NYC, he was offered a position in Chicago and retired there in 2008. He loved the City of Chicago and particularly, the fact that he had a four-block commute. Those were the days! Retirement found him in an RV and on the road, to all the wonderful places American has to offer. He made fond note of camping in Big Bend, Texas during tarantula mating season. Finally, settling in Virginia on eight acres in a home built in 1732 (and in need of work), his life

journey came to an end. He was a man of great composure, a true gentleman and a friend and helper of many. His memory will be cherished. Ken married in 1964, three days after graduating from West Point, to Rose Chilton, the "Ladycliff Girl" (approved and loved by Ellen and Andy). It must have been love, because it lasted 55 years. Ken's shining glory was his son, Kenneth IV. His heart always beat faster when they were together, unspoken admiration between the two of them. Ken and his wonderful wife Deb lived in Chicago. Richard and Debbie Bloomfield, Gerald & Judy Bloomfield, Ann (Taffy) and Phil Tait, Maribeth & Larry Doezeema, are his surviving siblings and spouses. They and their extended families, nieces, nephews and cousins carry his life story forward. Among others, he leaves the close relations of his wife's family. Karen Chilton and Robert Hahn, nephew Eric and wife Iryna (son Henryk) and nephew Patrick. A much loved, yet distant grandson, Andrew Lawrence, will have the knowledge of his grandfathers' great joy of knowing him. Kenneth was buried at West Point Cemetery on May 10, 2019. He joined his infant son, Kenneth Edward Bloomfield III and Andrew Kenneth. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Holy Trinity Chapel at 1:00 PM and officiated by Robert's brother, Reverend Monsignor Gerald Hahn. The burial was in the West Point Cemetery, then a reception at Herbert Hall to refresh and relax. In the spirit of Ken's love of animals, Little Girl, Louie, Handsome, Mina, Star, Sadie, Clementine, and Liberty (dogs); Miss America, Malpedes, Big Guy, Fluffy, Marlboro, Miss Mew (cats), please honor him with a donation to your favorite no kill shelter. It will be a time of celebration for "Himself".



**JOE ALSTON BLOUNT, JR.** - Died Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Virginia at the age of 65. He was a resident of Arlington. The cause of death was septic shock, pseudomonas UTI, and uncontrolled diabetes mellitus type II. He was born on October 12, 1953 in Hohenwald, Tennessee to the late Joe and Mary Blount. Joe proudly served in the United States Army for 24 years. In that time, he and his family served at the NSA at Fort Meade, MD, Göppingen, Germany with the Big Red One, Fort Bragg, NC, Southern California as an Army recruiter, Seoul, South Korea twice, Panama City, Panama, the Pentagon and finally at Medical Hold Company at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He retired in 1997. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. After his military retirement, he served as the Coordinator for Military and Veteran Student Services at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. He married Rebecca (Becky) Ann McAdams on December 1, 1973 in Memphis, TN. They enjoyed 45 years and 14 moves in their married life together. He is survived by his wife and two sons, David Michael and Kevin Scott, all of Arlington, VA. He also leaves behind his two brothers, Stevean Robbin Blount (Belinda) of Hernando, MS, Danny Robert Blount (Mary) of Southaven, MS and his sister, Rhonda Lynn Brewer (Gunter) of Haddonfield, NJ. Murphy Funeral Home, 4510 Wilson Boulevard., Arlington, VA was entrusted with his services. Visitation hours were held on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. His Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Murphy Funeral Home at 11:00 AM. Reverend Michael Youngblood of Westover Baptist Church officiated. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Gary Sinise

Foundation or the Honor Flight Network. The interment took place with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.



**DOUGLAS WOODROW "Doug" BOLLING, SR.** - Died Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in Madison Heights, Virginia at the age of 75. Doug had an eleven-year battle with the dreadful Parkinson's disease and twenty-eight years with Ischemic heart disease, both attributed to contact with Agent Orange while proudly serving in the United States Army in Vietnam. He was born on September 25, 1943 to the late Page W. Bolling (Ida) and Jane (née Ashley) Bolling. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Charlene (née Peters) Bolling, having shared a blessed marriage of 55 years, and his beloved, devoted and caring son, Douglas W. Bolling, Jr. and special daughter-in-law, Lorrie Bolling of Madison Heights. He is also survived by his beloved brother, Joseph E. Bolling (Linda) of Colorado Springs, CO and sister Kimberly Brooks (Danny) of Rustburg; sister-cousin, Nancy Bolling Hudson (Rodney) who was by his side when he passed, and devoted cousin, Judith Stevens of Lakewood, CA; and many other nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. Doug enjoyed a lifetime working in the home improvement field including manufacturing, installing and selling products. He was of the Baptist faith and followed the will of God. Doug was gifted with a generous kind spirit, contagious smile and love for everyone including furry animals and birds. He loved his Tom kitty who misses him. Doug had a passion for music and attended all Friday Cheers for 19 years.



**ANDREW L. BRANDENBURG** (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 15, 1935 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to the late Louis A. Brandenburg and Monica M. (née Steil) Brandenburg. After graduating from Holy Family High School in Tulsa in 1954, he was drafted and served two years in the United States Army. He later graduated from the University of Tulsa with degrees in Journalism in 1962, Psychology in 1963, and Law in 1965. In January 1966, he returned to active duty as a military attorney in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps), U.S. Army. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Oklahoma in 1965 and the Supreme Court of the United States in 1971. While stationed at Fort Meade in Maryland, he attended Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, where he earned a Master of Arts Science Degree in Administrative Science in 1976. In 1979, he completed the Command and General Staff College (Non-Resident) course of study. Mr. Brandenburg retired from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in March 1986. In addition to various stateside assignments, he served 7-1/2 years in Germany and one year in Vietnam. While on active duty, LTC Brandenburg taught courses in Criminal Law, Business Law, Organizational Behavior,



Administrative Procedures and Communications for the University of Maryland, Northwestern State University and City Colleges of Chicago. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton and the Knights of Columbus (Council 11909) in Lawton. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #56, and a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1193 in Lawton. Survivors include one son and five daughters: Dr. Mark A. Brandenburg and wife Kelly of Oklahoma; Lisa A. Salamon and husband Wayne of Oklahoma; Gretchen L. Brandenburg of Texas; Karin L. Brandenburg of Washington, D.C.; Jennifer M. Smith of Oklahoma; and Joanna M. Ganear and husband David of Texas. He is also survived by four grandsons: Ian A. Brandenburg; Noah C. Brandenburg; Tyler S. Smith; Austin C. Ganear; and two granddaughters: Kathleen N. Salamon and Hannah M. Ganear. The Funeral Mass was at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton, Oklahoma with Reverend Father Philip Seeton, Pastor officiating. The burial with Full Military Honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The Rosary was at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 NW Fort Sill Boulevard, Lawton, Oklahoma. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Friars Province of the Sacred Stigmata at PO Box 839, Union City, NJ 07087-0839.



**DANIEL AUGUSTUS "Dan" BRENINGHOUSE, SR.** - Died Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in the Saint Mary Medical Center at the age of 72, with his loving family by his side. He was a resident of Langhorne, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was coronary artery disease, diabetes mellitus – Type II, pneumonia and congestive heart failure. He was born in Trenton, New Jersey on March 6, 1947. Dan was a retired Police Officer, having served in the City of Trenton, NJ for 25 years. He was also a proud United States Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. Dan is survived by his wife, Betsy (née Stults), his children, Amy Braidwood (Scott) and Daniel, Jr. (Emily). He was the devoted Pop to Corinne & Peter Cerenzo, Ryan and Evan Braidwood and Daniel III, Andrew and Sophie Breninghouse. Dan is also survived by his sister-in-law, Barbara (Michael) and his "Bro", Fred, and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his brothers, Harold & Walter. Family and friends were invited to Dan's Life Celebration from 9:30-11:00 AM on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Dunn/Givnish of Langhorne, 378 South Bellevue Avenue, and to participate in his Funeral Service at 11:00 AM. A private burial was in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910 would be appreciated. To share your fondest memories of Dan, please visit [www.lifeccelebration.com](http://www.lifeccelebration.com).

**JOHN A. BROSSETT** – Died recently in 2019 in Alexandria, Louisiana at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 17, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131**.





**MARCEL JEROME BUJARSKI** (USN, CDR-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at his home in Meridian, Idaho at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. Marcel was born on July 10, 1934 near Appleton, Minnesota to the late Tillie and Louie Bujarski. His parents moved to Central Minnesota in 1936. He attended Wildwood School, a rural, one-room schoolhouse in Benton County. He graduated from Foley High School in 1951. After working in the iron mines in Northern Minnesota, he enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1953. While in the Navy, he served on the USS Hornet CVA 12, USS Wasp CVA 18, and USS Hancock CVA 19 - all WWII-era Aircraft Carriers. He enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in October 1957 and served in Honolulu and Seattle for the next six years. He attended Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia in 1965. Marcel served at various shore units and cutters, including one year in Vietnam aboard the USCGC Winona, earning the Navy Commendation Medal with V for Valor during a night engagement off the coast of South Vietnam. He also served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of USCGC Yocona, homeported in Astoria, Oregon. He retired in February 1984 after serving a total of 30 years, two months. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Boise Chapter #1025**. He is survived by his wife Jo Ann; his sons, Jerry, Ronald, Michael, Matthew and David. Marcel is also survived by his younger sister, Dureen Leason and six grandchildren. A viewing took place on the evening of Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with a Rosary that followed at 7:00 PM at Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 6300 North Meridian Road in Meridian. A Funeral Mass for Marcel was celebrated on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at Holy Apostles Catholic Church with a committal service at 2:00 PM at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10100 North Horseshoe Bend Road in Boise. Remembrances may be left for the family on Marcel's webpage at [www.AccentFuneral.com](http://www.AccentFuneral.com). The services were under the direction of Accent Funeral Home and Cremation, Meridian, Idaho.

**JOHN S. CARBONE** – Died recently in 2019 in Londonderry, New Hampshire at the age of 72. 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 – Hillsboro Chapter # 992**.



**ALFRED JOHN CARLSON, JR. MD** (USN, LCDR-Ret.) - Died peacefully Thursday, May 30, 2019 in Springfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 80, surrounded by his immediate family. The cause of death was a pulmonary infection and leukemia. He was born in Camden, New Jersey on May 24, 1939 to the late Alfred J. Carlson, Sr. and the late Rose Marie (née Guidice) Carlson. Dr. Carlson graduated from Camden High School. He then attended Villanova University. He was the first person in his family to attend and graduate from college. A hard worker his entire life, he paid his own way through medical school by operating his own cotton candy stand on

the Wildwood, New Jersey Boardwalk. After graduating from Hahnemann Medical School, he was drafted and served honorably as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Due to his exemplary service he received numerous medals including the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star. Upon returning from Vietnam, Dr. Carlson began private practice as a Pediatrician in Delaware County. Dr. Carlson worked as a Pediatrician for 47 years treating tens of thousands of children, generations of families and established an enduring legacy. During his career, Dr Carlson was also awarded the University of Pennsylvania Medical School Clinical Care Associates Teacher-of-the-Year Award for Pediatrics. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. Dr. Carlson met the love of his life Peg (née Keller) when he was 16 and they were married for over 50 years. Besides being a loving husband, father and grandfather, Dr, Carlson was an avid book collector and reader, fisherman and local Philadelphia area sports fan rarely missing a Villanova basketball or Phillies baseball game on either TV or radio. Dr. Carlson is survived by his wife Peg (née Keller) Carlson; his two sons, Alfred J. (Kristin) Carlson III, Esq., and Phil (Jennifer) Carlson; his daughter, Peggy (Ed) Tomassetti; his brother, James (Maryann) Carlson, and; his seven grandchildren Grace, Brady Riley, Ashley and Aimee-Shea Carlson and Elizabeth and Maria Tomassetti. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:15 AM at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 136 Saxer Avenue, Springfield, PA. The funeral mass was immediately after the visitation at 10:30 AM. The interment was in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Springfield, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial donations be sent to Saint Francis of Assisi Church, or Mothers Home, 51 North Mac Dade Boulevard, Darby, PA 19023.



**DAVID KENNETH “Dave” CARLSON** – Died Friday, June 28, 2019 in Spokane Valley, Washington at the age of 71, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Dave was born on October 24, 1947 In Spokane, Washington to the late Weldon and Judith Carlson. He was a loving husband to Lee, father, and friend to many, and he will be missed greatly by them all. A lifelong resident of Spokane, he graduated from Ferris High School in 1966 and joined the United States Navy that same year. After serving in Vietnam with the Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the Seabees, Dave returned to Spokane and married Sally Christiansen in 1969. Later they divorced, but they remained friends. On June 18, 1983, he married LaRee (née Lee) Botchek. Dave worked in construction until 1973, which is when he began his career with Kaiser Aluminum, Trentwood and its Union, USW-Local-338. He was a dedicated Leader where he served as Vice President, President, Executive Board Member, Chief Griever, Department Griever, and active in the Veteran Affairs committee within and for the Union. He Retired from Kaiser in 2016 but continued to volunteer at USW-Local-338 whenever possible. Dave was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Chapter #879**, where he served as their treasurer and participated in fundraising events. Dave was also an active member of Foothills Community Church where he filled several positions and enjoyed singing in the Choir. Dave had a passion for VBC week, particularly with cooking at the BBQ, which he also enjoyed doing at Union events. He was also a mentor to a young boy in the East Valley School District and had deep regret when he was unable to continue. Dave had a passion for fishing, sports, and helping others. He was an avid Spokane Chiefs Hockey fan, where you could find him at nearly all home games. He loved to watch the Zags, and the Seattle Mariners on TV. He was a

mentor and a friend to so many people, who will surely miss him. Dave was preceded in death by his father, Weldon, mother Judith, and his first-born son, Michael. He is survived by his wife, LaRee; his daughter, Deanna Woolworth; his son, Rob (Meegan) Carlson; his stepsons, Matthew (Angie), Mark, and Daniel Howell; his sister, Annette Frazier; his niece, Susan Hayes; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and; numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Foothills Community Church, 11102 North Forker Road. The burial took place in a private ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Medical Lake, WA. Donations in Dave's memory can be made to VVA Chapter #879 or the Foothills Community Church.



**DONALD EUGENE "Don" CASSELS** - Died Saturday, April 22, 2018 in Lubbock, Texas at the age of 73, attended by his wife, Arlene (née Jenkins) Cassels. He was a resident of Lakewood, New Mexico and formerly of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born on April 18, 1945 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to the late Robert "Bob" Cassels and Ruth (née Parks) Cassels. He grew up in Carlsbad, moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, graduating from Western High School, Las Vegas in 1965. Don served 12 years in the United States Army and served two tours in Vietnam, 1966-67 and 1969-70. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Artesia Chapter #998**. He drove a truck transcontinental for many years and upon returning to Carlsbad in 2007, worked for the City of Carlsbad for a season. Don had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior and attended First Assembly of God. His favorite pastime was fishing and traveling across country in his RV. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Charles Cassels. Don is survived by his wife; his sister, Elizabeth "Beth" A. Cassels Galloway and husband, Ray, of Carlsbad; three children, Jimmy Cassels and wife, Bonnie of Reedley, of California, Andy Cassels, of Clovis, California and Mandy Basile and husband, Mark, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and; eleven grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held at the First Assembly of God Church, 1502 West Mermod, Carlsbad, NM on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 3:00 PM with Pastor Brad Coates officiating. The Denton-Wood Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Don Cassels may be made to the Carlsbad First Assembly of God, 1502 West Mermod Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220.



**IVAN HOWARD CHALK, SR.** - Died Monday, July 15, 2019 at home in Greendale, Indiana at the age of 69, with his loving wife and daughter by his side after a long hard battle with cancer caused by Agent Orange. He was born on April 1, 1950 but if you asked him it was May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Milan Indiana and he grew up in Manchester, Indiana. He was the son of the late David and Betty Jo (née Walston) Chalk. In 1968 Ivan volunteered in the United States Army for the Vietnam War and was there in 1969-1970. He came home a different man. He always said, "he saw and did things no person should have to do". He was proud of his military service to our country and was a 100% Disabled Vet. He had many medals and awards from the war. Ivan loved fishing with his kids,

grandkids, and friends. He and his wife loved to travel, especially to Siesta Key, enjoying having friends and family come to visit them. You could find him in his "bunker" playing pool or out in his garage. You would always catch him making a joke, laughing and smiling. Ivan and Freda were high school sweethearts of 52 years and would have been married 48 years on August 7<sup>th</sup>. He retired as a Maintenance Operator at Monsanto Chemical in Addyston, OH. He was a *Life Member* and *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Milan American Legion. He is survived by his loving wife, Freda Chalk; his daughter, Jennifer (Bob) Tuck of Yorktown, IN; five grandchildren, Olivia, Noah, Grace, Jenna, Preslie; three brothers, David Chalk, of Aurora, IN, Steve Chalk, of Aurora, IN, Tommy Chalk, of Aurora, IN; his sister, Debbie (Lee) Garrison, of Lawrenceburg, IN, and; his honorary son, Jeff Fassold, of Greendale, IN. He was preceded in death by his son, Ivan Howard Chalk, Jr.; his parents, David and Betty Jo Chalk; and numerous other family members. Family and friends were received on Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM with Gerry Malueg officiating. The interment was in the Greendale Cemetery, Greendale, Indiana. Contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Chapter #71, Disabled American Veterans or a charity of one's own choice.



**LELAND E. "Lee" CHANDLER, JR.** - Died Monday, January 22, 2018 in Orange Park, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 20, 1945 in Sayre, Pennsylvania and spent his early years growing up in Rome, PA. He moved to Orange Park in 2008 from Towanda, PA where he retired after 35 years from GTE Osram Sylvania. Lee was a veteran of the United States Navy and the United States Naval Reserve for 12 years and was a member of the American Legion Post #250 and VFW Post #8255, both in Middleburg, FL. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira (New York) Chapter #803**. While living in PA he was a member of the Penn York Highlanders Bagpipe Band and was a past member of the Clay County Association Pipe Band. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren who called him "Lee". Mr. Chandler was a devoted husband, father and good friend. Mr. Chandler was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Noelle and is survived by his wife of 50 years, Judy Chandler; his children, Nicol (John) Wachter, Neil (Allison) Chandler and Nathan (Leslie) Chandler, and; five grandchildren, Eve, John, Myles, Aidan and Ryan. Memorial services were held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the American Legion Post #250 in Middleburg, Florida with Chaplain Robert Lucas officiating and Military Honors by the US Navy. Memorials may be made to Judy Chandler c/o Russell Haven of Rest Funeral Home, for Judy to distribute donations to Lee's favorite charities. The arrangements were under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Family and friends may share their condolences at: [www.RHRFH.com](http://www.RHRFH.com).



**CLOYD MARTIN "John" CHANEY** - Died Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Devlin Manor Healthcare Center at the age of 77. He was a resident of Carpendale, West Virginia and formerly of Ridgeley, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 16, 1942 in Cumberland, Maryland to Fannie Lucy (née Holcomb) Chaney of Cumberland, MD and the late Cloyd Lavon Chaney. A Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army, John retired from Crites Transfer and Storage where he carried mail to Terra Alta, WV. He was a member of the Henry Hart Post #1411, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, and the American Legion Post #136, Ridgeley, WV. John is survived by a sister, Mary Ellen Finch, of Carpendale, WV; and a niece: Diana Hall, of Virginia Beach, VA. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD on Monday, May 13, 2019 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM. A memorial service was at 1:00 PM with Pastor David Hattenfield officiating. The interment was in the Hillcrest Memorial Park. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of American - Chapter #172 Color Guard.

**EUGENE EDWARD CIRILLO** – Died Sunday, June 16, 2019 in Gold River, California at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 16, 1933 in New York. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and retired after a full career with them. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sacramento Chapter #500**.



**HAROLD CECIL CLOPP** - Died Friday, May 25, 2018 in Granite, Oklahoma at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Harold was born on May 31, 1941 in Granite to the late Elmer Clopp and Donie Inez (née Smith) Clopp. His grandparents, Charlie and Nellie Smith were an important part of his childhood years in Granite. He attended school in Granite, Altus and California. He also attended Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas, where he received two Associate degrees and was working on a third degree. Harold began his military career by joining the National Guard for a two-year span. He joined the United States Army on February 5, 1960, where he did four tours in Vietnam. He also served in Germany, Korea and various US posts, retiring after ultimately serving our country for over 20 years. Harold was a well decorated combat veteran. Following Harold's military retirement, he worked as an ROTC instructor/assistant football coach at Allen Academy in Bryan, Texas where one of his most treasured memories was going to the state football championship with Allen Academy Rams! He then began working at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, eventually promoting to Food Service Captain. After 23 years of service in TDCJ, Harold retired in 2004 and soon moved



back to Southwest Okla., the place he now called home. A delight in Harold's life was when he married Janice Colson on July 15, 1971. Harold loved to share stories of his family with great pride. Also, using his gift for helping others was seen repeatedly. Watching football and baseball, cheering for the OU Sooners, Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers was a favorite pastime and brought him many years of enjoyment. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who will be deeply missed. Harold was a member of the Granite Church of Christ and had a strong love for the Lord. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palestine (Texas) Chapter #991**. Harold was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Survivors include his wife of nearly 47 years, Janice Clopp, of the home; two sons: George Clopp, wife Evelina, of Plano, Texas and Ricky Helton, wife Sandra, of Kitzingen, Germany; one daughter, Paula Cassell, husband Patrick, of Copperas Cove, Texas; Legacy of Four Grand Children: Jarrod Davis, Aidan Clopp, Eliana Clopp and Phillipp Helton. He also leaves behind one brother: Ron Sherill, wife DeeDee, of Corinth, Texas; two sisters: Edna Thacker, husband Larry, of Wildomar, CA and Alice Faye Sigle, husband John, of Lubbock, Texas; Don Smith, (Uncle), wife Shirley, of Norman, Oklahoma; Mary Ethel Pollard, (Aunt), of Tecumseh, Oklahoma; Special friends: Ret 1st Sgt Richard Veal, wife Carol, of Saline, Michigan and Rodney (deceased) Marsh, wife Jewell, of Beirne, Arkansas. Harold also leaves behind numerous other extended family members and friends. Services for Harold were scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Church of Christ in Granite with Ken Hamilton officiating. The interment was in the Granite City Cemetery where the US Army Honor Guard performed graveside rites. Public viewing was scheduled at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 28, 2018 with family receiving friends on Monday evening between 6:00 and 8:00 PM at the People's Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 West Main, Lone Wolf, OK. On-line condolences for Harold can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com).

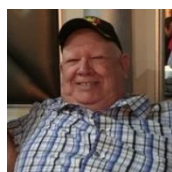


**ROGER D. COLLEY** - Died Friday, May 19, 2017 at the SOMC Hospice Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of Scioto Dale, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1946 in Portsmouth, Ohio to the late Robert and Helen (née Shadd) Colley. He was a superintendent in construction. Roger attended the Harrison Mills Church of Christ in Christian Union and was a proud United States Marine during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Michael, Brian and Bobby Colley. Surviving are his wife, Jane (née Musser) Colley; a son, Matthew Dale Colley, of Franklin, IN; a daughter, Christy Lynn (Matthew) Miller, of Portsmouth; two brothers, Rick Colley, of Chillicothe and Tim Colley, of Minford; two sisters, Cheryl Parham, of TN and Vickie Barber, of Chillicothe, and; seven grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Christian, Caleb, Nathan, Caleigh, Ava and Reese. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Brant Funeral Home in Scioto ville with Harold Cox, Michael Musser and Jonathan Cox as co-officiants. The interment was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens with military honors by the James Dickey Post of the American Legion. The family received friends at



Brant's from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Sunday. The flags on the avenue flew in honor of Marine veteran Roger Colley.

**BRYCE EDWIN COLLINGS** – Died Saturday, June 15, 2019 in Foley, Alabama at the age of 74. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on February 25, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Reverend Edwin and Pauline Collings. He was a stereotypical pastor's kid and would get in trouble (or encourage his younger brothers to do so) on a regular basis. His family moved many times in the course of his educational career. He graduated from Nathan Bedford Forrest High School in Jacksonville, FL in 1963. Bryce enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam. His wife, Terry, referred to this service as his 50-year mistress. Every aspect of his adult life was shaped by the time spent in the Army. During that time, he learned discipline (and how to have a lot of fun) and developed friendships that lasted a lifetime. He earned a Bronze Star Medal before being honorably discharged. Bryce remained active in the 335<sup>th</sup> RRC annual reunions, where their company gathered each fall to reminisce and to make new memories each year. In 1973, Bryce graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College on the same day he married his bride, Teresa. Jennifer was born a few years later. "Doc Bryce" was a blessing to all who knew him. He had a huge heart and those he called friends were friends for life. Bryce was active in the United Methodist Church in every town he lived in after 1985. He also served on the City Council in Anderson, Missouri for 13 years. He enjoyed painting, website design, and piddling in the shop on a variety of projects (now left for his family to complete). His faith and resilience allowed him to thrive through 14-year battle with Congestive Heart Failure. In 2017, Bryce began volunteering with the Baldwin County Veterans Court. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsville Chapter #864**. He mentored other veterans and assisted with the website. Bryce was thankful for this avenue to help others and to show compassion for fellow service members. Bryce is survived by his wife, Teresa Collings; a daughter, Jennifer Schroeder; her husband, Russell Schroeder; one grandson, Aaron Schroeder; and his two younger brothers, Eugene Collings and Gerald Collings. A "Celebration of Life" was held at the Foley United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM with a visitation preceding the service at 10:00 AM. A private interment service was held at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Baldwin County Veterans Court, 201 Section Avenue, Foley, Alabama, 36535.



**MICHAEL LAVINES "Mick" COLLINS** - Died unexpectedly Friday May 17, 2019 at the McLaren Bay Regional Hospital in Bay City, Michigan at the age of 70. He was a resident of Auburn, Michigan. The cause of death was myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, renal failure and acute or chronic cardiac arrhythmia. He was born on August 18, 1948 to the late Frank Collings and Maryann Collins. He was also predeceased by his brother, Frankie. Michael is survived by his loving wife, Deanna; his sons, Michael (Kelly), Sean (Laura) and Jacob (Andrea); grandchildren; great-grandchildren; his brothers, Gary (Cynthia), Rick (Laurie) and

Steve (Andrea), and; several nieces and nephews also survive Mick. A proud United States Navy Vietnam Veteran, Mick loved to share his compelling stories of his family and childhood with everyone he met. His wisdom and magnetic, loving nature will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**. Cremation has already taken place and a memorial service to celebrate his life was held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Diabetes Association, Vietnam Veterans of America or the USO.



**NANCY EARLE (Eckler) COONS** - Died peacefully Wednesday, July 10, 2019 in her home in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 81 after a lengthy battle with non-small cell lung cancer. She was born on June 3, 1938 and later adopted by Earl and Ruby Eckler. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Nancy is survived by her daughters, Carla Fryman and Connie Jackson, as well as five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Billy Joe Coons and parents Earl and Ruby Eckler. She graduated from Louisville Male High School. She then married Billy Joe Coons. After moving many times together, they settled into their final home in Lebanon, Tennessee.



**GEORGE MELVIN COOPER, JR.** - Died Monday, June 17, 2019 at home in Mount Juliet, Tennessee at the age of 78, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. George was born on January 18, 1941 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late George Melvin Cooper, Sr. and Leona (née Park,) Cooper. A 1959 graduate of the McCallie School, he attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and graduated from the University of Chattanooga. His long career as an underwriter for Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company and Cigna Healthcare was only briefly interrupted by his service in the United States Army where he served in Vietnam. George was a lifelong, active church member, faithfully serving as a Deacon, Elder and Church Treasurer at Central Presbyterian Church later Northside Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN. Since relocating to Mt. Juliet in 2010, he has been a faithful member of Providence United Methodist Church where he served as an usher and greeter. George enjoyed his grandchildren's activities and was an avid poker player. After retirement, he developed a passion for service with various military organizations. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203** and was a former Vice-President of the local **VVA Lebanon Chapter #1004**. He served as *Treasurer* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America Tennessee State Council**. He was also active with the local American Legion Post #218, serving as the Finance Officer. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth (née List) Cooper; his daughter and son-in-law, Claire and Steve Slone, of Mount Juliet, TN; his son,

George List Cooper, of Nashville, TN; his grandchildren, Ashlyn Slone, Carson Slone and Landon Slone, and; his brother, David Cooper, of Memphis, TN. A Celebration of Life services was conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 24, 2019 at the Providence United Methodist Church, 2293 South Rutland Road, Mount Juliet, TN with Pastor Mark Youngman officiating. The interment with military honors was at 1:00 PM at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Tyler Cates American Legion Post #281, Mount Juliet and members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1004, Lebanon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, 3322 West End Avenue, Suite #900, Nashville, TN 37203, Providence United Methodist Church, 2293 South Rutland Road, Mount Juliet, TN 37122 or the VVA Tennessee State Council, 607 Saddlestone Drive, Lebanon, TN 37090. Visitation hours were from 1:00-3:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services on Monday at the church. The arrangements were by the Bond Memorial Chapel, North Mount Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mount Juliet, TN.



**ELVIN EUGENE “Gene” CORNELISON, JR.** - Died Thursday May 16, 2019 at his home in Cohutta, Georgia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dalton, Georgia on October 6, 1948 to the late Elvin Eugene Cornelison, Sr. and Catherine Cornelison, who survives in Dalton, Georgia. He was also predeceased by two brothers, Billy and Richard Cornelison and his sister, Debbie (Cornelison) Nix. Mr. Cornelison proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He is survived by his wife, Tonya (née Gifford) Cornelison, of Cohutta; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gena and Brian Egle, of Canton, Amie and Aaron Murphy, of Calhoun; his son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Lindsay Cornelison, of Dalton; his mother, Catherine Cornelison, of Dalton; his brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Pat Cornelison, of Marietta; his grandchildren, Landon and Lillie Catherine Egle, Leif and Dax Murphy, McKenzie and Bryson Cornelison, and; several nieces and nephews also survive. The funeral service to honor the life of Mr. Cornelison was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 12:30 PM at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of the Julian Peeples Funeral Home with Reverend Brian Egle and David Rose as co-officiants. The burial was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home on Monday from 10:30 AM until the service time at 12:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements were made by the Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton. Visitation was on Monday, May 20, 2019 from 10:30 AM–12:30 PM in the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton, GA.

**MICHAEL W. CRAIG** – Died recently in 2019 in Clovis, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 11, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clovis Chapter #933**.

**JOANNE CULVER** – Died recently in 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 28, 1958. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**.

**WALTER H. CUNNINGHAM** – Died recently in 2019 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 17, 1951 in Port Chester, New York. He served in the United States Army from March 12, 1963 to March 11, 1965. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**.

**RICHARD PARKER DAWSEY, JR.** – Died in January 2019 in Whitmore Lake, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is cancer. He was born on October 20, 1946 in Monroe, Michigan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1968, He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Howell Chapter #110**.

**THOMAS A. DAY** – Died Sunday, December 7, 2014 in La Pine, Oregon at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 15, 1952. He was a Veterans of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – La Pine Chapter #821**.

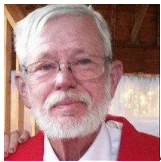


**DAVID DEAN “Dave” DAYTON** - Died Monday, July 1, 2019 in Strasburg, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death was acute coronary insufficiency, coronary artery disease, diabetes mellitus-type II and hypertension. He was born on April 10, 1946 in Dover, Ohio to the late Clyde and Gladys (née Heid) Dayton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas “Ted” and Richard Dayton and his sister, Joan Breniser. Dave was a retired employee of the Tuscarawas County Road and Bridge Department. Dave was a 1964 graduate of Strasburg-Franklin High School and proudly served his country in the United States Navy where did a tour in Vietnam. He was a true conservative and had a great love for his God and his country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. He previously served as a councilman for the Village of Strasburg and was a founding member of the former Strasburg Jaycees. He rarely missed a weekly broadcast from the New Life Church in Dover. He enjoyed spending time with his family and anyone who knew Dave always knew where he stood on various issues. He will be sadly missed by his family including his wife of 51 years, Roberta (née Roush) Dayton; his son, Eric (Karla) Dayton, of Bolivar; two grandsons, Zach and Brock Dayton and the apple of his eye, great-granddaughter, Jerzzi Rayne Dayton along with his beloved German Shepherd, Missy. Dave’s life was celebrated on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home and Crematory in Dover with Pastor Dode Overton officiating. Military honors were conducted by the Charles Hofer Post of the American Legion in Strasburg following the service and his family received friends at a reception in the Toland-Herzig Famous Endings Museum located in the Dover funeral home. Dave’s family appreciates the help given to Dave over the last few years by the Strasburg Volunteer Fire Department and has asked in lieu of

flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Strasburg Fire Department, 125 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE, Strasburg, Ohio 44680.



**ALLAN G. DECKER** - Died Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 82. He was a resident of Edgerton, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Janesville, Wisconsin on August 12, 1936 to the late Stewart T. and Mary A. (née Havens) Decker. Allan was a 1954 graduate of Edgerton High School. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army from August 3, 1959 until August 2, 1961. Allan married Carol J. Geske, the love of his life, on July 5, 1958 at Saint John Lutheran Church, Edgerton. He worked for nearly 30 years at APV/Crepaco in Lake Mills as a welder/fabricator. He was a volunteer firefighter for the City of Edgerton for 35 years, and also volunteered at the Veterans Hospital in Madison. Allan was a member of the American Legion Post #30, and the 40/8 (Forty and Eight) and served as Legion Commander numerous times. He was a lifetime member of the Edgerton Conservation Club. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236*. Allan is survived by two daughters, Pam (Bob) Bartell of Appleton and Denise (Mike) Halvensleben of Evansville; five grandchildren, Ryan (Kandace) Bartell, Tiffany Bartell, David (Courtney) Halvensleben, Jessica (fiancé, Mallary) Halvensleben and Joshua (Megan) Halvensleben; five great-grandchildren: Beau, Landon, Ethan, Kayley and Carter; his sister-in-law, Nancy Nordmeyer; his brother-in-law, Dean Myklejord, and; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Carol on May 8, 2009; and three siblings, Noreen Decker, James Decker and Kenneth Decker. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Apfel Ehlert Funeral Home, 315 Lord Street (Highway 51), Edgerton with Reverend Matthew Poock officiating. The burial with full military honors was in the Fassett Cemetery. Visitation took place on Wednesday from 4:00 until 7:00 PM and again on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the Apfel Ehlert Funeral Home. Memorials may be made in Allan's name to the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, 2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison, WI 53705 or the Edgerton Fire Department.



**ANDREW ALAN DeHART** - Died Friday, June 7, 2019 at Saint Joseph-London Hospital in London, Kentucky at the age of 64. He was a resident of East Bernstadt, Kentucky. He was born on August 24, 1954 to Bert DeHart, of Fayetteville, Ohio and the late Marvella (née Hass) DeHart. He is survived by his wife, Brenda DeHart, of the home; his siblings, Michael DeHart, of Somerset, Kentucky, Doug DeHart, of Fayetteville, Ohio, Brenda Senior and Marsha DeHart, both of Bethel, Ohio and Kathy Scheror, of Amelia, Ohio. In addition to his mother, he was also predeceased by his brother, Dave DeHart. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kentucky Chapter #1050*. Funeral

services for Andrew Alan DeHart were conducted on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 1:00 PM in the London Funeral Home Chapel with Mike Wynn officiating. The burial was in the Greenmount Cemetery. The family of Andrew Alan Dehart received friends at the London Funeral Home after 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

**ALBERTO DIAZ** – Died Thursday, April 25, 2019 in Cocoa, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 1, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**.

**MICHAEL E. DICKER** – Died Monday, June 10, 2019 in Garden City, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 27, 1945 to the late Michael and Evelyn Dicker. He was to beloved husband of Sarah; loving father of Shane and Shaun (Heather) Dicker; dearest grandparent of two, and; dear brother of Pat (Shirley) Dicker, Mark (Joan) Dicker and Steve (Karen) Dicker. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Carol. Michael will be deeply missed by nieces, nephews, family and friends. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. A funeral Mass was held on June 25, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI. A memorial service was held on July 6, 2019 from 1:00-4:00 PM at the VFW in Plymouth Post #6695. The interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery. The arrangements were made by the Voran Funeral Home, 23701 Ford Road, Dearborn, Michigan. Please share memories or leave condolences on Michael's guestbook.



**TERRANCE WAYNE DICKINSON** - Died Thursday, May 30, 2019 in Fraser, Michigan at the age of 72. He was a resident of Eastpointe, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. Terrance was born on June 3, 1946 in Utica, Michigan to the late Albert and Luella Dickinson. He was the beloved husband of Isabella; adored father of Bianca Witcher; proud Opa (grandpa) of Jason Witcher; dear brother of Allen Dickinson, Linda Fredrickson, and the late Maxine Reynolds; uncle of fifteen nieces and nephews, along with numerous great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. He proudly served his country from 1964-1972 with the United States Army and later with **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154** as a *Life Member*. Family greeted friends from 3:00 to 8:00 PM with a 6:00 PM Military Honors Service on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Kaul Funeral Home, 35201 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America VVA Chapter #154 Attention: Mike Jacobi, 18025 15 Mile Road, Clinton Township, MI 48035





**ALAN F. DREWS** - Died Thursday, March 21, 2019 in Cheektowaga, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung and prostate cancer, obstructive uropathy, renal failure. He was born in Buffalo, New York on December 7, 1950 to the late Arthur and Lorraine Drews. He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia (née Sholley) Drews; dearest brother of Maureen Drews of Charlotte, NC, and; also survived and loved by family and friends. Alan was a proud United States Army Veteran having served in Vietnam and a member of Local #8823 Steelworkers Union. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New York*. He loved the outdoors and loved to target shoot. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the March of Dimes in memory of Alan. Visitation hours were held on Monday from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Paul A. Kloc Blossom Chapels, Inc., 4680 Clinton Street (corner of Borden Road), West Seneca, where a Funeral was held on Tuesday at 1:00 PM. Friends were invited to attend.

**FRANCIS PATRICK “Frank” DRISCOLL** – Died Friday, June 1, 2019 in Reading, Massachusetts at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Reading on July 15, 1947 to the late Gerald Michael “Jake” Driscoll and Jean Catherine (née Sullivan) Driscoll. He was the devoted husband of the late Linda (née Steele) Driscoll of Reading and cherished father of Stacie Anne (Driscoll) Hall, her husband Michael C. of Exeter, NH and Caitlin Elizabeth (Driscoll) Salmon, her husband Matthew M. of Reading, MA. He was the doting, generous-to-a-fault grandfather - affectionately known as “BooBoo” to - Jake Mitchell Hall (15) and Kyrie Cheyenne Hall (14) of Exeter, NH and Keeley Grace-Elizabeth Salmon (8) and Jameson Patrick (Simmy) Salmon (5) of Reading, MA. Frank grew up in his beloved hometown of Reading after living in Stoneham for his first 9 years; however, always considered Reading “his” town. He was the dedicated brother of the late MaryGrace (Driscoll) Doucette and her husband Paul, originally of Wakefield, MA; Jack Driscoll and his wife Nancy of North Andover; and Cathy (Driscoll) and her husband Bob Bilodeau of Hampton, NH. Frank enjoyed visiting and spending time chatting with his nephew Kevin Doucette and wife Avril Hevey-Doucette of Newton, NH and spoiling his great niece and nephew, Chloe and Shay Doucette. He loved to debate with his nephew Josh Bilodeau of Exeter, NH and enjoyed the culinary delights of niece, Karin Doucette of North Reading. The Steele Family became his extended family. The late Ida E. (Betty) and the late Donald P. (Simmy) Steele welcomed him to Gloucester, where he enjoyed the many beaches and restaurants. Additional family include Bonnie (Steele) and her former husband Toby Bedell; Lisa (Steele) and Phil Puma; Don Steele; Scott and the former Pam Steele all of Gloucester; and nephews whose company he enjoyed, Andy and Matt Steele. Frank also leaves best friends and brothers, Dean Gibbons of Methuen, MA and Ken Fisak of Ohio, as well as countless people who loved to bicker with him. After graduation from Reading High in 1966, where he lettered in three sports, Frank enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Upon returning to an exuberant family and neighborhood after receiving the Purple Heart Medal, he met his beloved wife, Linda working at The Cabot Corporation and married her in 1971. Frank began his career as a Firefighter/EMT/Union President with the Reading Fire Department where he worked for 39 years. Always a Marine, upon retirement from the Fire

Department, Frank worked as the Reading Veterans Agent where he took great pride in working for and helping his fellow Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. For about the last 25 years, Frank - with great assistance from his daughter, Caitlin, was the Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves for the Town of Reading. It brought him peace and joy to prepare the Cemeteries each Memorial Day for their ceremonies. Frank volunteered and dedicated copious amounts of time in several capacities to the Town of Reading. Softball took over the Driscolls' lives, as he was in charge of Reading Youth Softball for countless years and was a Coach at the High School. His true softball passion, though, was coaching his Tournament Teams. The girls who played for him loved (and hated) his Drill Instructor ways, yet that they continued to visit with him is a true testament to the impact he had on so many lives. Sports continued to be paramount in Frank's life. Never missing Jake or Kyrie's football games, or Keeley's lacrosse games, or even Jameson's T-Ball games (where he'd rather watch the grass grow) - he was a permanent fixture on various bleachers and sidelines. An avid Keno player, former skier (IWD weekends with the Boys), and lover of Irish Whiskey and Miller Lite, Frank will be missed by all who knew him - especially Kitty's Restaurant. Frank would want you all to remember him as someone who tried to do right by people (he was the guy you called in an emergency). He instilled the values of hard work, commitment, speaking the truth, and respect into all the lives he touched. He would want you to do as he says and not as he does, to drive by the beach and enjoy its beauty, and to say a prayer at the top of a ski mountain. He loved and was loved more fiercely than most people liked to admit. He showed his love in all the non-traditional ways, so make sure to appreciate those loved ones in your life. Please clink your glasses in memory of Frank - just make sure there's no fruit in your glass. Semper Fi! Frank's funeral was held from the Douglass, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home, 25 Sanborn Street (corner of Woburn Street), Reading on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Athanasius Church, 300 Haverhill Street, Reading at 10:30 AM. Relatives and friends were invited to attend. The burial with military honors was at the Forest Glen Cemetery, Reading. The funeral home visiting hours were on Tuesday evening from 4:00-8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Frank's memory to the Reading Veterans Memorial Trust Fund c/o Reading Veterans Service Officer, 16 Lowell Street, Reading, MA 01867.

**PETER JON DUENAS** – Died Sunday, December 30, 2018 in Mangilao, Guam at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on November 25, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sinajana Chapter #668**.

**MICHAEL R. ECKSTEIN** – Died Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in Hopatcong, New Jersey at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the Bronx, New York on April 11, 1945. He was the beloved husband of Susan (née Segal); devoted father to Craig (Tricia), Matt, (Jim), and Cindi; cherished grandfather (Elmo) to Danny, Maya, Alex, and Martin; loving brother to Stanley and also leaves many nieces and nephews. Michael served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was active in the VVA and the Agent Orange cause. He was a financial officer, Vietnam veteran active in Agent Orange issues and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope Chapter #329**. He worked at Kulite Semiconductor for over 40 years and retired as the CFO. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 14, 2019 at the Louis

Suburban Chapel, 13-01 Broadway (Route 4 West), Fair Lawn, N.J. The burial was in the Cedar Park Cemetery, 735 Forest Avenue, Paramus, N.J. Donations were appreciated to VVA Chapter #327 for the Michael Eckstein Scholarship.



**PAUL D. "Pete" EDWARDS** - Died Monday, April 22, 2019 at home in Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida at the age of 72, surrounded by his loving family and wife of 47 years in June, Felicia. The cause of death is unknown. Pete was born in Akron, Ohio on October 5, 1946 to the late John Paul Edwards and Lorraine (née Andrews) Edwards-Curtis. He moved with his family to Kissimmee in 1956. He is a 1966 graduate from Osceola High School where he was an active student as Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook, member of Thespians, Key Club, Student Council, and the Track Team, on which he set the school record in 1965 for the 2 mile run. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1968-1970 in Vietnam with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, and was a proud veteran. In 1972 he graduated from Valencia Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree, and in 1974 he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Florida in Gainesville. Pete was an extremely active member of the community and served on over 22 volunteer boards including The Osceola County Education Foundation for over 25 years, Community Vision for 25 years (since inception), and Osceola County Historical Society as President. He was elected to the Osceola County School Board from 1990-1998 where he served twice as Chairman of the Board. He managed the Osceola County Center for the Arts from 1990-1997 served from 1995-97 as statewide chairman of Arts for a Complete Education. He loved gardening and was a Master Gardner with the Osceola Extensions Services of the University of Florida. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee Chapter #755**. Past community activities included charter member of Toastmasters, member and president of the Osceola Jaycees, board member and chairman of The Florida Alliance for Arts Education (ACE), World Class Schools "Champion", Osceola County Economic Development Task Force, Walt Disney Community Service Awards Judge, United Way of Osceola County, and the Board of Trustees for Kissimmee Memorial Hospital (now Advent Health). A member of the Rotary Club of Kissimmee since 1977, he was Club President in 1984-85 and held perfect attendance for 42 years. There he was a co-initiator and long-time chairman of the Great Florida Shootout, an annual high school basketball tournament which attracted high-caliber teams to the Kissimmee area along with some future NBA talents. In 2013-14 he had the honor of serving as Rotary District Governor responsible for all clubs in five Central Florida counties. He was an active host for visiting Rotarian guests from all parts of the world. An avid sports fan, he was a referee for high school football and basketball, as well as umpire for local softball leagues. He was recognized as a Loyal Season Ticket Holder for the Houston Astros for 30 years with his original seats right behind their dugout. Until this winter he still played and managed softball with the Osceola Senior Softball League. Pete began his career as the Executive Vice President of the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce, then in 1978 became the first Executive Director of Tourism for the Kissimmee/ St. Cloud Convention and Visitors Bureau. In 1982 he

left the Visitors Bureau to become the Corporate Marketing Director and then General Manager for three different Hilton Inns in Orlando. From 1986-88 he was the Regional Franchise Director for Quality Inns International, and from 1988-89 for Howard Johnson Franchise Systems. He was a finalist for the position of State Director of Tourism under Jeb Bush. Some of his many recognitions and awards include: Florida Tourism Appreciation Award presented by Governor Bob Graham in 1981, Osceola County Distinguished Leadership Award 1995 by Leadership Osceola, "Pete Edwards Day" in Osceola County Proclamation presented by the Osceola County Commission 1997, Jewel of Rotary for Outstanding Service Above Self, Osceola County's Outstanding Young Man, Great Florida Shoot Out Hall of Fame Induction, Rotarian of the Year, Distinguished Leadership Finalist by Valencia Community College, and Florida "State of the Arts" Award to name a few. Pete is survived by wife, Felicia (née Monell); three sons, Cory Edwards (Inés) residing in Zaragoza, Spain, Brian Edwards (Shasta), and Matthew Edwards (Krystyn) residing in St. Cloud, Florida, and; six grandchildren, Corwin, Cadence, Nicolas, Lily, Daniel, and Ruby. He is also survived by his niece Elizabeth Edwards Kirrane (Bill) residing on Long Island and their two children Amelia and Liam. Pete was preceded in death by his parents Loraine Andrews (Curtis) and John Paul Edwards, brothers John Michael Edwards and Tony Andrews. Funeral services were handled by the Conrad and Thompson Funeral Home, 511 Emmett Street, Kissimmee, Florida. A Celebration of Life service was on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Barney Veal Center/Osceola County Council on Aging, 700 Generation Point, Kissimmee. His life motto was the Rotarian motto: "Service Above Self" In lieu of flowers please send donations to any of the following organizations below in which he spent over 25 years serving. Please write Pete's name in the memo so they can provide a list of donors: "The Rotary Foundation" Make checks payable to "The Rotary Foundation" Mail to: Rotary Club of Kissimmee, PO Box 422185, Kissimmee, FL 34742-2185. "Community Vision Inc" Make checks payable to "Community Vision Inc" Mail to: Donna Sines, 704 Generation Point, Kissimmee, FL 34744. The Education Foundation of Osceola County for student scholarships. Donations can be made either by credit card or by check to the Education Foundation. Credit card donations are accepted through their website [www.FoundationOsceola.org](http://www.FoundationOsceola.org) by clicking on the donate now button. Pete's name will be added to the selection menu. Make checks payable to "Education Foundation" Mail to: Education Foundation 2310 New Beginnings Road, Ste 118, Kissimmee FL 34744.



**DENNIS MICHAEL "Mike" EGELSTON, SR.** - Died Sunday, June 9, 2019 in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born in Seattle, Washington on June 14, 1946 to the late Delmar M. Egelston and Patricia (née Fisher) Egelston. Mike served our country honorably in the United States Navy during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**. He also was a Commercial Pilot and an airplane enthusiast. In his spare time Mike loved to build model aircraft, he also loved to tell stories about WWII, a subject that he was very knowledgeable about. Most of all Mike enjoyed the time he was able to spend with his family, his beloved wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was loved by many and will be greatly

missed by all who knew and loved him. Mike is survived by his beloved wife, Sandra Egelston of Jennings, LA; his son, Dennis "Mike" Egelston, Jr. (Courtney) of Jennings, LA; his ten grandchildren, Kylie Egelston LeBlanc (Jeremy), Amanda Egelston, Meagan Albert, Chelsea Busby, Ashley Busby, Hanna Egelston, Mychelle Egelston, Eleanor Egelston, Isabella Reeves, Nevaeh Copeland; his four great grandchildren, Kyle LeBlanc, Kayson LeBlanc, Karlee LeBlanc, Aleigha LeBlanc; his two sisters, Pat Lile of MO, Leslie Harvey of NM. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Delmar & Patricia Egelston; his daughter, Shannon Patricia Egelston Busby; his sister, Laurel Kerns. Funeral services were held at the Matthews and Son Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM with Deacon Mike Tramel officiating and American Legion Post #19 honoring him with full military rites. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the Matthews and Son Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM until the time of his service. Mike's wishes were to be cremated and the family had a graveside service. To extend online condolences, please visit our website at [www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net). The arrangements were entrusted to the Matthews and Son Funeral Home.



**ALVIN ELROD, JR.** - Died Thursday, June 20, 2019 in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 66. The cause of death was complications from voice-box surgery. He was born on January 24, 1953 in Lakeview, Long Island, New York to the late Alvin Elrod, Sr. and Louise S. (née Sherred) Elrod. He is survived by his wife, Janet M. Elrod; his sons, Jarome Elrod, Anthony Elrod, and Damarion Gill; his daughters, Jennifer Elrod; adopted children, Aireoina Heard, Amariona Heard and Javon Heard; his brothers, David Elrod and Michael (Dontay) Elrod; his sisters, Mattie Louise Elrod, Sandra Louise Elrod, Sandra Lee (Nat) Carlisle, Elaine Cooper, Carolyn (Willie) Thompson, Joseph Elrod, Robert (Lucretia) Elrod, Jonathan Elrod and Ramiey Johnson, and; a host of other relatives and friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. He was interred with full military honors in the Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kansas.

**DONALD L. ELSENSOHN** – Died recently in 2019 in Ridgefield, Washington at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 4, 1932. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vancouver Chapter #512**.



**DAVID GERAULD EPSTEIN** (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Saturday, April 13, 2019 in San Diego, California at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on October 6, 1937 to the late Rose and Joseph Epstein who were immigrants from Europe. He is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Friel; his grandchildren, Kayleigh and Rhett Friel; his long-time companion, Christiane Toft, and; his sister, Faye Marcus, of Rockford, Illinois. He

was commissioned as a Regular Army Military Police lieutenant upon graduation from Michigan State University in 1959. He served on active duty for over nine years including service in Germany and Vietnam. Upon leaving active duty he entered the Army Reserve serving an additional 21 years, retiring as a full colonel. He continued his education at Michigan State receiving two Master of Arts degrees and a PhD. He was also a graduate of the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks Pennsylvania. His civilian career was centered on law enforcement and included service as chief of police of Savannah, Georgia, assistant director of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at Brunswick, Georgia and thirteen years as chief of the Training Division, Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, US Department of State in Washington DC. In this capacity he served in Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Yemen, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Tunisia, Qatar, Bahrain, Greece, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Peru among other places. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Officers Association of America and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



**GERALD R. "Jerry" ERICKSON** - Died Tuesday, October 30, 2018 peacefully at his home in Lockport Illinois at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Lockport on April 6, 1941 to the late Edward and Luella (née McGahey) Erickson. He was a proud Vietnam veteran of the United States Army and served as the past Commander of the VFW Post #5788 and the Tri-County Council for the VFW. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. His favorite pastime was watching the Chicago Cubs and telling unbelievable stories to anyone who would listen. Jerry enjoyed providing for his family and watching his grandchildren participate in any activity - academic, music, or sports. Jerry is survived by his loving and doting wife of 52 years, Sandy Erickson (née Price); his sons, John (Teresa) Erickson and Christopher (Michelle) Erickson; his grandsons, Wyatt, Jacob, and Chase; his granddaughters, Jenna, Evelyn, and Kailyn; niece, Tina (Nat) Freeman; his nephew, Ed (Katrina Wallace) Erickson; three sisters-in-law, Susan Blum Erickson, Joyce (Paul) Newbill, and Linda (Jerry) Fuller, and; his beloved friend, Millie (Dick deceased) DeLong. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Edwin "Eddie" and James "Jimmy" Erickson. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Joliet Area Hospice and Dr. Sunil Narula of the University of Chicago Cancer Center for their expertise and compassion, as well as Drs. Bun Siu and Dan Co for many years of love and care. A celebration of Jerry's life was on Saturday, November 10, 2018 with a visitation from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM and was followed by a service, officiated by Pastors Gil Palmer and Adam Fox, at First Baptist Church of Lockport: 800 Thornton Street, Lockport 60441. The interment took place at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL in a private ceremony for family and close friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jerry's name may be made to the First Baptist Church of Lockport, 800 Thornton Street, Lockport, 60441. The funeral arrangements were handled by the Goodale Memorial Chapel. [www.goodalememorialchapel.com](http://www.goodalememorialchapel.com).





**LARRY LEROY ERWIN, SR.** - Died Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in Nacogdoches, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death was traumatic intracranial hemorrhage. He was born on November 19, 1943 in Amarillo, Texas to the late Martha Erwin-Inman and his stepfather, L. W. Inman. He attended Palo Duro High School where he met his wife of 58 years in biology class. Mr. Erwin joined the United States Army at age 17 where he served in the Vietnam War. He retired, with numerous metals, after 20 years of honorable service to our great nation. Mr. Erwin, after returning home, served as a police officer at Texas Tech Health Science Center. He later attended Wayland Baptist College where he received his BS degree. Larry enjoyed writing and calligraphy, collector of movies (both old and new), was an animal lover, and outdoor enthusiast. His life was filled with love and laughter but most of all, his life was devoted to Christ. Larry was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church where he served on several boards. He proudly held *Lifetime Memberships* with **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nacogdoches Chapter #931**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans, of which he was forever dedicated to. Mr. Erwin is survived by his loving wife, Betty Erwin of Nacogdoches; his sons, Larry L. Erwin, Jr. and wife, Tammy, of Catoosa, Oklahoma, Michael Erwin and wife, Ramona, of Moscow, Texas, and Douglas Erwin and wife, Kolina, of Claremore, Oklahoma; his daughter, Sandy Jacobs,, of Nacogdoches; his sisters, Sharon Moore and husband, John, of Amarillo, Kim Reeder and husband, Paul, of Biloxi, Mississippi and Kathy Meyer, of Biloxi, Mississippi; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren, and; four great-great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 22, 2019 at the Laird Funeral Home. The interment was in the Harmony Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at the Laird Funeral Home. The pallbearers were Larry Erwin, Jr., Doug Erwin, Larry L. Erwin III, Nicholas Bedard, Paul Reeder, and James Young. The honorary pallbearers were Mike Erwin, John Moore, Craig Kaltwasser, Horace Manhart, Bill Dixon, Sid Driver, and Ray Taylor.



**ANTHONY ANGELO EVANGELISTA** - Died Friday, June 7, 2019 in Homer, New York at the age of 66, following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer and cardiopulmonary arrest. He was born in Cortland, New York on July 7, 1952 to the late Alexander and Mary (née Catalano) Evangelista. Anthony proudly served his country with the United States Army from 1970-1972 during the Vietnam War. He retired from the City of Cortland where he worked for many years with the DPW. Anthony was an avid fisherman and hunter and truly enjoyed the outdoors. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Dryden Chapter #377**. Anthony is survived by his wife, Darlene; one son, Dana

(Jennifer) Evangelista; three daughters, Dina (Jason) Kristof, Angela (Joseph) Knapp, Annette (Chris) Frisbie; one brother, Frank (Anna) Evangelista; two sisters, Marie Kniffen, Marianne Evangelista; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Evangelista; a brother-in-law, Duane Sims; sister-in-law, Debra (Herbie) Gardner; sister-in-law, Brenda Lyon; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and; several nieces and nephews. Anthony was predeceased by his parents, a brother, Alexander Evangelista, brother-in-law, Richard Kniffen, brother-in-law, Darrell Lyon, and a sister-in-law, Tudy Sims. Calling hours were held from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM on Wednesday at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, Inc., 9 Lincoln Avenue, Cortland with the funeral service at 1:00 PM. The interment was in the Saint Mary Cemetery in Cortland. To offer condolences online visit [www.wright-beard.com](http://www.wright-beard.com). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospicare and Palliative Care Services or the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #377.



**GEORGE OLIVER FITZGERALD** (USA, MSG-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. He was born on August 8, 1938 in Owensboro, Kentucky. George was preceded in death by Margot, his wife of 41 years, his brother Tommy and his sister Barbara Jean. He leaves his four sons and their wives George "Tommy" (Amy), Michael (Terry), Stephen, and Richard (Katy); grandchildren, Erin Fitzgerald, Emily Davis (Rusty), Lacey Fitzgerald, Logan Fitzgerald, Hunter Fitzgerald, and Cole Fitzgerald as well as great-granddaughters, Ally Vaughn and Lela Davis; sisters, Betty Henry, Joyce Sweeton, Judy Smith and his brother, Joe Fitzgerald to cherish his memory. In his youth, the family moved to Huntsville, Alabama where he attended Farley School and Butler High School. He joined the United States Army in 1956 where he served in the Army Security Agency in Berlin, Germany then later at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement in ground operations against hostile forces. George retired from the military at Redstone Arsenal as a Master Sergeant and proceeded in a second career at George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (NASA). After retiring for a second time he continued in his service to others through Civitan International (Lakewood Chapter), VFW, American Legion, Eagles, CASA of Madison County and the Salvation Army. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067*. George was also commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel, the highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor of Kentucky for outstanding service to our communities, states and nation. He tirelessly continued to give of his time to the Arc of Madison County Opportunity Center and he could always be counted on to be a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army. Visitation hours were at the Valhalla Funeral Home, 698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, AL from 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorials be sent to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. The family would also like to express our deepest thanks and recognize the friends and caregivers from Visiting Angels, Redstone Village, Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home, and Hospice of North Alabama.

**LEWIS FLEISCHER** – Died Thursday, May 16, 2019 in Thiells, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Lewis was born in the Bronx on March 25, 1943. During the Vietnam War, he enlisted and served in combat with the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Operating Engineers Local #15 and worked with the Sandhogs Local #147. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. Lewis was predeceased by his brother Gus. He is survived by his wife Meryl, children Robyn Failing (Shawn), David Grover (Jill), Stacy Klein (Jason), Greg Fleischer (Christa). He was loved and adored by his grandchildren Jake, Kyle, Faith, Ethan, Jordyn and Vivienne. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Frederick W. Loescher Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in Lewis' memory to the Vietnam Veterans of Rockland County.

**WALTER EUGENE “Gene” FLETCHER, JR.** - Died Tuesday, December 11, 2018 in Severn, Maryland at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Gene was born on April 22, 1943 in Annapolis, Maryland to the late Walter and Mary Fletcher. He was a dedicated United States Marine who served in Vietnam and retired as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Gene was a loving husband and a great father. He is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce Fletcher; his children, Holly Denise Fletcher Charrier and Walter Eugene Fletcher III; his siblings, Marian Kelly, Jimmy Fletcher, Paul Fletcher, John Fletcher, Francis Fletcher, Kathy Antonangeli, Rita Santangelo, Monica Gamby and Susan Cross; his grandchildren, Caleb, Bethany and Morgana and four great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Gene was preceded in death by his daughter, Erin Nicole Charrier. The family receives visitors at the Singleton Funeral and Cremation Services, P.A., 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW (at Crain Highway) on Monday from 3:00-5:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Joseph Church in Odenton, Maryland on Tuesday at 10:00 AM. The interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville, Maryland. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

**ANTHONIUS FRATERMAN** - Died Friday, November 5, 2004 in Wyandotte, Michigan at the age of 74. He was formerly of Ecorse, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 26, 1930. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**.



**EMIL ANDREW FULLER** - Died Thursday, May 23, 2019 at CareOne in New Bedford, Massachusetts at the age of 83. He was a resident of Westport, Massachusetts. The cause of death was natural causes. He was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on August 31, 1935 to the late John and Mary (née Muksulee) Fuller. He was husband of the late Joan (née Vieira) Fuller. A veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War, he served his country in the United States Navy for 21 years. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was a Communicant of Our Lady of Grace Church,

Westport. Mr. Fuller was a member and chaplain of the American Legion James Morris Post #145 of Westport and a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. Survivors include a daughter: Deborah L. Fuller, DMD and her husband Brian D. Gaudette, DMD of Wakefield, RI; two grandchildren, Eric D. Gaudette and Alexa L. Gaudette; a sister-in-law, Josephine Vieira, of Westport; many nieces and nephews; and his longtime companion and friend Judith Souza. Funeral to which relatives and friends were invited was on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from the Potter Funeral Home at 9:00 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Grace Church, Westport at 10:00 AM. Calling hours were held on Tuesday from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. The interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Fall River, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Legion James Morris Post #145, 489 Sanford Road, Westport, MA 02790.

**ROBERT W. GARBACZ, SR.** – Died recently in 2019 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn (Michigan) Chapter #267**.

**FLETCHER J. GATELY** - Died Thursday, July 25, 2019 in Malverne, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 1, 1942. He was the beloved husband of Rosemary; devoted father of Brian, Heather (Alfredo) Dolgetta and Meghann (John) Jakubowski; fond brother of Judy, and; cherished grandfather of Nicolina, Alfredo, Carlo, John and Alexander. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. The funeral was entrusted to the Malverne Funeral Home, (Anthony J. Walsh & Son) 330 Hempstead Avenue (1/2 Mile South SS Parkway, Ext. 17 So.) Malverne. Visitation hours were on Sunday from 7:00-9:00 PM and on Monday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00- 9:00 PM. The Funeral Mass was on Tuesday at 9:45 AM in Saint Thomas the Apostle Chapel, 875 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead. The interment was in the Holy Rood Cemetery, 111 Old Country Road, Westbury.

**WILLIAM ARTHUR "Bill" GEBHARDT** - Died peacefully on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 in Spencerport, New York at the age of 74, surrounded by his wife, sons and siblings. The cause of death was respiratory failure, sub-acute ischemic stroke and cardiac arrhythmia. He was born in Rochester, New York on November 11, 1944. Bill was predeceased by siblings, Cathy, Bob, Marilyn (Tom) Lill and Eileen Trichanh. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carlynn; his sons, Mark and Matt; his daughter-in-law, Jessica; his grandchildren, Ben, Will and Josh; his siblings, Nancy (John) Hauck, Dianne (Gregory) French, Rosemary Gebhardt, David (Lorri) Gebhardt; his brother-in-law, Oudith Trichanh; his sister-in-law Diane (Robert) Heldorfer, and; his many nieces and nephews that brought joy to his life. Bill loved spending time with his family, watching his grandson's many sporting events, camping, family holidays, gardening, working on projects and reading. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from April 26, 1965 to April 25, 1968 with one-year tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. To share a memory visit [www.walkerbrothersfh.com](http://www.walkerbrothersfh.com). His memorial service was on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 191 Nichols Street, Spencerport. There was a reception and visitation with the family after the service. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Bill's memory can be donated to his church.



**RODERICK J. GEOGHEGAN, SR.** - Died Thursday, June 13, 2019 in East Meadow, New York at the age of 73. He was formerly of Freeport, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 10, 1945. He was the beloved husband of the late Jane Anne; loving father of Kelly-Ann E. Calamusa (Mark), Roderick J. Geoghegan, Jr. (Vanessa) and Patrick; adored by his twelve grandchildren, and; cherished brother of Joseph. He was a proud United States Navy Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. The family received friends on Friday from 2:00-5:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Charles J. O'Shea Funeral Homes, 2515 North Jerusalem Road (Exit 25N SS PKWY) East Meadow, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday at 10:00 AM at Saint Raphael Roman Catholic Church in East Meadow, NY. The interment was in the Pinelawn Memorial Park. [www.osheafuneral.com](http://www.osheafuneral.com).

**JAMES D. GILLETTE** – Died Wednesday, July 10, 2019 in Glenside, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 29, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of Americas – Philadelphia Chapter #590**. He was interred on Saturday, July 13, 2019.





**STANLEY J. GODLEWSKI, JR.** - Died Thursday, June 13, 2018 at home in Florham Park, New Jersey at the age of 71, surrounded by his children. Stanley was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey on August 26, 1946 to the late Stanley J. Godlewski, Sr. and Catherine Godlewski. He was raised in Bloomfield and shortly after graduating high school, Stanley enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He honorably served two tours in Vietnam from 1966 to 1969 as a machine gunner, receiving the Presidential Unit Citation for acts of heroism during combat. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey*. Stanley was a long time Madison resident before moving to Florham Park 15 years ago with his late wife, Patricia Godlewski (née Underwood). He lived a life of service to his country and community along with being a devoted father and grandfather who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Stanley was a career firefighter with the Borough of Madison for many years before his recent retirement. Stanley had a love of carpentry and building. He thoroughly enjoyed handling projects and building additions for his good friends on the fire and police departments. In his spare time, he was a model railroad enthusiast. Stanley had an eye for detail and devoted two rooms of his basement to his model railroading. He appreciated the joy others got by seeing his detailed work. Stanley was predeceased by his adoring wife, Patricia Godlewski, who shared his love for all things Disney. He is survived by his devoted daughter, Pamela Godlewski; his son, David Godlewski and his wife, Lisa; his daughter, Sharon Muse and her husband, David; his stepson, Scott Seibel and his wife, Jennifer; his stepdaughter, Trish DeVore and her husband, Jim. Stanley leaves behind twelve energetic grandchildren who will miss him dearly. Stanley is fondly remembered by his former wife and high school sweetheart, Renee Godlewski. He is also survived by his many good friends from the Madison Fire and Police Departments. Funeral services were at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the Madison Memorial Home, 159 Main Street, Madison, followed by a 10:00 AM Liturgy of Christian Burial celebrated at Saint Vincent, Martyr Roman Catholic Church, Madison. Entombment with military honors was at the Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge. Relatives and friends were invited to gather to celebrate Stanley's life at a visitation from 200-400 PM and from 7:00-900 PM on Monday at the funeral home. Charitable contributions can be made in Stanley's memory to the Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad, 60 Felch Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Condolences to the family may be made online by visiting our website at [www.madisonmemorialhome.com](http://www.madisonmemorialhome.com).



**CARL E. GOODBALLET** - Died Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the Salem West Healthcare Center at the age of 85. He was a resident of Salem, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 26, 1934 in East Liverpool, Ohio to the late Louis and Edith (née Cochran)

Goodballet. Carl had worked in a meat packing plant in Minnesota, was a bartender at the VFW in Minnesota and at Walmart. He was a member of the VFW #892 of Salem, American Legion in Washingtonville and DAV. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – East Liverpool Chapter #1064**. He loved gardening, camping, fishing and traveling. Carl was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving during the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife, Audrae (née Steinberg) Goodballet, whom he married February 25, 1959; a daughter, Bobbie (Dennis) Williams of Salem; two sisters, Doris (Bob) Myers of Calcutta and Leah (Ray) MacIntosh of Wellsville; a brother, Mike Woods of Alliance; four grandchildren, Diane (Matthew) Kehrner, Melissa (Billy) Blackburn, Joseph Davis and Justin Davis, and; twelve great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Stark Memorial with Pastor Alan Smearsoll officiating. Military honors were provided by the Salem Honor Guard after the service. Calling hours were held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, August 9, 2019 at the funeral home. The burial was in the Grandview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Department #142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908. Carl's obituary may be viewed, and condolences sent online at [www.starkmemorial.com](http://www.starkmemorial.com).

**REGINALD DAVID "Reggie" GOODIN** - Died Monday, May 27, 2019 at the Madison Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 78. He was a resident of Morgantown and former of Mannington, West Virginia. He was born December 20, 1940 in Fairmont, West Virginia to the late Virgil Goodin and Doreen (née Spencer) Thompson-Goodin. Reggie was retired from the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War, and later worked at Owens-Illinois in Fairmont. He was a *Life Member* of the VFW Post #629, American Legion Post #17, DAV in Fairmont, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannington Chapter #1055**, as well as many other organizations, including the Mannington Lions Club, where he formerly served as President. He was a Christian by faith and a member of the Ireland Chapel in Farmington. Survivors include a daughter: Janae Goodin (Mike) Ice, Morgantown; sons: Charles "Chuck" Goodin, Mechanicsville, VA, John Goodin, Mannington, David Goodin, PA, and Richard and John Robert Goodin, SC; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Linda June Goodin, on March 22, 2016. Friends visited the family at the Hutson Funeral Home, 500 East Main Street, Mannington on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00 PM where funeral services were held on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM with Reverend Richard Fluharty officiating. The interment was in the Mannington Cemetery with full military graveside honors. [www.hutsonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hutsonfuneralhomes.com).

**GORDON ROY GREGORY** - Died Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 18, 1948. Gordon graduated from Royal Oak High School in Royal Oak, MI. He served with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**. Memorial services were conducted at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the Berkeley Springs church of Christ, 290 South Green Street, Berkeley Springs, WV, with Van Sprague officiating. The burial was private. Read Less Berkeley Springs church of Christ 209 South Green Street Berkeley Springs, WV. Express your condolences with gifts sent to Gordon's

memorial service Express your condolences with flowers sent to Gordon's memorial service. Order from Local Florists - view and sign.

**DOMINGO F. GUERRERO** – Died recently in 2019 in Hagatna, Guam at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 29, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sinajana Chapter #668**.



**RALPH WILLIAM "Budding" GUTIERREZ** – Died Thursday, February 14, 2019 in Hagatna, Guam at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 23, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sinajana Chapter #668**. Daily masses were held at Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica, Hagatna on Monday, February 18 through Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The family viewing was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Ada's Funeral Home. Last respects were held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica, Hagatna from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at 1:00 PM. The interment was in the Guam Veteran Cemetery, Piti, Guam.

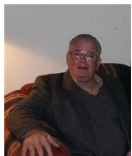


**MILTON J. HAAS, JR.** - Died Wednesday, June 5, 2019 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 71, after a 10-year courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Hallettsville on August 25, 1947, the first of four sons to the late Milton J Haas, Sr. and Edna (née Woytek) Haas. He graduated from Hallettsville High School in 1965. After graduation, he entered the military in August 1967 and then was deployed to Vietnam. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, retired from the United States Army; and member of the American Legion, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hallettsville Chapter #854** and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Milton married Linda Kay Appelt on October 18, 1967, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville. In the years to follow they were blessed with three sons, Milton J. Haas III and twins Nathan and Nicholas. Milton worked for H.B. Zachry for 35 years in the construction and maintenance field serving as a pipe fitter superintendent. After his retirement he worked as a cattle rancher on his property in Worthing and on the homestead off Vsetin Highway in Hallettsville. Milton was an avid hunter and outdoorsman who enjoyed the company of his many lifelong friends. Their many adventures have been told and retold around the campfire. He along with his five grandchildren, spent many fun-filled hours riding around on the John Deere gator and his tractor he so enjoyed. Milton is survived by his wife, Linda of 51 years; his children, Milton III and wife Jennifer, Nathan and wife Missy and Nicholas and wife Abbey; his 5 grandchildren, Benjamin, Taylor, Madison, Isabella and Hudson, and; three brothers, Roger Paul, Michael Ray and David Allen Haas. Milton is preceded in death by; his parents, Milton J. Haas, Sr. and Edna, and his grandson Christopher Haas. The Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 10, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville. Visitation was from 4:00

to 5:00 PM on Sunday at the Kubena Funeral Home; with the recitation of the Rosary starting at 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church. The pallbearers were Milton J. Haas III, Nathan Haas, Nicholas Haas, Roger Haas, Michael Haas, David Haas, Andrew Haas and Kevin Bright. Reverend Monsignor John Peters was the celebrant for the Funeral Mass. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, MD Anderson Cancer Center or Donor's choice. The burial was in the Geiger Cemetery, Sublime, Texas.

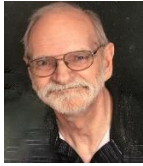


**MARVIN LOUIS HANKE** - Died Saturday, June 22, 2019 at his home in Juneau, Wisconsin at the age of 70, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 21, 1948 in Watertown, Wisconsin to the late Edwin and Elsie (née Schwefel) Hanke. He grew up raising beef with his family. He graduated from Hartford High School as part of the Class of 1966 before serving his country in the United States Army. He married the former Barbara Schlieve on August 3, 1991 at the Izaak Walton League Clubhouse. He worked at Metalcraft in Mayville as a quality control technician. He was active in American Legion Post #15, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitewater Chapter #409**, RATS Club, and Isaac Walton League. In his spare time, Marvin enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming and trapping. He was a talented baker and was known for his chocolate chip cookies. He was an avid fan of the Dodge County Braves. Marvin is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Barb Hanke; children, Laurie (Mark) Freson, Tony Hanke, Jeremiah Hanke; siblings, Doris (James) Gindt, Ruth Ducklow, Millie (Lyn) Bully, Linda (Robert) Fortmann; brother-in-law, Ron Schmeling; best friends, John and Wendy Hanson; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Marvin is preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-laws, Franklin and Junerose Schlieve; daughter, Lisa Hanke; siblings, Charles (Lillian) Hanke, Elaine Liesener, Elizabeth Schmeling; brothers-in-law, George Ducklow and Elroy Liesener. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at Saint John Lutheran Church in Watertown with Reverend Timothy Mueller officiating. Family and friends gathered at the Hafemeister Funeral Home on Tuesday from 5:00-9:00 PM and at the church on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The burial with military graveside rites took place at the Lutheran Cemetery in Watertown. Memorials, if desired, may be directed to the charity of one's choice. Hafemeister Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 611 East Main Street, Watertown, Wisconsin was in charge of the arrangements.



**FORREST L. HARRIS** – Died Friday, August 3, 2018 in Gainesville, Georgia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 13, 1947 to the late Hubert Harris and Lucy (née Kemp) Harris. He was also predeceased by his sister, Joyce Cheatham; his brother, Jewell Harris, and; his nephew, Darrin Harris. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Katrina Harris and his two nieces, Shannon Carr and Helen Harris. He served in the United

States Army during the Vietnam War. Funeral services were held at the Strickland Funeral Home in Clermont, Georgia. Visitation was on Friday, August 10, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 PM. The funeral was held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The interment was in the Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville.



**RAY LEE HARRISON, JR.** (USCG, CWO3-Ret.) - Died Sunday, May 12, 2019 at his home in Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death was acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, aspiration and pneumonia. He was born on December 16, 1947 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Ray Lee Harrison, Sr. and Mary (née Owens Harrison). He served in the United States Marine Corps with two tours of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967 and from 1969 to 1970 as Chief Engineer in the United States Merchant Marines after retirement from the US Coast Guard from 1971 to 1988. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962**. He is survived by his wife, Judy (née Lehman) Harrison; three sons, Matthew Harrison and wife, Jennifer, of Haymarket, VA, Ashley Harrison and Courtney Gregor, of Virginia Beach, VA, John Maynard, of Houston, TX; two daughters, Jennifer Green and husband, Corey, of Myrtle Beach, SC, Janelle Barbour and husband, Will, of Seven Springs, NC; two sisters, Carolyn Hart and husband, Harry, of Bolton, Kathy Nicholson and husband, Steve, of Bladenboro, and; his grandchildren, Courtney Harrison, of Herndon, VA, Alyssa Harrison, Cody Harrison, Noah Harrison, Parker Harrison, all of Virginia Beach VA, Maggie Barber and Lita Barber, both of Seven Springs, NC. A memorial service with military honors was conducted at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Peacock Funeral Home Chapel by Reverend Sterling Sarvis and Father Joseph Yaeger. His family received friends from 1:00 - 2:00 PM prior to his service at the funeral home In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, 401 Hawthorne Lane, Suite 110 #298, Charlotte, NC 28204. Online condolences may be made at [www.peacockfuneralhome.net](http://www.peacockfuneralhome.net).

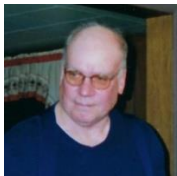
**ROBERT HARTMAN** – Died Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in Denver, Colorado at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 5, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071**.



**CHARLES V. "Chuck" HENNES** - Died Sunday July 21, 2019 at his home in Marshfield, Wisconsin at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Chuck was born August 22, 1949 in Marshfield, Wisconsin to the late Edwin and Agnes (née Werner) Hennes. Soon after graduating from Columbus High School in 1967: Chuck served in the United States Marine Corps for 2 years, separating in 1969. While in the service, he took courses in the Vietnamese language,



and trained as a Rifleman. Chuck earned three Purple Hearts, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Letter of Appreciation, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the M-14 Rifle Marksman Badge. Following his military service, Chuck graduated from college with an Associate Degree in Fire Science in 1972. He retired from the Marshfield Fire Department in 1998. Chuck was a proud member of the Harley Owners Group, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, M.O.P.H., *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101*, Officer for the DAV, Big Brothers, Washington Elementary School Mentor, Patriot Guard, Road Warriors, and the American Legion Firing Squad. He had also volunteered with the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and as a driver for the DAV. He is survived by his significant other, Di and her son, (and Chuck's adoptive son) Brody Haupt of Marshfield; his brothers, John (Joy) Hennes, of DePere, WI, Robert Hennes, of Marshfield, WI and William Hennes, of Marshfield, WI; his sisters, Julie (William) Zinsli, of Menomonie, WI and Mary (Keith) Bass, of Granton, WI. Chuck is further survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother James Hennes, and his sister-in-law Linda Hennes. Chuck was blessed with many friends and touched all our hearts. Special appreciation to his neighbors Dan and Joanne Vandenberg for everything they did for Chuck. A memorial service was held at the Rembs Funeral Home in Marshfield on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon with Reverend Mark Krueger officiating. Visitation was held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Hennes, Dave Marsh, Bill Hennes, Jenny Spect, and Brody Haupt. The burial was in the Veterans' Field of Honor at Hillside Cemetery, Marshfield. Memorials may be given in Chuck's name to the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) or to the American Legion. Condolences may be sent online to [www.rembsfh.com](http://www.rembsfh.com).



**CARROLL D. HIESTER** - Died Thursday morning, July 18, 2019 at the Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Indiana at the age of 80. He was a resident of Bluffton, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 4, 1939 in Adams County, Indiana to the late George A. and Marcella (née Ladig) Hiester. Carroll married Janice A. (née Kaufman) on April 7, 1972 in Tennessee, she survives in Bluffton. Following high school, Carroll enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1957, then onto the United States Army. He served in numerous tours in Vietnam. Carroll spent his last years of military service in the National Guard, he retired from the military and was a disabled American Veteran. After leaving the military he worked maintenance and security positions for several area factories. He retired in 2001 from Wal-Mart in Bluffton. Carroll was a member of the American Legion Post #111 and Moose Lodge in Bluffton. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluffton Chapter #698**. Carroll is survived by his wife, Janice; three sons, Mike (Terri) Hiester, of Nashville, TN, Jim Pursley, of Ossian, IN and Rex Pursley, of Bluffton; five daughters, Diana (Robert) Ferguson, of TN, Kathy (Don) Hile, of Bumpass, VA, Tammy Hiester, Debbie (Scott) Hiester, Teresa (Jeff) Schmidt, all of Ossian, IN, and; a brother, Keith (Jo) Hiester, of Decatur, IN. He was preceded in death by a son, David Hiester and a sister, Alice Gephart. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the Goodwin – Cale and Harnish Memorial Chapel,

3220 East State Route #124, Bluffton, IN with Dr. Bryson E. Bell as the officiant. The American Legion Post #111 in conjunction with the United States Army Honor Guard conducted military graveside rites. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Legion Post #111. Online condolences may be left at [www.goodwincaleharnish.com](http://www.goodwincaleharnish.com).

**JAMES E. HILL** – Died recently in 2019 in Robersonville, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 3, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington Chapter #272**.



**R. THOMAS "Tom" HOLMES** – Died Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in Chili, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Waterloo, New York on February 9, 1940, to the late Dr. W. Raymond Holmes and Jeanne (née Warnock) Holmes. He resided in the Rochester area for 50 years. Tom was an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Syracuse University, where rowed crew, and received his degree in Business Administration. He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army and flew Bell UH-1 ("Huey") helicopters with the 114<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company in Vietnam, where he earned his Air Medal and 18 Oak Leaf Clusters (200+ missions). He later worked for Eastman Kodak for almost 30 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his stepmother, Lorraine Parrish Holmes. He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years Mary Lou Denny (née Andrews) Holmes; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Karen Holmes, of Ringoes, NJ; son Steven Holmes of Macedon, NY; blended family daughter Leslie Andrews and son David Andrews; sister Judith and "Bernie" Remas; sister Beverly and Gilbert Jones; grandchildren Kyle Holmes, Daniel Holmes, Megan Head (Sgt. Darius Head), Dylan Holmes, Travis Holmes, and Thomas Andrews; and four great-grandchildren. A Military Memorial Service was held at the VFW Post #8495, 300 Macedon Center Road, Fairport, NY from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Waterloo, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association are appreciated. More information may become available at the Leo Bean Funeral Home website.



**HENRY THEO "Hank" HUDSON** - Died Thursday, June 21, 2018 in Cohecton, New York at the age of 75, after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 8, 1942 in the Bronx, New York to late John and Isabella (née Norwood) Hudson. Hank was a longtime resident of Cohecton and owner of the Ruff Cut. He proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was an active member

and commandant of the Marine Corps detachment and a member of the VFW Post #276 and Elks Club. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**. He was preceded in death by his life partner Joyce Haring and his son Steven C. Banks. He is survived by his twin brother, Thomas Hudson and his wife Lan of Fayetteville, NC; three daughters Heather Sigman and her husband Scott of Middletown, NY, Stefanie Hudson of Union, NJ, Kelly Hudson of Loudon, TN; five grandchildren: Branden, Lauren, Darby, Steven and Holden along with several nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Colonial-Ramsay Funeral Home, 3534 State Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, NY. A graveside service was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, with full military honors. The arrangements were under the care of the Colonial-Ramsay Funeral Home.



**FRANK M. HUGHES** - Died Monday, July 8, 2019 in Cliffwood Beach, New Jersey at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 29, 1940 in Jersey City, New Jersey. A proud United States Army veteran, he served our country during the Vietnam War, and he was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Monmouth Chapter #721** of Hazlet. He married the love of his life, Sharon, and the two raised two wonderful sons together. Frank was a Publisher in NYC and he also did security at IFF upon his retirement. Frank was a loving and devoted husband, father, and friend. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon Hughes (née Thompson), of Cliffwood Beach, NJ; his two loving sons, Frank Hughes, of Florida and Charles Hughes and his wife Maria, of Keansburg, NJ. Frank will be dearly missed and always in our hearts. Relatives and friends were invited to a visitation on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Day Funeral Home, 361 Maple Place, Keyport, New Jersey, 07735. A Prayer Service was offered during visitation hours. In respect of Mr. Hughes' wishes, he was cremated. In lieu of flower donations in memory of Frank may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America at [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org) or by mailing donations to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 or donating to the American Cancer Society by visiting [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or mailing a donation to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123.

**GERALD GEORGE “Bud” HUNT, JR.** - Died Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah, Georgia at the age of 76. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Idaho on August 16, 1942. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. Services were held at a later date. Low Country Cremation and Burial assisted the Hunt family. He was cremated and the remains were flown to Colorado for inurnment in the Fort Logan National Cemetery. He used to live and work in Colorado.



**KENNETH DONALD "Ken" HUTCHINS, SR.** - Died Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, Maine at the age of 76. He was a resident of Biddeford, Maine. The cause of death is unknown. Kenneth was born in Hartford, Connecticut on March 4, 1943 to the late George and Frances (née Hodgman) Hutchins. Kenneth proudly served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He served in the U.S. Army for 21 years as a Combat Engineer. After military service, Kenneth worked many years as a Police Officer retiring from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He also worked for the Boston Police Department and Old Orchard Beach Police Department. Kenneth married Claire Sylvestre on August 23, 1980 and spent 39 years in marriage raising three sons and two daughters together. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, VFW, and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**. Ken was also a volunteer Fireman with the Wells Fire Department. In his spare time, Kenneth enjoyed Hunting, Fishing, Woodworking, and building models. Kenneth is survived by his loving wife Claire of Biddeford; three sons Barry Hutchins and his wife Wendy, of Dover-Foxcroft, Kenneth Donald Hutchins II and his wife Carol, of Connecticut, and Steven Hutchins and his fiancée Debbie, of Dayton; two daughters, Anita Johnson and her husband Steve, of Florida and Amanda Hutchins and her boyfriend Frank, of Westbrook; a brother, Gerald "Jerry" Hutchins, of Lynn, Massachusetts; a sister, Linda Keane, of Lynn, Massachusetts; fourteen grandchildren; five great--grandchildren, and; several nieces and nephews. Friends and family were invited to attend a time of visitation on Wednesday evening, June 26, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Cote Funeral Home Chapel, 87 James Street Saco, Maine. Funeral Services were held on Thursday June 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the funeral home with Reverend Burton S. Howe officiating. The interment was in the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale with Full Military Honors. On-line condolences can be given to the family at [www.cotefuneralhome.com](http://www.cotefuneralhome.com).

**DARRYL H. JACKSON** – Died Thursday, March 14, 2019 in Ringgold, Georgia at the age of 74, after a brief battle with cancer. His family was by his side. He was born on February 15, 1946 to the late Samuel H. and Evelyn Jackson. He leaves behind his wife of 32 years, Ella; two daughters, Lori (Mark) Strickland, and Tracey (Nathan) Loveland. He was a loving Pappaw to Tyler (Samantha) Strickland, Amy Strickland, Jake Allen, and Ethan Loveland, as well as three great-grandchildren, Ryan, Maci Kate and Maddox. He is also survived by his brother, Dick (Brenda) Jackson as well as three nieces and one nephew. Mr. Jackson was a United States Army veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was a local Chickamauga business owner for many years, and later retired from Badcock Furniture Stores. He enjoyed boating, fishing and the company of his beloved dachshunds, Bella and Vienna. Family held a private memorial service.

**GLENN R. JACKSON** – Died in Monday, October 15, 2018 in the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Montana at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 17, 1945. He served in the United States Navy from September 19, 1966 to October 8,

1968 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Chapter #1087**.



**LAWRENCE WILMER "Larry" JOHNSON, SR.** - Died Friday, July 5, 2019 in Biddeford, Maine at the age of 75. The cause of death was small bowel occlusion, mesenteric ischemia, superior mesenteric artery occlusion and vascular disease. Larry was born in Portland, Maine on March 27, 1944 to the late Gilbert James Johnson and Beulah (née Bridges) Johnson. He was educated in Kennebunkport, Maine graduating from Kennebunk High School in 1962. Larry was a proud veteran of the United States Army from October 26, 1962 to November 9, 1966 as well as the United States Air Force from May 8, 1968 to May 7, 1972, serving in Vietnam. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**. He had worked for 16 years at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a pipefitter, and at IDEXX for 6 years as a machine operator. Lawrence is survived by his beloved wife, of 38 years, Kathryn (née Suhy) Johnson; his son, Lawrence (Jennifer) W. Johnson, Jr, of Salem, AL; his daughter, Melissa Johnson, of Portland, ME; his stepson, Ray Suhy, of Ashbury, NJ; his sister, Mary Jo Woodrow; his brother, Richard Johnson, and; his stepbrother, Gary Michaud. Visiting Hours were from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at Hope Memorial Chapel, 480 Elm Street, Biddeford, ME 04005. Burial and military honors were on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale, ME. The arrangements were made by the Hope Memorial Chapel. To share condolences online, please visit [www.HopeMemorial.com](http://www.HopeMemorial.com). The family requested that flowers be omitted.

**ROBERT F. KESINGER** – Died recently in 2019 in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 17, 1940. He was veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Myers Chapter #594**.



**RONALD SCOTT "Ron" KHARE** – Died Wednesday, July 21, 2019 in Fairfield, Iowa at the age of 71. The cause of death was radiation induced pleomorphic sarcoma of the lower abdomen due to urothelial cancer resulting from exposure to herbicide and water contamination during his service in Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. He was born in Oceanside, New York on August 30, 1947 to the late Herb and Lydia (née Melendez) Khare. He was also predeceased by his brother, Herb. He is survived by his wife Phyllis (née Turnipseed) Khare (married in 1979); his daughter, Celestial (and her husband Wes and daughter Prana); his son, Ron (and his son Archer), and; his sister, Maria Rose. In 1965, at the age of 17, Ron joined the United States Marine Corps. He earned the rank of Sergeant, E-5 within 3 years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring (Maryland) Chapter #641**. He became a teacher of Transcendental Meditation in April 1971. He taught hundreds of people in Florida, California, New York, and Maryland. He especially treasured his time teaching Vietnam Vets and being a



contact for new Veterans arriving at MUM. Ron lived in Fairfield most of his life having attended MUM (then MIU) and attaining a Master of Arts in Education (1982), and a Master of Science in Psychology (1998). He started with a B.A. in Psychology for the University of South Florida (1975). His Master's thesis was The T M Technique as a Proposed Modality of Treatment for Vietnam Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. This thesis was used as a basis for many scientific studies and grants during the last few decades. He helped found the first MSAE Cub Scout Den and Boy Scout Troop. And he was very proud that his son, Ron Khare, became MSAE's first Eagle Scout under his guidance. During the many decades he lived in Fairfield, he worked for The Beckley Group, Creative Glassworks, International Trading Group, US Law News, and for almost a total of 20 years he was the manager of Americus Diamond. Ron was dubbed by his wife as the unofficial Mayor of Fairfield, as he seemed to know everyone from all walks of life. He genuinely felt to wave and smile at everyone everywhere he went. His personal motto "Be kind to everyone - and help them if you can" was his sole mission for the last few years and he achieved this beautifully. An open Celebration of Life for Ron was held Sunday, July 28th in the afternoon at his Fairfield home on North B Street, Fairfield, Iowa.



**HERMAN EUGENE "Gene" KIEFER III** (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in Lancaster, California at the age of 86, after a brave battle with pneumonia. The cause of death was Cardiopulmonary arrest, pneumonia, acute myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathy, hypertension and hyperlipidemia. Gene was born in Glen Ridge New Jersey on November 5, 1932 to the late Herman Eugene Kiefer, Jr. and Lois (née Gardner) Kiefer. He grew up in Ware Shoals South Carolina where he was given the nick- name "Dixie" by family and friends. As a young man, he enjoyed Boy Scout trips with his father, Herman Eugene Kiefer Jr., and listening to his mother Lois play the piano. Gene and his friends enjoyed childhood adventures on Turkey Creek. Sometimes, he even let his younger sister Priscilla tag along. In the summer, Gene would travel with his family to visit relatives in Maine. His first job was building a wooden trap and catching lobsters that he sold to tourists. At age 14, young Gene traveled alone to Atlanta to take an examination for his ham radio operator's license. He returned home and built his own ham radio, then constructed his own radio antennae on the roof of his parent's house. He studied Latin and Spanish in high school and practiced his language skills on the radio. Gene contacted ham radio operators in more than 100 countries and earned a pair of certificates from the Incorporated Radio Society of Great Britain. Gene attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem Pennsylvania. As a third generation Lehigh student, Gene was a member of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society. He participated in the Reserve Officers Training Corps and was a member of the Pershing Rifles drill team, as well as the Arnold Air Society. A brother of Delta Phi, Gene was elected president of his fraternity during his senior year. He graduated with honors, earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1955. Gene received commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and began active duty in March 1956. He served numerous assignments around the United States and across the globe. As a C-130 navigator with Military Air Transport Service at Evreux Air Base in France, Gene flew Cold-War missions through Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. In 1967, Gene volunteered for combat in Southeast Asia. He served with the 606th Air Commando

Squadron at Nakhon Phanom Air Base in Thailand, flying the A-26 Invader on night bombing missions over the Ho Chi Minh Trail. He completed his combat tour, returned stateside, purchased a 1967 Ford Mustang, and dated a pretty flight attendant. During this time, Gene also became a member in good standing of the International Association of Turtles, and he carried several membership keys to Playboy Clubs across the United States. In early 1970, Gene returned to Southeast Asia as a Weapons System Officer ("Guy in Back") of the F-4 Phantom, serving with the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing. On 20 January 1971, Gene's aircraft caught fire after takeoff from Da Nang Air Base. "We headed toward the water, de-armed and released the ordinance and then ejected," Gene said during a 1971 interview carried by the United Press International, Saigon. Gene and his front-seater Captain David Warner, both parachuted into the South China Sea, and were rescued by helicopter. Gene safely completed his combat tour in 1972. Fear didn't enter into his thinking. He flew 701 combat missions in North and South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. "I've done an important job here which has been exciting and has given me a sense of accomplishment," he told The Air Force Times in a 1972 interview. "I'm going to miss all my friends, because this has been a tour I won't ever forget. Another thing I won't forget are my buddies who are prisoners of war in North Vietnam and those good friends of mine who are missing in action." In the mid 1970's Gene served with the 10th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Hahn Air Base in Germany where he met his wife of 43 years, Maria. They sang and danced to their favorite ABBA songs in a beautiful house surrounded by lush vineyards on the Mosel River. In the late 1970's, Gene brought his wife to the United States where they soon welcomed their daughter, Katrin, at Langley Air Force Base. Later, Gene was stationed at Rhein Main Air Base in Germany during the early 1980's when his son Rupert was born. Gene's final duty assignment was as Squadron Commander with the 4th Combat Support Group at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina. He retired from active duty in March 1984, as Lieutenant Colonel. Gene spent 28 years in uniform, half of which were served abroad. He spent 14 years and 1 month overseas, including a temporary duty assignment at Thule Air Base in Greenland, located 750 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Gene logged 6,067.7 hours of flying time in military aircraft, including the C-130, C-131, C-135, A-26, and F-4. His military decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross with Six Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Forty-Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Six Oak Leaf Clusters and Combat "V", Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Ribbon with Nine Bronze Stars, Air Force Overseas Ribbon, and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. Following his Air Force Career, Gene moved his family to Southern California's Antelope Valley. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He worked for Rockwell International from 1985 through 1990 as a civilian engineer on the B-1B Lancer. As a member of the Checkout and Acceptance Department, Gene worked on each of the 100 of the B-1B's that were built in Palmdale. Gene was immeasurably proud of his military and civilian careers both in and around the aircraft that delivered peace through superior firepower. In his retirement, Gene enjoyed spending time with his family, watching the Atlanta Braves play baseball on television, drinking India Pale Ale, quality time with his beloved cats, and driving his Audi roadster with the top down and the wind blowing through his silver hair. Gene loved to travel. The Taj Mahal, Iguazu Falls in South America, and the 1958 World's Fair in Belgium were just a few of his many stops. In 2012, he joined the Seven

Continents Club when he sailed to Antarctica as a passenger on board the expedition ship "Polar Pioneer." He will be remembered for his kindness, his handsome looks, and his remarkable intelligence. Gene was a champion of modesty; a soft spoken and gracious gentleman who never outgrew the Southern Hospitality that he learned in his youth. Gene is scheduled for in-ground burial this summer at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.



**WILLIAM LEE "Bill" KIEFER** – Died Friday, April 12, 2019 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of was born on August 19, 1946 to the late Nellie Lindsey. The best move Bill ever made was to get a beautiful Joyce Ann Cwiklowski to marry him on August 15, 1970 and become Saint Joyce for putting up with him for 48 years (If She Had Only Known.) Bill was the father of Jason Lee (Liz) and William "Andy" (Kori); grandfather to Nathinal Lee, Jonas, Spencer (Shaumberg), Greyson Andrew and Poppy Jo. Bill was so proud of his sons and grandchildren. He bragged about Jason becoming an eagle Scout and Andy serving as a SSgt in National Guard and his duty in the Iraq War. Bill was son of Nellie Lindsey; brother of Marilyn Witcher, Bob, Steve and David Caldwell. Bill is also proud to have served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam and later as a Gunny Sergeant in Marine Reserves. He was a member of Marine Corps league 184, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #794**, VFW Post #1300, American Legion Post #335, AMVETS, Navy League and as a Board Member for POW/MIA Museum. He was the first person in his family to receive a College Degree in Business Administration from University of Missouri-Saint Louis after 6.5 years of night and summer school. He was a VP for the Alumni Association, President of Business Alumni and The Chairman of the First Alumni Center on Campus. He worked for over 40 years as a Professional Salesman, Marketing and Public Relations expert. Bill was honored to be elected to two Public Offices by voters and he served as a president of a Political Club. He served several years as a president of a Neighborhood Association. in Saint Louis. He was also presented an award from the Missouri State Senator for Community Service. Bill was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree-Knight of Columbus, Chairman for several years of the Archdiocesan Appeal, as well as active in other Civic, Professional and Charitable Groups. The Marine Corps Motto is Semper Fidelis which means "*ALWAYS FAITHFUL*" and that was Bill to his family. If there is a phrase to describe Bill is was that "HE took care of ALL of His Extended Family." The family received friends from 4:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the Hutchens Mortuary, 675 Graham Road, Florissant, MO. The funeral service was at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at the funeral home. The interment was in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Memorial donations were appreciated to the POW-MIA Museum, Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #794, Patriot Guard Riders or Archdiocesan Developmental Appeal in Bill's Honor.

**FREDERICK J. "Rick" KIERNAN** - Died Thursday, November 1, 2018 at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 72. He was a resident of Wilton, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on September 23, 1946. He proudly serviced his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Rick was an over-the-road truck driver for 40 years. He was a member of the Wilton American Legion. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**. Rick married Carol L. Zook on January 31, 2009 in Hiawatha, IA. There will be no visitation or service. Private family inurnment will be held at later date. Rick is survived by his wife, Carol; his son, Michael King, of Mesa, AZ; his daughter, Tamara Kiernan, of Roy, WA; his stepchildren, Travis Wacker of Wilton, Kyle (Samantha) Wacker of Oxford Jct. and Lea-Anne Zook, of Anamosa, and; six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother. Online condolences may be left at [www.bentleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentleyfuneralhome.com).

**LOUIS HARRISON KNACK, JR.** - Died Friday, January 11, 2019 in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 27, 1945 to the late Louis Harrison Knack, Sr. and Joan (née Stuesser) Knack; his brother, Richard; his son, Grant. Louis proudly served our country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**. According to his wishes, anatomical donation was made to the University of Michigan Research Department. The burial took place at the Fort Custer National Cemetery.



**LARRY NELSON KOEHN** (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret.) - Died Friday, June 28, 2019 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 24, 1946 in Hallettsville, Texas to the late Oscar and Elner (née Dahse) Koehn. His father, Oscar, passed at an early age and Larry was raised by his mother and grandparents. Larry grew up in Weimar and graduated from Weimar High School in 1964. He then earned a Forestry degree from Stephen F. Austin University in 1969 and an MBA from East Texas State University in 1984. After graduation, he briefly worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Eureka, California before joining the United States Air Force as a KC-135 pilot, serving during the Vietnam War. While stationed at Ellsworth AFB, he met the love of his life, Barbara Bergman, and married her in a military ceremony June 17, 1972. He continued serving his country for twenty years and retired from the Air Force in 1990 as a Lt. Colonel. Upon retiring from the Air Force, Larry flew for UPS from 1990 - 2010, flying the 747, 757/767, and DC-8 commercial aircraft during his tenure. After many moves, he and his wife Barb retired to Hallettsville, Texas in 2005. Larry loved being close to family and enjoying the country life. Larry was active in several local organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hallettsville Chapter #854**, Shiloh Community Center Board and Veterans of Foreign Wars, which he served as commander of Post #6382. Larry was a loving dedicated Christian man, husband, dad, brother, and grandfather "Opa". He was a member of Saint Peter Lutheran Church, serving as usher, a member of the

church council and Men in Mission. Larry is survived by: his devoted wife of 47 years, Barb; his sons, Jeff Koehn and wife, Sara, of Fairview, Texas and Mike Koehn and wife, Lori, of Houston, Texas; his five grandchildren, Eleanor, Paige, Maggie, Tyler and Blake; his sister, Yleen George and husband, Jimmy, of Arlington, Texas; his sisters-in-law, Missy Bergman and Sandra Uhland, and; several nieces and nephews and many, many friends. Larry will also be missed by his faithful canine companion, Rover. Larry was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda, his parents, and stepfather, Cecil Schutz. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Hallettsville. Visitation hours were from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Tuesday at the Kubena Funeral Home. The pallbearers were Jeff Koehn, Mike Koehn, Jimmy George, Andrew George, Dennis Poppe and Shannon DeForest. Pastor Jared Stillion was the celebrant. Memorials may be made to Saint Peter Lutheran Church or the Donor's Choice. The interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

**GILBERT JAMES "Gil" KOPPER** (USMC, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, May 22, 2019 in his home in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 19, 1944. a Retired United States Marine Corps Master Sergeant, serving his country for 25 years and serving 3 tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He was preceded in death by one grandson. He is survived by his loving wife Becky Kopper; his son, Kevin Kopper; his daughter, Darlene Diane (Kopper) Braswell; four grandchildren; his brother, Thomas Kopper; his sister, Helen Herron, and; several other family members. The funeral service was held on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Farrar Funeral Home, White Pine with Military Graveside Service in the White Pine Cemetery.



**DAVID WILLIAM KOVERMAN** - Died Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in Centerville, Ohio at the age of 70. He was formerly of Springboro, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. David was born on July 6, 1949 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Robert and Antoinette (née Monnier) Koverman. He graduated from Belmont High School and went on to receive both Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees at Wright State University. David was a member of the United States Army, serving during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. He was a long-time member of the Church of Incarnation. David volunteered his free time as a motivational speaker, giving talks at Centerville High School. He was an avid football fan who loved Ohio State. David had a jovial personality, laughing often, singing Elvis and Frank Sinatra tunes, and dancing. He also loved to listen to audio westerns. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, his twin brother, Donald, stepchildren, Kim Mullinix and Terry Scott. He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Lien My (née Nguyen); children, Michael Scott, Sonya (Jason) Franklin, Gina (Conley) Vane, David (Courtney) Koverman; brothers, Gary and Jim; sister Janet Hamrock; grandchildren, Kayla, Jacob, Kendall, Destiny, Erica, Ross, Monicka, Cody, Alex, Eric, Scott, Jordan; numerous great-grandchildren. The family

greeted friends from 3:00-5:00 PM on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Routsong Funeral Home, 81 North Main Street, Centerville. The funeral service was on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM at the Church of the Incarnation. The burial was at 11:45 AM on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Dayton National Cemetery. A special thank you to the staff of Touching Hearts at Home for their wonderful care of David. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.routsong.com](http://www.routsong.com).



**ANTHONY RAY "Tony" KROETER** - Died Sunday June 2, 2019 in Union, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death was stage four cancer, heart disease and brain hemorrhage. He was born in Washington, Missouri on August 25, 1947 to Gilbert and Margaret Kroeter. He is survived by his wife, Linda (née Koeling) Kroeter of Union, MO; one son, Matthew Kroeter and wife, Jennifer of Washington, MO; two grandchildren, Luke and Ella Kroeter; his parents, Gilbert and Margaret Kroeter; his father and mother-in-law, Edgar and Gladyne Koelling, both of Union, MO; three brothers-in-law, Eddie Koelling and wife, Debbie of Union, Dennis Koelling and wife, Michelle of Washington and Kevin Koelling and wife, Lori of Union, and; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from March 27, 1969 to March 20, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. Visitation hours for 71-year-old Tony Kroeter were held on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Oltmann Funeral Home in Union, MO. The funeral service was on Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Zion United Church of Christ in Union, MO. The burial was in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Zion United Church of Christ in Union, Franklin County Honor Flight or the Vietnam Veterans of America.



**FREDRICK ALAN "Freddie" LAND** - Died Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Forsyth Medical Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Boomer, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 10, 1947 in Caldwell County, North Carolina to the late Fred and Beatrice (née Parsons) Land. Mr. Land served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was retired from YMCA Camp Harrison and enjoyed maintaining the grounds at VFW Post #1142. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Conover Chapter #1136**. He is survived by a daughter, Tina Dotter and husband, Mike, of Boomer; a granddaughter, Krystal Dotter; a sister, Gail Land Hamby and husband, Perry, of Boomer; a brother, Richard Land and wife, Loretta, of Moravian Falls, and; several nephews, nieces and cousins. Graveside services with Military Honors by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1142 was held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at the Little Rock Baptist Church Cemetery with Chaplain Larry Reavis officiating. The family received friends from 1:00 until 2:00 PM prior to the service at the Reins Sturdivant Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made



to VFW Post #1142, PO Box 357, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659. Online condolences may be made at [www.reinssturdivant.com](http://www.reinssturdivant.com).



**DR. JERRY LEE LANE, DDS** (USN, CDR-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at a local hospital in Kerrville, Texas at the age of 82. He was a resident of Kerrville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 8, 1937 at home on the family farm in Stockport, Iowa to the late Frank W. Lane and Artie L. (née Buerkens) Lane. He attended school in Stockport through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and played baseball. Coach ordered "Lefty" to shoulder his bat and take the base. Jerry also played drums in the high school band, and discovered he had a natural ability in wood shop class. Jerry helped his Dad on the family farm. When he went to college his Dad finally bought electric milking machines, saying his milking machine went away to college. Jerry met the love of his life, Norina (Norma) Jean Pease at the University of Iowa. Jerry and Norma were married December 7, 1958 and started a family raising two daughters. Later, Jerry graduated with his Dental Degree. Jerry joined the United States Navy in 1963 to see the world. Their journey started in Great Lakes, Illinois, continued to Japan, and California. This was followed by two tours on the world's greatest aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise CVAN-65 then to NAS Lemoore in central California, then Aloha Hawaii. His last duty station was NAS Memphis in TN. During these adventures the family enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting. Jerry also enjoyed square dancing, site seeing and his race car. Retirement led him and his wife, Norina to the beautiful Hill Country of Texas. He became very active in Emmaus, working with the Red Cross and Class Car and Methodist Camping Clubs. Jerry was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**. He was loved very much and will be missed greatly by family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Artie Lane. Those left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife, Norma Jean Lane; daughters, Kathy Jo and husband Ray Worley and Teresa S. Schooley; sister, Linda and her husband, Dean Morrison; brother-in-law Phil and wife, Shirley Pease grandchildren, Doug and wife, Taylor Worley; BJ Worley; Lane M Schooley and Katrina S. Schooley. The funeral services were held on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the main chapel at Kerrville Funeral Home, 1221 Junction Highway, Kerrville, TX with Pastor Kevin Portwood officiating the service. A visitation took place one hour prior to the service. The interment took place in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. The arrangements were under the direction and personal care of the professionals at Kerrville Funeral Home.



**RICHARD J. LEARNED** - Died Saturday, October 20, 2018 in Wales, Massachusetts at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born and raised in the Indian Orchard

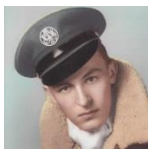
section of Springfield on April 1, 1951, Richard was one of 16 children to the late Benjamin and Helen (née Slicer) Learned. He was educated in local schools, graduating from The High School of Commerce. Besides his parents, Richard is predeceased by five sisters; Sandra White, Ann Boroughs, Karen Boroughs, Janice Benware and Rosemary Learned and four brothers; Benjamin, Robert, David, and James Learned. Richard is survived by his spouse, David Bull; his sons, Jeremy Learned (Kim), of North Carolina, Justin Learned, of Wales and Jarrod Learned (Kristie), of Ludlow; his sisters-in-law, Mary Leete (Ray), Leslie Savageau (Rick), Denise Neal (Mickey), and Debbie Low (Chris); his former wife and the mother of his sons, Donna Learned; his granddaughters, Juliana and Abigail Learned, and; his siblings, Charles Learned (Lorraine), of North Carolina, John Learned, of Vermont and Donald Learned (Sherry), of Agawam, Sheila Stanley, of Chicopee, Shirley Flebotte (Rick), of Ludlow and Melody Taylor, of Vermont. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Springfield Chapter #866**. Richard loved to spend time serving tirelessly as a volunteer for many organizations throughout the area, particularly the Wales Senior Center, the Wales Food Bank, Tri-town Domestic Violence Task Force, Grandparents' Support Group (which he co-founded) and was a very active member of the VFW. Calling Hours for Richard were held on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Ratell Funeral Home, 200 Main Street, Indian Orchard. Committal services with military honors were offered for Richard at 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Main Street, Agawam. Memorial contributions in Richard's name can be made to your local food bank or the American Cancer Society.

**VINCENT JAMES LEPORE, SR.** - Died Friday, February 16, 2018 at Newton Medical Center, Newton, New Jersey at the age of 73. He was a resident of Blairstown, New Jersey and formerly of Frelinghuysen, New Jersey. The cause of death was non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, cardiopulmonary arrest, coronary artery disease, atrial fibrillation, diabetes mellitus-type II, hypertension, cerebrovascular accident, hypothyroidism and obstructive sleep apnea. He was born in Orange, New Jersey on January 11, 1945 to the late Vincent and Carmella (née Ciccarone) Lepore. Vincent worked as a Supervisor in Street Department Gas Division, for P.S.E. & G. of Orange, NJ. He also coached football for Pope John High School, Sparta, NJ and the Sussex Stags. Vincent served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1964 to 1968. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine (née Wisniewski) Lepore; his two sons, Vincent, Jr. of Blairstown and Anthony, of Hardwick; three grandchildren; his brother, Robert, and; his sister, Martha Hoffman, of Denville, NJ. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Saint Jude Church, 7 Eisenhower Road, Blairstown, NJ with interment in the "New" Cedar Ridge Cemetery, Jacksonburg Road, Blairstown, NJ. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Newbaker Funeral Home, 200 Route 94, Blairstown, NJ. Donations may be made in honor of Vincent to your favorite charity.



**JOHN EDWARD LEWITZ, SR.** - Died Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at the age of 77, after a courageous battle with Brain Cancer, with his wife, son, and Aunt Jeanne by his side. John was born in Bozrah, Connecticut on June 30, 1940 to the late John and Loretta (née Mehan) Lewitz. John entered the United States Navy in 1957 and served on the USS Independence until 1961. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niantic Chapter #270**. He was united in marriage in 1962 to the late Dolores Lewitz for 50 years until her passing in 2016. John worked for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Locals 305 and 777 until his retirement in 1997. Upon his retirement John built his dream log cabin in Vermont. The Lazy L Lodge with his son and friends. John spent the winters there skiing and snowmobiling. Family and friends always looked forward to the annual New Year's Eve celebration in Vermont. John's true passion was the outdoors, from taking his family cross-country camping, hunting with his son, to saltwater fishing on his boat with his friends. He also enjoyed Nascar and camping at the tracks. John also operated the Lewitz Farm Stand in Bozrah with his late wife. You could always find John at the end of the day at his family farm in his man cave enjoying conversations and beverages with family and friends. John is survived by his wife, Terry Tougas; his son, John Edward Lewitz, Jr., of Bozrah; a granddaughter, Brittany Lewitz, of Norwich; Jeanne Feroco who was like a sister to him, of Norwich; his beloved cat, Baily; a sister, Ellen Hoskins, of Virginia Beach, VA, and; a daughter, Trish Lewitz, of Bozrah. John was predeceased by his sister Elissa. The family would like to give special thanks to Aunt Jeanne and the Center for Hospice Care of Norwich, Sandy, Jim, Amy, and Cindy without your compassion and help we would not have been able to care for our loved one in the comfort of his own home. A memorial service was held at Sacred Heart Church, 57 West Town Street, Norwich on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00 AM. The burial was at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in John's memory to Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT 06360.

**EDDIE ARNOLD LILES II** – Died Thursday, June 27, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 23, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore (Kentucky) Chapter #1006**.



**GORDON H. LINK** - Died Monday, June 17, 2019 at the Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw, New York at the age of 87. He was a resident of Warsaw, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Gordon was born in Perry, New York on April 13, 1932 to the late Clayton and Ethel Link. Gordon graduated from Perry High School in 1950 and enlisted in the United States Air Force in July of that year. He fell in love in Colorado and married Mary Martin who passed in 2008. In 1958, after eight years of enlisted service, Gordon was appointed to Officers Candidate School and commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant upon completion of his studies. While in the USAF, he served on B-52 bombers on alert off the Alaskan coast during the Cuban Missile Crisis. As a Major, he participated in Bombing Competition representing the

744<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron from Beale AFB in California. He flew 185 missions as a “Wild Weasel” in F-105G fighters during the Vietnam conflict. Gordon was decorated for service and heroism many times. Among others, his awards included the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal with Palm, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He served multiple tours on the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon and commanded the European Defense Analysis Center in West Germany. He served over 30 years in the USAF rising to the rank of Colonel. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193*. He and Mary also had a passion for Newfoundland dogs, raising many dog shows champions. After his first retirement, he went to Geneseo College and earned both his Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master of Arts Degree which he used to teach children at Letchworth Central School. After retiring again, he served on the Warsaw Town Planning Board. He is survived by his two sons, Gordon, Jr. of Colorado and Larry of California, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service with full military honors was held at a later date.



**THOMAS WAYNE LOVETT** - Died Thursday, April 25, 2019 in Pulaski, Tennessee at the 73. The cause of death was end-stage renal failure and dementia. He was born in Monor Hill, Giles County, Tennessee on April 19, 1946 to the late James Allen and Geneva Adell (née Crabb) Lovett. He was also predeceased by his sister, Betty Lovett Whitehouse; his brother, Alan Arnold Lovett; his brother-in-law, Jim Whitehouse, and; his sister-in-law, Judy Camp Lovett. Survivors include his wife, Regina (née Long) Lovett, of Pulaski; his sister, Jimmie Lovett Skeets, of Goodspring, and; his several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pulaski Chapter #262**. Visitation with the family was held from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Carr and Erwin Funeral Home where funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 28, 2019 with entombment at the Giles Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. The Carr and Erwin Funeral Home in Pulaski, Tennessee was in charge of the arrangements.

**FRANCIS JULES LUND, JR.** – Died Sunday, March 31, 2019 in Austin, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in El Paso, Texas on February 25, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Patricia. He legally changed his name to Jules Lund in 2010. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1971. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas*.

**LEWIS A. LYTLE III** - Died Monday, January 14, 2019 at his residence in Waynesboro, Virginia at the age 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 11, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia*. A memorial service was held at a later date. Professional services were provided by the McCutcheon's Funeral Home.



**WILLIAM CALVIN LYTLE** - Died Thursday, June 6, 2019 at West Maryland Healthcare System Regional Medical Center in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 63. He was a resident of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 23, 1956 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Calvin and Jean (née Dively) Lytle. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Theodore R. Lytle and his father-in-law, Alvin Hochard. Mr. Lytle was a retired correctional officer at SCI, Somerset, PA and a United States Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Saint Paul Wilhelm Church, the American Legion - Earl H. Opel Post #459, DAV Chapter #127, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172**, Frosty Sons of Thunder, and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, 103<sup>rd</sup> Armor, Friedens. He was a lifetime member of the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department and a former member of Confluence Fire Department Station #612 and the Friedens Fire Department Station #603. He is survived by his wife, Karen Jean (née Hochard) Lytle; one son, Casey Lytle and girlfriend, Stacey; one brother, Donald Lytle and wife, Tammy; two sisters, Mary Jean "MJ" Krajacic and husband, Darwin and Lois Metheney; his mother-in-law, Eleanor Hochard; two sisters-in-law, Donna Lytle and Kathy Ringler and friend, Bill, and; his beloved nieces and nephews. Friends were received at the Newman Funeral Home, Inc., 9168 Mason-Dixon Highway, Salisbury, PA, on Monday from 2:00-8:00 PM. Funeral services were conducted in the Saint Paul Wilhelm Church on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Tom Holliday officiating. Friends came to visit at the church one hour prior to the services. He was cremated. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the Salisbury Fire Department, P.O. Box 97, Salisbury, PA 15558 or Saint Paul Wilhelm Church, 531 Rock Station Road, Meyersdale, PA 15558. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.newmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.newmanfuneralhomes.com).



**RODERICK P. MARSH** - Died Tuesday, February 14, 2017 after a lengthy illness at Courtyard Gardens in Arkadelphia, Arkansas at the age of 80. He was a resident of Beirne, Arkansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 5, 1936 in Beirne to the late Paul and Dora (née Thrasher) Marsh. He was a high school graduate, an auctioneer, a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Gurdon, Arkansas. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas**. Roderick is preceded in death by his mother and father and four brothers. Roderick is survived by his wife Jewell Marsh of the home; his sons, Wayne Fallin (Sandy), of Arkadelphia and David Fallin (Teresa), of Hickory Ridge; his daughter, Carolyn Humphries, of Arkadelphia; his grandchildren, Tonya Whatley (Buddy), Melissa Freeman (Kendall), Wendy Whitlow (Phil), Nicole Land (Justin), Robert Johnson, Anthony Fallin, and Amelia Davis; his seven great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Trippett, Lauren Trippett, Jarrett Hellums, Mason and Dixon Land, Sebastian Johnson, and Lawren Davis, Jr.; his nephews, Dean Marsh and Paul Marsh; his nieces,

Betsy and Donna Marsh, and; a life-long friend from the military, Harold Clopp (Jan) as well as many friends. Services were held at the Beirne Baptist Church in Beirne, Arkansas on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 11:00 AM followed by military honors at the Brown Cemetery in Beirne.



**DAVID G. MARTIN** - Died Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 72 years of age, along with his wife, Anne P. Martin, 71 in Arlington Heights, Illinois. The cause of death for both of them was a stabbing death by their daughter, Deborah J. Martin age 41. David was born on April 6, 1947 in Orlando, Florida to the late William and Mellie (née Chancey) Martin. Anne was born on March 17, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Edward and Jane (née Pyrek) Kapka. David and Anne were the loving parents of Jeffrey (Sonia) Martin; cherished grandparents of Savanna Martin, Orlando Mendez, Jonathan Diaz and Alexandra Diaz. David is survived by his brother, Joseph (Carol) Martin. David was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. Visitation hours were on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 3:00-8:00 PM at the Lauterburg and Oehler Funeral Home, 2000 East Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights. Family and friends gathered on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM at Saint James Church, 831 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights for a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. The interment was in All Saints Cemetery.



**RICHARD EUGENE MARTIN, SR.** - Died Thursday, July 18, 2019 in Alpharetta, Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born and raised in Orlando, Florida on August 14, 1946 to the late Charles Martin, Sr. He served in the United States Air Force serving in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming (Georgia) Chapter #1030**. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Bonnie Martin, of Alpharetta, GA; his son, Richie Martin, of Cumming; his daughter and son-in-law, Jennie and Tim Stowers, of Dawsonville, GA; his sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Gene Thompson, of Thomasville, GA; his brother and sister-in-law, Charles Martin, Jr. and Shar Martin, of New Smyrna Beach, FL; his grandchildren, Zachary James Martin, Nicholas Ryan Martin, Samuel Allyn Stowers and Sallie Marie Stowers, and; numerous other friends and family. Funeral services were at 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at the Ingram Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Russell Burt officiating. The family received friends from 2:00 to 4:00 PM prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.ALZ.org](http://www.ALZ.org). The Ingram Funeral Home and Crematory, 210 Ingram Avenue, Cumming, GA 30040 were in charge of the arrangements.

**FRANCIS BRENDAN McFADDEN** – Died Friday, June 15, 2019 in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1940 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Patrick Bernard McFadden (aka Bernie or Mac) and Rita E. (née Dugan, formerly



Doohan). Three of Francis' grandparents hail from County Donegal, Ireland as well as the parents of his fourth grandparent. Francis was raised in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia and had many lifelong friends there. He was a happy-go-lucky dude who loved playing pinochle, darts and Facebook games. He enjoyed fishing every once in a while, and relished a good cup of coffee, especially European coffee. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**. Francis is survived by his significant other Annie Plies; his brothers, Joseph James (Lois) and Bernard P. (Vaughnina); his brother-in-law, Ronny Smith; his sister, Karen-Rose Montgomery (Michael); his sister-in-law, Cynthia (the late James Joseph), and; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Bernine; parents, Patrick and Rita; sisters, Bernadette McFadden, Ritajeanne Warren (the late Truman J), Anne Donofry (the late Francis X.); Helen (aka Nellie) Smith; and one brother, James Joseph. There was memorial celebration at the Arthur V. Savage American Legion Post #100, 7999 Elm Ave. Wyndmoor, PA.



**JAMES WILLIAM “Jim” MCGUIRT III** – Died Sunday, June 16, 2019 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was thyroid cancer. He was born in Tampa on August 24, 1943 to the late James William “Jim” McGuirt, Jr. and Betty McGuirt. He attended local elementary schools and graduated from Plant High in 1961. Jim establish a musical group called The Satellites while attending Plant High and played in the German Band and Marching band at many wonderful football games in “Dad’s Stadium”. He also enjoyed his time at FSU. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and was assigned to the Air Force Security Service serving in Misawa, Japan and Peshawar, Pakistan on the U-2 project. It was in Pakistan that he met his wife of 53 years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**. He was employed as a Detective and Deputy Sheriff for Duval and Hillsborough Counties. He retired as the Investigative Manager of the State of Florida DBPR. His greatest love besides his family was his music. He was a multi-talented musician, proficient percussionist, guitarist and vocalist. His band, The Satellites were well known throughout Florida and backed up many well-known musical stars. When he wasn’t found with a guitar in his hand, or grandchild in his arms, he had his fishing pole instead, enjoying all that Florida had to offer. Jim surrounded himself with a positive force, others would gather around him to feel that influence. He was a beacon to all. Jim will be forever remembered as a kind, thoughtful man. A man who loved his family, country and friends. Truly a wonderful, wonderful man. Many friends will cherish their memories of him, but he will be deeply cherished and missed by his wife, Patti; his son, James William “Jimmy” McGuirt IV; his two daughters, Kelly and husband Corey and Michelle; his grandchildren, Todd, Kaleb, Kylee, Ty, Alaire, James William McGuirt V, Liam, Blake, Malia; his sister and brother-in-law, Lin and Win Weber, and his nephews, Brant, Whitney and son by love, Kevin. The funeral arrangements were made by the Trinity Memorial Gardens on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at 12609 Memorial Drive, Trinity, FL.



**RONNIE L. MCKINNEY** - Died Sunday March 4, 2012 in Connersville, Indiana at the age of 63. The cause of death is cancer. He was born July 4, 1948 in Connersville to the late Delbert and Bessie (née Fox) McKinney. Ronnie served in the United States Army as an Army Ranger during the Vietnam War where he attained the rank of E-5. He served in the 75<sup>th</sup> F Company during 1968 through 1970 and was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Valor, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam In Country Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and an Overseas Bar. He is a member of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association. He is also a member of the American Legion, DAV, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777** and a lifetime member of the AMVETS. He had been employed at D & M and WCI until the plant closing and at Carpenter Bus and Meridian Industries in Rushville until his health no longer permitted him to work. He enjoyed being with his family, gardening, caning and cooking and cutting wood. Ronnie was recently baptized in the Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife Emily A. (née Lane) McKinney to whom he was married April 17, 1971 at Saint Gabriel Church. He is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Nikki & Robert Noah, Connersville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ryan L. and Elizabeth McKinney, LaGrange, MO; and Eric W. and Sarah McKinney, Connersville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Junior and Patricia McKinney, Richmond; Danny and Ola Pearl McKinney, McKee, KY; and Michael and Brenda McKinney, McKee, KY; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Linda and Larry Sparks, McKee, KY and Bonnie Collins, Sterling Heights, MI, and; six grandchildren, Kayla McKinney; Spencer Noah; Connor Noah; Zander Noah; Shi Ann Darnell; and Diesel McKinney. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother Cashus McKinney and sisters Cora Spivey, Dora Bruns and Opal Hines. Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Urban-Winkler Funeral Home with Reverend Father Stanley Herber officiating. The burial was in the Lick Creek Cemetery with military honors provided. Friends visited at the funeral home on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made at the funeral home to the American Gold Star Mothers or the American Cancer Society.



**PAUL JOSEPH MEYERS** - Died Thursday, June 23, 2016 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Paul was born in Portland on March 6, 1945 to the late Joseph and Claudia Meyers. He married Mary French of Norwood, Massachusetts on November 11, 1972. They had two children, Andrew and Stephanie. The Meyers family belonged to Saint Philip Neri parish, and Paul attended primary school at Saint Philip Neri Catholic School. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1963 and then attended the University of Portland before enlisting in the United States Army in 1966. Paul was trained as a linguist and served in the 525<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Group in Vietnam. Paul returned to Portland after his service in the Army. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon**. He continued his studies at University of Portland before ultimately

graduating in 1971 from Portland State University with a BA in Business. Paul met the love of his life, Mary, in 1966 during his linguistics and intelligence training in Washington, DC. Upon his homecoming from the Army, Mary moved to Portland, and Paul and Mary were married. Paul worked for Bingham Willamette Steel before joining Pope and Talbot Lumber. He had a passion for sales and was an entrepreneur, founding United Forest Products in the early 1980s. Paul was a member of the Western Hardwoods Association and devoted many hours to the development and betterment of the lumber industry. Paul loved the beautiful outdoors of the Pacific Northwest and was an avid fisherman. He had a particular love of fly fishing and learned to tie his own flies. Paul was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary; his son, Andrew, (Stephanie); his daughter, Stephanie Morrison, (Taylor), and; his grandchildren, Mae, Audrey, and Carter. Donations in Paul's memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Fund or the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. The arrangements were under the direction of the Pegg, Paxson and Springer Funeral Chapel, Beaverton, OR.



**BERNARD LEONARD "Bern" MICHAUD** - Died Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at a Bangor, Maine health care facility at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada on November 27, 1948 to the late Roland L. and Fernande (née Martin) Michaud-Dube, who survives. Bernard was drafted into the United States Army from 1969 to 1971, serving in the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine*. He loved working in his flower garden. He especially enjoyed spending time with his beloved family, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife, Marcelle (née Cloutier) Michaud; two daughters, Suzie Michaud-Paradis and her husband Denis, Jennie Beaulieu and her husband Gerry; two sons, Jeffrey Michaud and his wife Nikki Shields, Steve L. Michaud and his wife Amy Bellefleur; seven grandchildren, Savannah, Steffany, and Eden Paradis, Brady, Connor, Camden, and Logan Michaud; his mother, Fernande Dube and step-father, Claude Dube; two sisters, Bernette Picard and Brenda Bellantoni; one brother, Roland Michaud, Jr.; 10 sisters-in-law and eight brothers-in-law; sixteen nieces and eight nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Roland L. Michaud; one son, Bernard Gerald Michaud, Jr. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 10:00 AM on Monday, December 10, 2018 at the Saint David Church. Family and friends visited at the Lajoie Funeral Home from 5:00-8:00 PM on Sunday and from 8:30 AM until 9:30 AM on Monday. Spring interment took place in the Parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bern's memory may be made to the Travis Mills Foundations for wounded Veterans, 89 Water Street, Hallowell, ME 04347. For online condolences, please visit [www.lajoiefuneralhome.com](http://www.lajoiefuneralhome.com).

**MILFORD GALE MIDDLETON** - Died Sunday, February 10, 2019 at his home in Bells, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 22, 1945 to the late Grady and Irene Middleton. He proudly served our country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Humboldt Chapter #995**. He is survived by his daughter, Tracy Smith (Brad) of Dyersburg, TN; three grandchildren:

Will, Bo and Gracie Jo Smith of Dyersburg, TN; and leaves a legacy of one Godson, Owen Dykes of Bells, TN. A graveside service was conducted on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Mars Hill Cemetery in Adamsville, Tennessee.



**THOMAS ORAN "Tom" MOORE** - Died Friday, July 26, 2019 at home in Monson, Massachusetts at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. The son of the late Ralph and Lucy (née Corish) Moore, he grew up and spent his life in Monson and was born on June 25, 1945. Tom proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was a Vietnam Veteran and received the Bronze Star. After his service, he worked for Skorupski Brothers in Wilbraham and later started his own business, Moore Contractors. He was a member of the Ludlow Elks and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spring Chapter #111**. Tom had many interests, hobbies, and talents, and lived a very active life. He enjoyed restoring old cars, going to car shows, and driving his '66 Ford Fairlane. He had his pilot's license. He was a hunter and always had a hound dog. Tom liked to fish and went on several trips to Canada with his buddies. He also did a lot of snowmobiling in Canada, including a trip to the remote Gaspé Peninsula. His real love, however, was mowing the fields on the tractor and just enjoying the farm. He leaves his wife of 49 years, Helen (née Skorupski); his daughter, Pamela Gainer and her husband, Christian; his son, Michael and his wife Laura; four grandchildren, Charlie, Wesley, Thomas and Henry, and; his brother, Bill and wife Sandra. He was predeceased by his sister, Joan McCarron. Calling hours were on Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge Street, Monson. The burial was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Patrick Church, PO Box 473, Monson, MA 01057 or to Baystate VNA and Hospice, 280 Chestnut Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Springfield, MA 01199. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).



**WILLIAM THOMAS "Bill" MOORE, JR.** - Died Sunday, March 24, 2019 in Gainesville, Florida at the age of 87. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease and dementia. Known by his friends as Bill, he was born on October 1, 1931 in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania to the late Harold and Inez Moore. He went to Jackson High School in Jacksonville, Florida and then attended the University of Florida. While at UF, he met the true love of his life, Dorothy Ellen Culpepper of Palatka, FL whom he married in 1956. He joined the United States Navy and he continued in the Naval Reserves while starting his commercial airline pilot career retiring as a Naval Commander. In the Navy, he learned to fly and flew the last of the great propeller airplanes. Such airplanes include the Corsair, AD. He even flew the first jet fighters; including the TV and F-9F. As a commercial airline pilot, he flew for Eastern Air Lines for over 30 years. Again, he started in the last of the propeller airplanes including the Martin 404, Lockheed

Constellation, and Electra and then the first jets; the Douglas DC-8, Boeing 720, 727, and finally retiring flying the Boeing 757. At the end of his career, he and his wife moved to Gainesville, FL to be close to his beloved Gators. He was a member of the University of Florida Alumni Association and part of their Grand Guard Society, Gator Boosters where he was a Bull Gator and served on the Board of Directors in 2000. Bill was a member of Tucker Masonic Lodge #42, Yaarab Shrine Temple, American Legion Post #16, VFW Post #2811, Military Officers Association of America, Korean War Veterans Association Chap #267, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #1092**, and Iwo Trio of Gainesville. He served as President of the Retired Eastern Pilots Association, President and Co-Founder of the Atlanta Gator Booster Club, and President of the Gainesville Tip Off Club. Bill was a patriotic American, an honorable gentleman, devoted husband of 63 years, loving father, proud grandfather, and loyal friend. He will be missed dearly. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his brother, Bob Moore of Ocala, FL; his three children, William T. Moore, III and wife Helen of Peachtree City, GA, Kathy Thorne and husband John of Winston-Salem, NC and Susannah Dawson and husband Charles of McDonough, GA, and; six granddaughters, Susannah Ellen, Scarlett, Hannah, Charlotte, Bonnie and Olivia. Arrangements are under the care of Forest Meadows Funeral Home, 725 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL.



**JOSEPH G. MOSCHETTO** – Died Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in Centennial, Colorado at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 28, 1947. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Patricia; two children, Matthew and Suzanne; three granddaughters; a brother, and; more friends than could possibly be listed here. After serving in the United States Army he worked for United Airlines where he was a loyal employee for 32 years and a member of the United Family until he died. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland (Vermont) Chapter #1**. He was a lifelong joker and prankster, Joseph was also a devoted Roman Catholic, Knights of Columbus member, avid golfer, sports fan, and music lover. He was loved by all who knew him and will be missed. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Thomas More Church in Englewood, Colorado on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. He was interred with full military honors in the Fort Logan National Cemetery on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joseph's name to The Porter Hospice Foundation. 2525 South Downing Street, Mason Hall 2nd floor, Denver Co 80210.

**RUSSELL JUSTIN “Russ” MOULTON, SR.** - Died Sunday, March 17, 2019 in Lake Alfred, Florida at the age of 79, after a long battle with cancer as a result of Agent Orange. He was a resident of Lake Alfred and Leicester, Vermont. Mr. Moulton was born on October 27, 1939 in Rutland, Vermont to the late Stanley and Virginia (née Cole) Moulton. At a young age, Russ went to live on the Cole farm with his grandparents Roy and Elsie Cole, later with aunt and uncle Jeanete (Mommy) and Burton Cole (whom he considered his foster parents) in Leicester, VT. Russ lived there attending a one-room schoolhouse through grade school and graduated from Brandon

High School in 1957. He graduated from Harford Community College in Bel Air, MD, furthering his studies at the University of Maryland and Towson State. While in high school, he joined the Vermont National Guard in Middlebury. Shortly after graduation, he went in the service for his six-month training. He worked on several farms before joining the United States Army in 1960 and retired after 20 years of service. Russ served in Korea, Germany and Vietnam. In 1958, he married Betty Archer, with whom he had four children Sharon, Russell Jr., Juanita and Allen "Zeke." They followed him to Germany twice and all over the states. They later divorced. Upon his retirement from the Army, he worked for Allied Bearing (Rutland Auto), taking a year off to work as a real estate agent at Sun Realty and Bicknell Real Estate, both in Middlebury, before going back to Allied. He completed 15 years in the garage parts department at Central Vermont Public Service in Rutland then retiring in 2002. In October 1988, he married Sylvia E. Nash in Rutland. They became snowbirds in Clermont, FL, before permanently moving to Lake Alfred, FL, in 2009. They moved trucks for Clarks International in Jericho and Formula Ford in Rutland, also trucks, truck bodies for Iroquois Equipment in Hinesburg. Russell was a member of the Rutland Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #001**, DAV and Gold Wing Riders, also a member of the Vermont State Lions serving as president of the Pittsford Lions Club and cabinet secretary-treasurer (CST) of the State Lions. He attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Winter Haven, FL, where he was an usher at the 4:30 Saturday night Mass. He was a 4<sup>th</sup> degree and past grand knight of the Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus and extremely active in the American Legion as Sergeant-at-Arms and 1<sup>st</sup> LT in the Honor Guard where he proudly served on many funerals to honor veterans. He loved golfing and spent many hours with Sylvia on their motorcycle traveling throughout the country and attending many Lions functions, as well as taking a 7,700 mile-motorcycle trip throughout the northern U.S. before attending a Lions International Convention in Denver, CO. They enjoyed cruising, going to Alaska for their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and on two Caribbean cruises, the last one for their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He was preceded in death by his parents; foster parents; grandparents; two sons, Russell, Jr. and Allen "Zeke"; his daughter, Sharon, and; his brother, Roy Farrar. He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Sylvia Moulton; his daughter, Juanita (Matt) Trudeau; his stepson, Randy (Lizbeth) Nash; three sisters, Carolyn Moulton, Sandy McCarthy and Romona (Ed) McNulty; five brothers, Doug Moulton, Jimmy Farrar, Keith Farrar, Dave Farrar and Burton (Beth) Cole; thirteen grandchildren, and; nine great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations in Russell's name to either the American Legion Post #8, 300 Avenue M, NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881; or the Knights of Columbus, 3308 Avenue W, NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881. Visitation was on Friday, March 22, from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the Kersey Funeral Home, 108 East Lake Stella Drive, Auburndale, Florida. A Celebration of life was at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Saint Joseph Catholic Church (Chapel), 532 Avenue M, NW, Winter Haven. A reception followed at the American Legion Post #8. The interment was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell with military honors. There was also a memorial service at a later date in Brandon, Vermont.



**CHARLES B. MULLEN** – Died in December 2018 in Gray, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 29, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerset Chapter #587**.



**JOHN BARRY NEAS** - Died Friday morning, July 19, 2019 at his home in Lancaster, Massachusetts at the age of 64. He was formerly of Holbrook, Massachusetts and South Boston, Massachusetts. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer, pancytopenia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, coronary artery disease, history of liver transplant, and PTSD. Barry was born in Boston, Massachusetts on November 4, 1954 to the late John H. and Anne Marie (née Kasper) Neas and grew up in South Boston. Barry worked as a house painter and cab driver until he began work for the Department of Revenue in the 1980's starting in the mail room and ending as a Systems Analyst. Barry was an outdoorsman with a real love of nature, trading in his hunting rifle for a camera to capture all its wonder. His love for his dogs, cats and hummingbirds was legendary. He loved cars, driving really fast, and fishing with his nephew Scott. A Vietnam-Era United States Navy Veteran, Barry was proud of his service to our country and was able to show that deep pride through relief efforts in many parts of the country with his beloved Team Rubicon brothers and sisters. He was also a contributing member of Project Healing Waters, The Mission Continues and his membership in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. Barry was gifted with five, beautiful, extended years of life due to the great sacrifice of a liver donation by his "brother from another mother" Rob MacMillan. We will never be able to repay Rob's willingness to put his life on the line for Barry. He leaves his wife, Claire (née Kakos) Garrity Neas; his sisters, Linda (Roger) Rhinehart Neas, of Deerfield, Patricia Kempton, of New Harbor, ME and Andrea Susan Kniaz, of Lee, NH' and; a brother, Gregory Neas and wife Beverly, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Barry was blessed to raise two daughters, Wendy and Melissa Schaeffer, of Florida. He adored his many nieces and nephews, stepchildren and ten grandkids and was proud to be a part of their lives. He was predeceased by two brothers, Timothy Neas and Matthew Neas, both of South Boston. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 26, 2019 at Saint Boniface Church, 817 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg. Calling hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Route #119), Townsend Center. For additional information, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

**JUDITH ANN NOELLER** – Died June 29, 2019 in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 73. The cause of death was renal and liver failure. Judith was born on February 22, 1946 in Wichita, Kansas. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. She was a member of the American Legion Post #421, DAV and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. She was a church member of the North Kansas Avenue Methodist Church in Topeka, Kansas.

**RANDAL L. NORTON** – Died Wednesday, November 4, 2015 in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 23, 1948 in Toledo. Randy attended Whitmer High School in Toledo. He joined the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. Visitation was held at the David R. Jasin-Hoening Funeral Home, 5300 North Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio from 2:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday November 9, 2015. Funeral services were that evening at 7:00 PM with Chaplain John Henry officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requested those to consider making any donations to the Washington Township Fire Department or to the American Legion Post #110.

**JAMES P. O'CONNOR** – Died Thursday, November 29, 2018 in Pomona, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 28, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. Visitation hours were from 4:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the TJ McGowan Sons Funeral Home, 71 North, Central Highway, Garnerville, New York. The funeral service was from 1030 - 11:30 AM on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the TJ McGowan Sons Funeral Home, 71 North, Central Highway, Garnerville, New York. The burial of ashes took place from 11:30 - 11:40 AM on Saturday, December 8, 2018 in the F.W. Loescher Veterans Cemetery, Brick Church Road, Airmont, New York.

**VALOR J. "Val" O'SHEA, JR.** - Died Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca, New York at the age of 72. He was a resident of Dryden, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 16, 1947 in Geneva, New York to the late Valor J. O'Shea, Sr. and Betty (née Ostertag) O'Shea. Val served two tours during the Vietnam War with the 1st Calvary Division from 1967-1971 being honorably discharged as a Sergeant from the United States Army. He worked for Overhead Door Co. then with Schwan's until retirement. He served as Service Officer for the DAV in Cortland. Val enjoyed fishing with his best friend, Bill Murray and hunting when he was younger. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**. He is survived by his wife Yvonne O'Shea of 47 years, of Dryden; his stepsons, Brian Robinson, Dee Robinson, and Charles Robinson, Jr.; his brothers, Kevin O'Shea, Dennis O'Shea and Tommy Ostertag; his sisters, Patty Ann Pacquin and Cathy (Steven) Earing; his brother-in-law, John (Dawn) Conklin; his sister-in-law, Paula Terry; his grandchildren, Ben, Katie, and Emily Truitt; his great-grandson, Bentley Joseph Truitt, and; many nieces and nephews. In addition to parents, he was also predeceased by his first wife Linda O'Shea; his siblings, Michael, Ronald, and Helen, and; his brothers-in-law, Jim Jordan and Tom Terry. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 from 10:00-11:45 AM with a funeral service at 12:00 Noon at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, NY. A graveside service with military honors was held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 12:00 Noon at Mount Hope Cemetery, 5697 NY-12, Norwich, NY. Contributions can be made to Cortland DAV. To offer online condolences please visit [www.wright-beard.com](http://www.wright-beard.com).



**MARLENE L. PACE-KOBELUCH** - Died Wednesday, August 7, 2019 in Justice, Illinois at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on May 23, 1950 to the late Clyde Wurtz and Eleanore (née Geuder) Wurtz. She was the beloved wife of Paul Kobeluch; loving mom of Timothy Pace, Shannon (Carrie-Ann) Pace and Shawn (Allan); dear grandmother of Gavin, Kane and Christopher, and dear sister of Clyde Wurtz. She is also survived by many relatives and friends. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 8:30 to 10:00 AM at the Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home and Crematorium, 7861 South 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Justice, Illinois. The funeral was held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM a Time of Remembrance to be held at the funeral home. The interment was in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family toward funeral expenses were greatly appreciated.



**HUBERT RAY PARISH** - Died Monday, May 14, 2018 at the VA Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 68. He was a resident of Huntingdon, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 20, 1949 in Huntingdon to the late William Hubert Parish and Inez (née Hicks) Parish. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother, William Hubert Parish, Jr. Ray enlisted in the United States Army in 1967, trained at Fort Knox as an Armor Crewman. He served his first term in Vietnam in 1968-69 with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry. He was combat wounded and returned to Fort Knox, KY. In 1970 he volunteered for his 2<sup>nd</sup> tour to Vietnam. He then served with the 3/5 Cavalry as Tank Commander. He was wounded again in May of 1971 and returned to stateside. He received two Purple Hearts for his combat duty. Ray Joined the VFW Post #4939 in 1968 and has held every Post and District Leadership positions. He was an active member in the VFW; Disabled American Veterans; Paralyzed Veterans Association; American Legion; and Elks Lodge #2152. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Humboldt Chapter #995**. Ray is the past State Homeless Veteran Chairman, State Inspector 2009-2010, State Inspector 2010-2011, State Surgeon 2011-2012, State Judge Advocate 2012-2013, Junior Vice State Commander for 2013-2014, Senior State Commander 2014-2015, State Commander of TN VFW 2015-2016, member of the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery Committee. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judy Parish of Huntingdon, TN; his daughters, Hope (Jeremy) Brazzell of Nashville, TN and Kristy (Jason)Bro of Bowling Green, KY; his brother, Judge Donald Parish of Huntingdon, TN, and; his granddaughter, Kennedy Brazzell. Memorial services were conducted at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 18, 2018 in the chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. The family received friends on Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Dilday-Carter Funeral Home from 11:00 AM

until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Operation Stand Down, [www.osdtn.org](http://www.osdtn.org); or Parkers Crossroads Honor Guard, P.O. Box 104, Wildersville, TN.



**PETER VERNON PERKINS, PH.D.** (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Monday, May 27, 2019 in Alachua, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bangor, Maine on June 29, 1946 to the late Raymond and Louise Perkins, who survives. He went to Brewer High School, earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree on a ROTC scholarship from the University of Maine in Orono, earned his Master of Science Degree in Entomology from the University of Arizona, and earned his PhD in Entomology from the University of Florida. He entered the United States Army in the Medical Service Corps as a Second Lieutenant and deployed to Vietnam in 1971 where he earned a Bronze Star. He continued to serve in the Army as an avid researcher with many publications, national presentations, and book chapters on tropical diseases such as Leishmaniasis and Malaria. He rose to the rank of Colonel, serving in key positions to include the Medical Entomology Consultant to the Army Surgeon-General and Executive Director of the Armed Force Pest Management Board, and retiring in 1995 with the Defense Superior Service Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America-Gainesville Chapter #1092**. He was a patriot, entomologist, academic, golfer, and lover-of-nature. He is preceded in death by his father, Raymond, and his first spouse, Linda. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Venecia; his mother, Louise Perkins; his brother and sister, Gerald Perkins and Diane and Mickey Mallory; his sons and daughters-in-law, David (Whitney) Perkins, Jeremy (Kelly) Perkins, and; his ten grandchildren, Linda, Cameron, Noah, Kira, Christopher, Seth, Christian, Lauren, Luke, and Elijah. He will be lovingly remembered for his intelligence, kindness, humor, and encyclopedic knowledge of nature and everything crawling in and outside the house. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the North Florida Humane Society, 4205 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609. A Celebration of Life was held at a later date. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.



**SAMUEL SCOTT "Sam" PERRY** - Died Thursday, July 19, 2018 in San Andreas, California at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Sam was born in Turlock, California on June 11, 1945 to the late Rex and Ruth Perry. He was the youngest of eight children. Sam married his wife Joan, September 25, 1982. Sam was a Veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**. Those who were lucky enough to know Sam, knew the love he had for his beautiful wife, Chevrolets, triumph motorcycles, narrow gage railroads and tinkering with anything he could get his hands on. Sam is survived by his wife,

Joan Perry; his son, Rex (Joy) Perry; his two stepdaughters, Joan Sutton and Joyce (Greg) Gremminger-Phillips; his two grandsons and their wives, Paul (Alisha) Sutton and Phillip (Tessa) Sutton, and; his great-grandchildren, Tanner Sutton, Tucker Sutton, Tommy Sutton, Avery Sutton, Bennet Sutton, Finley Sutton and Adelane Sutton. A Celebration of Life for Sam was on Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the San Andreas Memorial Chapel located at 254 West Saint Charles Street, San Andreas California. A reception was held at Sam and Joan's home, 445 Oak Place in San Andreas.

**GINETTE G. PICARD-GAFFNEY** – Died recently in 2019 in Ellicott City, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine*.



**ROBERT WILLIAM "Bob" PIETTE** - Died Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the VA Medical Center, Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 71, with his loving family by his side. He was a resident of Bellingham, Massachusetts. The cause of death was lung disease and respiratory failure. He was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on June 17, 1948 to the late Robert G. and Jacqueline J. (née Pontbriand) Piette. He was the beloved husband for 46 years of Marie E. (née Paquette) Piette. He was the loving father of Robert M. Piette and his wife, Carrie of Bonney Lake, WA and Melissa M. Rivet and her husband, Timothy of Pascoag, RI. He leaves his cherished grandchildren, Madison, Michael and Rylan Piette. He was the brother of Jacqueline Lefrancois of Blackstone, MA and William Piette and his wife, Cecile of Sandy, UT. Bob was a resident of Bellingham for 46 years formerly of Woonsocket. He worked as a mechanic at Sears in Woonsocket for 11 years until retiring. Bob owned Mansion Limousine in Bellingham for 26 years. Bob was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam War Veteran with the rank of Lance Corporal and received the National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and Marksmanship Rifle. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818*, the Marine Corps League and the DAV. Bob loved fishing and he was a Jack of all trades. His dogs Lily and Tyson were his best friends. Devoted to his family, Bob will be greatly missed. The funeral was held on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM from Cartier's Funeral Home, 151 South Main Street (Route #126), Bellingham, MA with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM at Saint Blaise Church, 1158 South Main Street, Bellingham. The interment with full military honors was in Resurrection Cemetery, Cumberland, RI. Visiting hours were on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.



**ROSEMARY FRANCES PIZZUTO** – Died Sunday, June 1, 2014 in Lynbrook, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 1, 1938. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Visitation was from 6:00-9:00 PM on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Perry Funeral Home, 118 Union Avenue, Lynbrook. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 9:30 AM in Saint Raymond Roman Catholic Church, 263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, New York. She was interred in the Pinelawn Memorial Park, 2030 Wellwood Avenue, Farmingdale, New York.



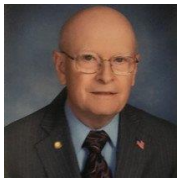
**BILLY J. PLEMONS, SR.** - Died Friday, April 26, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fairmount, Indiana to the late John and Ida Leona Plemons. Billy worked for both Fort Wayne Community Schools and Fort Wayne Air Service. He served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After serving in the Marines, he was a member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. Billy was also a member of ABATE of Indiana and American Legion Post #241. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**. He is survived by his wife, Eleen Plemons, of Fort Wayne, and his son, Billy (Brandi Hart) Plemons, Jr. Billy was also preceded in death by his five siblings. His funeral service was at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the Fairhaven Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 6557 North Clinton Street with visitation two hours prior beginning at 5:00 PM. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. To sign the online obituary, go to [www.fairhavenfortwayne.com](http://www.fairhavenfortwayne.com).



**CHARLES EDGAR POE, JR.** (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Thursday, December 15, 2016 in DeRidder, Louisiana at the age of 73. The cause of death was leukemia. Charles was born on September 23, 1943 in DeRidder to the late Charles Edgar Poe, Sr. and Veronica Lucille (née Jones) Poe. Charles was a son, brother, husband, father, soldier, elected public servant and small business owner. He led a full life, to be sure. From the rice fields of southwest Louisiana to the rice paddies of Vietnam, Charles had a long distinguished and highly decorated military career. Charles was a graduate of DeRidder High School and continued his education at McNeese State University. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, was elected Student Body President and rose to Cadet Colonel and Commandant of McNeese State University ROTC program. After graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, selected for flight training and earned his rotor winged aircraft pilot status. While deployed to Vietnam, Charles flew scout, gunship and the most dangerous of all, “slicks” missions. Having three helicopters shot out from under him, the last leaving him



critically wounded, Charles began a lengthy convalescent leave which included surgeries and physical Re-Hab. Upon returning to active duty, Charles served with honor and distinction, holding several command assignments until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel. Among his many decorations and awards was the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with "V" Device. Returning to Southwest Louisiana with a sense of purpose and civic service, Charles was elected to serve as a member of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury. Charles served his constituents with honesty, integrity and the same dedication that inspired his military service. He was also a past president of the DeRidder Kiwanis Club and a life member of the VFW and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinder Chapter #215*. With his wife, Mackie, Charles purchased a building in the heart of the designated Historic Downtown DeRidder Area. After a thorough renovation a small business was opened and operated until his retirement from public and private enterprises. From DeRidder to DaNang and back again, Charles left an impeccable footprint of integrity and service that few men can claim. His legacy of honesty, dedication and un-wavering friendship is a goal that may be equaled by some but surpassed by none. Charles is survived by his wife of twenty-three years, Mackie Poe of DeRidder; two sons, Karl M. Poe and wife Valerie of Georgetown, TX, and Kristian V. Poe and wife Angelic of Fort Worth, TX; daughter, Kara Cloud and husband Stacy of Harker Heights, TX; two sisters, Lynette Jordan and husband Jack of Ninety Six, SC, and Sandra Dunn of DeRidder; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Charles was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services with full military honors were held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 in the Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in DeRidder with Reverend George Lee Glass officiating. The burial was in the Beauregard Cemetery in DeRidder under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home in DeRidder. Visitation was held on Monday, December 19, 2016 from 5:00 until 9:00 PM and then 9:00 AM until the service time on Tuesday. Charles' family requested that donations be made to the American Leukemia Association, M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX or the charity of your choice. Words of comfort may be expressed to Charles' family at [www.labbymemorial.com](http://www.labbymemorial.com).



**RAYMOND FRANCIS "Ray" POWELL** (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Sunday, June 23, 2019 in Woodstock, Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on February 27, 1943 in Stapleton, New York to the late Harry Emerson Powell, Jr. and Lillian Christine (née Wallander) Powell. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by three brothers, Richard Francis, Charles Francis, and Robert Francis Powell and a nephew, Harlan Charles Powell. Ray was a loving husband and father. He leaves his wife of 48 years, Judith (née Vough) Powell. He is also survived by three children and three grandchildren. From the very start, Ray was a hard worker. Even at the age of 14, he worked to earn money for college by breeding, training, and selling miniature Sardinian donkeys for college tuition. He graduated from Newton High School, Newton NJ, where he was the local FFA Chapter president, NJ state FFA president, and received numerous awards. Ray worked for the NJ State Conservation Service while attending Rutgers Univ College of Engineering and received a BS in both Agricultural and Environmental Science. Following Army ROTC at Rutgers, Ray was

commissioned into the United States Army. Ray was a true patriot. He served two one-year tours of duty in Vietnam, earning his Senior Army Aviator wings. He spent one year in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division flying CH-47 Chinooks. He then served this second year in the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division flying the UH-1 Huey helicopter and the U-6 Beaver airplane. After his tours, he earned a MS in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla. He was Chief of Doctrinal Literature Management at the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS. He instructed Officer Education (ROTC) and was guest Professor of Engineering at Princeton Univ. He was Director of Engineering and Housing in Ansbach, West Germany and an Assistant Commander in the Europe Division of the Corps of Engineers in Frankfurt, West Germany. He received the individual Federal Energy Management Award in 1985 from the U.S. Dept. of Energy, awarded by the Secretary of the Army. He completed his career as Chief of Engineer Facility Plans at Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, VA and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Corps of Engineers. After 23 years of active duty, Ray first worked at NASA Goddard Space Center as a Project Manager and Senior Facilities Engineering Consultant and authored the NASA Facilities Maintenance and Energy Management Handbook. He then joined MAI as a Senior Engineer and Project Manager, providing contracting & facilities management support for the Army, Navy, and Air Force at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL. He provided Technical & Cost Source Selection consultation for the Air Force, Navy, USGS, USDI, and provided facilities consulting to the University of VA, District of Columbia and Knox County, TN. After MAI, he established his own private engineering & contracting consultant business and served as president of the Fairfax Chapter of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers before retiring to Woodstock, VA in 2005. He and Judy joined the Woodstock Presbyterian church in 2006. Ray served selflessly in many capacities including church treasurer, co-chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, co-leader of the Mens' Group, and co-coordinator of the church Fellowship Hall addition. With other men of the church, he was an instrumental part in creating the adult ESL classroom at the Woodstock Presbyterian Church. Ray served actively in numerous organization to include treasurer of the Woodstock Lions Club, member of Lions International, *Life Member* and *Treasurer* of the Shenandoah **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Jackson Chapter #936**, treasurer of the Woodstock American Legion Post #199, Judge Advocate and Life Member of the Edinburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2447, and Life Member of the National Future Farmers of America Alumni Association. His love and respect for his country was evident during the Shenandoah County Fair in which he conceived and initiated the "Veteran's Day Tribute at the Shenandoah County Fair" for 10 years starting in 2009. He established a long-range plan to continue the tribute annually to honor veterans and bring awareness to the community of their devoted service. His dedication to education was evident by the numerous programs and scholarships he oversaw within the school system. He worked tirelessly for 25 years and served as chairman of the Northern Virginia regional middle school mathematics competitions known as MathCounts. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Engineering Education Fund. He was Boy Scout Troop 43 Committee Chairman for 16 years and was actively involved with the Lions Club's Sight and Hearing Screening for children. He was the chairman of the Scholarship Committees for the Lions, American Legion, VVA, and VFW, administered the oratorical and essay competitions, arranged for judges, and presented scholarships and awards to middle and high school students. Two VFW scholarships

have been established to be awarded in perpetuity in Ray's honor. Ray was a country man at heart and went back to his roots, participating in the Massanutten Antique Tractor and Gasoline Engine Club and tending to his sizable vegetable gardens. He always shared his plentiful harvest with the community. He was recognized as 2008 Legionnaire of the Year, 2015 VFW Comrade of the Year, and 2018 Shenandoah County Volunteer of the Year. He was recently honored with a tribute by the session and congregation of Woodstock Presbyterian Church and a Resolution of Respect from the Shenandoah Board of Supervisors for his service to the community. A visitation at the Heishman Funeral Home at Bowmans Crossing was on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM. A Celebration of Life service was held at the Woodstock Presbyterian Church at 142 East Court Street, Woodstock on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM officiated by Reverend Kate Rascoe and Reverend William Erbach. All were invited to a reception in the church fellowship hall following the interment at Sunset View Memorial Gardens, Woodstock, VA. In lieu of flowers, we invite donations to the Woodstock Presbyterian Church or the National Future Farmers of America Foundation.



**WILLIAM JAMES QUANDT, SR.** - Died Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Lyons VA Hospital in Lyons, New Jersey at the age of 73. He was a resident of Glen Brook, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on January 18, 1946. He had resided in Hillside, Mountainside and Green Brook, all in New Jersey. William was a 1964, graduate of Hillside High School. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey Chapter #688**. He worked for Bristol Myers Squibb in Hillside as a Warehouse Foreman before retiring in 2005, after 41 years of employment. His greatest joy was spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren, and attending all of his grandchildren's sporting events. In his free time, he enjoyed playing softball and bowling. He also loved watching the NY Yankees and going to the racetrack. Survived by his loving wife of 51 years Janet (née Saladino) Quandt; his children, William J. Quandt, Jr. and his wife, Dawn and Lisa J. Zipeto and her husband, Alessandro; his grandchildren, Saverio, Alessandro and William Zipeto and Peter, Christian and Austin Quandt, and; his brother, Robert W. Quandt. A visitation was held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Higgins Home for Funerals, 752 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ. A funeral service was held on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the funeral home followed by entombment at Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital or Wounded Warriors Project, Inc



**JERRY ANDERSON RAMEY** - Died Saturday, July 20, 2019 at Saint Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born

on November 23, 1948 in Harts, West Virginia to the late Willie and Flora (née Manns) Ramey. Jerry proudly served our country in the United States Army from 1968-1969. On June 11, 1999 he married Margaret "Peggy" (née Plummer) Ramey, who resides in Defiance. Jerry was a member of Defiance Eagles #372, VFW Post #3360, American Legion Post #117, and Defiance Fish and Game. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #964**. He worked in the Maintenance Department for Johns Manville for over 40 years until his retirement. He enjoyed pitching horseshoes and was the Defiance County Champion. He also enjoyed bowling, bird watching, and collecting guns and knives. Jerry is survived by his wife, Margaret Ramey of Defiance; five daughters, Fran Ramey, of Defiance, Coleen (Shaun) Fulk, of Stryker, Debbie (James) Newcomb, of Clifton, TN, Tammy (Michael) Hoffman, of Defiance, and Bonnie Dorsey, of Defiance; his son, Jeff (Angie Newman) Goldenetz, of Defiance; twenty-two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his sisters, Dorothy (Dennis) Linville and Kathy Ramey, and; his brothers, Clarence (Nancy) Ramey, Alan Ramey, David (Dinah) Ramey, Rodney (Kathleen) Ramey, and Silford (Linda) Ramey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Adeline and Pauline, brothers, Larry and Monroe, and Granddaughter Fulk. Visitation hours were held from 2:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at the Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 26, 2019 at the Schaffer Funeral Home with Reverend Donald L. Luhning officiating. The burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, with graveside military rites accorded by the VFW Post #3360 Honor Guard. Memorials were suggested to The Defiance Dialysis Center. Online condolences can be given at [www.Schafferfh.com](http://www.Schafferfh.com).

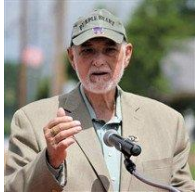


**JOHN MERLE RETTERER** - Died Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 81. He was a resident of Marietta, Georgia and formerly of Marion, Ohio. John was born in Prospect, Ohio on June 24, 1937 to the late Arthur and Dorothy Retterer. John was the oldest of three children. Initially John grew up in Prospect, but his family moved to Marysville where he spent the rest of his childhood. After graduating from Marysville High School, John joined the United States Army. Upon completing basic training, John returned home to marry Retta Stierhoff in September 1955. John and Retta settled into military life and started a family of their own. The military sent them to Fort Bragg NC, Fort Benning GA, Fort Jackson SC, Fort Knox KY, Fort Campbell KY and Fort Wainwright AK. While serving in the Army, John received a Bachelor of Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. During John's career he served in the Army Special Forces Green Berets, Rangers, as well as piloted Huey and Cobra helicopters with the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and he also piloted the CH-54 "Sky Crane" helicopter. John served one tour in Korea and three tours in Vietnam. John was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Bronze Star, and many other commendations. John retired from the Army in June 1978. After his retirement, John stayed in Alaska working for the Fairbanks North Star Borough as the Director of Alaskaland. He then moved on to work for Crowley Maritime/Alaska HydroTrain. John continued his education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks earning a Master of Science

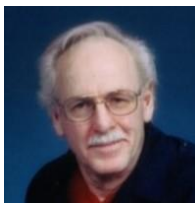
Degree. John and Retta returned to Ohio in 1988 and have been living in Prospect ever since. John found work with McAuliffe's Hardware and the Union County Sheriff's office. He retired again in July 1999. John's lifelong hobby was model railroading. He enjoyed building his own train layouts which included constructing realistic buildings, train cars, and scenery. He took his family on many steam-engine rides over the years as well as to many hobby shops, train conventions, and other train related events. John's service in the Army was recognized in 2016 when he was selected to take part in an Honor Flight. This was something he was very proud to go on. He also served as a docent at the National Museum of the USAF at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marion**. The Church was important to John. He served in many ways over the years as he was able. In 2018 John graduated from the Diakonia program. Diakonia was something he thoroughly enjoyed; not only for the knowledge, but also for the comradery. John is survived by Retta, his wife of 63 years; his children and their spouses, Keith and Molly Retterer, Jeff and Betsy Retterer and Julie Ogden (Retterer); his eight grandchildren, and; two brothers and their spouses Richard (Dick) and Renée Retterer, Dave and Sandy Retterer. A service for John was held at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Prospect Ohio on Saturday, March 30, 2019. A visitation was at 10:00 AM with the service following at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to OSU inpatient unit, C/O Hospice of Central Ohio, 2269 Cherry Hill Road, Newark, OH 43055 or Saint Paul Lutheran Church at 200 East Water Street, Prospect, OH 43342.



**ROBERT LEROY RICE** - Died at 9:10 AM on Friday, July 12, 2019 at The Gardens of Gettysburg at the age of 71. He was a resident of Dover Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Parkinson's disease. He was born on March 31, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Winfield and Mary Virginia (née Price) Rice. He was the husband of Linda D. (née Armstrong) Rice. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. A professional truck driver, he was the owner/operator of RL Rice Transportation, in the business of transporting horses, and was retired from S&H Transportation. He was a member of Yorkshire United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – York Chapter #1032**. In addition to his wife, Mr. Rice is survived by two sons, Edward "Tom" Rice, and his wife, Megan, of Glen Rock, and John "Dean" Rice, of Spring Grove; two stepsons, Micah Gardner, of Florida, and Greg Hagbery, and his wife, Sarah, of Oregon; four grandchildren, Wyatt, Avery, Malaki, Nevaeh; a sister, Ethel Frazer, of Michigan; his mother-in-law, Elvada "Chris" Boyer, of Dover, and; numerous nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ellen Cole. A memorial service was held at a later date. Kuhner Associates Funeral Directors, Inc., 863 South George Street, York was in charge of the arrangements.



**CHARLES DAVID "C.D." RICKMAN** – Died Wednesday, September 26, 2018 in Shiloh, Tennessee at the age of 70 years and 13 days. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Shiloh on September 13, 1948 to the late Joe and Evelyn (née Glover) Rickman. On May 27, 2006 he was united in marriage to Patricia Elaine (née Cherry) Rickman. C.D. served our country in the United States Army - Airborne Division, stationed in Vietnam. He was a member of Gideons, Lions Club, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Shiloh Action Committee, Friends of Shiloh National Military Park, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Jackson Chapter #995**. Charles also worked at the Hardin County Veterans Service Office, where he did public service. C.D. leaves behind his wife, Patricia Rickman, of Shiloh, Tennessee; his sons, Christopher Rickman, of Manchester, Tennessee, Jeremy Rickman and Parker Kelly, both of Shiloh, Tennessee; his stepsons, Greg Kennon, of Lebanon, Tennessee, Christopher Jayne, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee and Clinton Hornaday, of Shiloh, Tennessee; his stepdaughter, Heather Jayne, of Savannah, Tennessee; his brother, Terry Rickman, of Maryville, Tennessee; his sisters, Mary Ruth Driskell, of Shiloh, Tennessee and Jeannie Sloan, of Crump, Tennessee, and; his grandson, Landen Rickman. In addition to his parents, C.D. was predeceased by his sister, Jo Ann Ross. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Shiloh Fire Station. Make checks out to "Shiloh Action Committee" and mail to Ronnie Fullwood, 828 Lawrence Sowell Road, in Michie, Tennessee 38357.



**DEWEY FRED RIEMER** - Died Thursday, August 23, 2018 at his home in Mankato, Minnesota at the age of 75. The cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head, death resulting. Dewey Fred was born on February 5, 1943 in Tyler, Minnesota to the late Chester and Vernus (née Schlueter) Riemer. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1965 during the Vietnam War as a jet mechanic and also in the United States Navy as a heavy equipment operator in the construction battalion. He served a total of 26 years in the military. On February 23, 2005, Dewey married Annabella Alidon in Manila Philippines. He was an arborist. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunnell Chapter #832**. He survived by his wife, Annabella Riemer, of Mankato; children, Dawn Jackson, of Forest Lake and Lane Chester Riemer, of Brookings, SD; two brothers, Warren (Mary) Riemer, of Sun City, AZ and Byron Riemer, of Glendale, AZ; his brother-in-law, Audy (Marilyn) Alidon, and; his nephew, Mardy Alidon. He was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother, David Riemer. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 31, 2018 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato. The burial was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the Mass on Friday at the church. Mankato Mortuary assisted the family with the arrangements.





**ROBERT LEE ROBINSON** – Died Thursday, June 27, 2019 in El Campo, Texas at the age of 81. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related ischemic heart disease and cardiac arrest. He was born in Louise, Texas on March 21, 1938 to the late Evelyn and Lee Robinson. Robert graduated from Louise High School with the class of 1958 and then joined the United States Navy in June of 1958 and served 10 years doing two tours of duty in Vietnam. In later years he worked as a security supervisor for Foley's stores and a maintenance supervisor for Louise ISD. Robert was an active member of St. Robert's Catholic Church and was a *Life Member* of the VFW and **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**. Missing him is his wife of 22 years, Evelyn (née Barosh) Robinson; his two sons, Dirk Robinson, of El Campo and Romy (Rhonda) Robinson, of Fulshear; his three stepsons, Mark (Melissa) Lilie, of Louise, Henry (Teresa) Lilie, of El Campo and Deron (Robin) Lilie, of the Plainview area; four grandchildren, Korryn, Aspyr, Ireland and Ryder Robinson; six step-grandchildren, Walter D., Isabel, Dylan, Ashley, Ty and Maci Lilie; his sisters, Dell Williams and Lillie Estrello; his brother, Gene Robinson, and; also survived by many favorite nieces and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Manuel Robinson and Charlie Robinson. Robert was a nature enthusiast. He liked beach life, traveling with his wife, Evelyn, chocolate chip cookies, carousing with his grand dog, Lucy, and generally having fun swapping tall tales. Visitation began at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Triska Funeral Home with a Rosary recited at 6:00 PM. Visitation was also from 8:00-9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the funeral home. The Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM at Saint Robert Catholic Church. The burial under the auspices of the American Legion Post #251 and was in the Saint Procopius Cemetery in Louise. The pallbearers were Walter D. Lilie, Harold Peikert, Ray Mach, Robbie Robinson, Ryder Robinson and Michael Robinson. Triska Funeral Home, El Campo was in charge of the arrangements.,



**DALE ARNOLD ROLAND** - Died Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at his home in Hollister, Missouri at the age of 74. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. Dale was born on November 1, 1944 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to the late Raymond and Gladys (née Buchholz) Roland. He attended elementary and high school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Burlington Community College in Burlington, Iowa and Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Missouri. He worked as a manager for Household Finance in Quincy, Iowa then later purchased the Sun Valley Resort on Lake Taneycomo, Branson, Missouri and operated it for fifteen years. He also worked for Lance Inc for 16 years ending his career as District Sales Manager Branch #657. He served his country proudly in the United States Army as a crew chief/door gunner with the 175<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Crew, stationed in Vinh Long, Vietnam from 1966-67. Dale was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kimberling City Chapter #1119**, American Legion Post #637, Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Association and Vinh Long Outlaws Association. He was an avid hunter, golfer, fisherman, gardener and all-around sports lover.

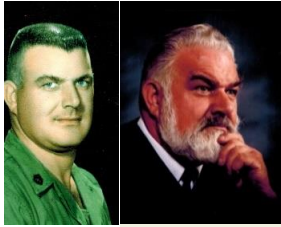
Survivors are his wife, of 48 years, Maggie Roland of the home; his daughter, Kristen Chilton and husband Kenny; his granddaughters, Brienne and Adria all of Nixa, Missouri; his mother-in-law, Alice Conroy, of Maryland Heights, Missouri; his brothers-in-law, Bill Conroy (Ruth), of Golden Colorado, Gerald Conroy (Maureen), of Maryland Heights, Missouri, Edward Conroy, of Bonney Lake, Washington, and; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister, his father-in-law, William Conroy, his beloved son Steve and grandson, Sean. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Greenlawn Funeral Home in Branson, Missouri with Brother Kelly Chilton officiating. Burial with full military honors were at 1:00 PM at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri. Visitation hours were held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Greenlawn Funeral Home in Branson. Memorial contributions in his memory were suggested to the VVA #1119, P.O. Box 43, Kimberling City, MO 65686 or the donor's favorite charity.

**KATE ROMAN** – Died recently in 2018 in Spokane, Washington at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 26, 1950. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno (Nevada) Chapter #989**



**JOHN H. RUMERY** - Died Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at his home in Clearfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head, death resulting. He was born on September 20, 1950 in Clearfield to the late Richard H. and M. Lenore (née Hastings) Rumery. John was employed by Harbison Walker Refractories in mobile maintenance. He was then employed and retired after 30 years from NRG (Penelec) in mobile maintenance. He was a member of the Shawville United Methodist Church, the Clearfield American Legion, Clearfield Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 812, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge #540, Clearfield, and the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge #314, Clearfield. John served with the United States Navy during Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**. He is survived by his wife, Colleen (née Rauch) Rumery with whom he married on February 23, 1974 at the Shawville United Methodist Church. He is also survived by three children, Brian Rumery and wife Cynthia of Woodland, Andrea Schickling and husband Todd of Clearfield, and Diana LaMantia and husband Jared of TX; six grandchildren, Christian, Isaac, Madison, Lincoln, Anistyn, Leven; two step grandchildren, Shannon and husband Roman and their children Pierce, Beau and Vann, and Shay and wife Daniela and their son Channing; a sister, Diana Greene and husband Rich of ID; a sister-in-law, Carol Rumery of IN; a beloved cousin, Penny McCracken and family of Shawville; a brother-in-law, Louie Rauch and wife Darlene; a sister-in-law, Connie Myers; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Richard H. Rumery; a brother-in-law, Robert M. Myers; in-laws, Joseph and Rose Rauch; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hastings; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rumery. Friends were received at the Beardsley Funeral Home and Crematory in Clearfield on Monday from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Military honors were accorded at the funeral home at 7:00 PM. The family suggested that memorial contributions be made to the Shawville United Methodist

Church, PO Box 162, Shawville, PA, 16873; or the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #974, PO Box 1424, Clearfield, PA 16830; or the Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road - Suite #300, Jacksonville, FL, 32256. To sign the on-line guest book, go to [www.beardsleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.beardsleyfuneralhome.com).



**DAVID P. "Griz" SANDERS** (USMC, MGySgt-Ret.) - Died peacefully in Hospice at Buffalo General on Friday, August 2, 2019 at the age of 83, after a very brief battle with lung cancer. He was a resident of Fredonia, New York. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on January 25, 1936 to the late Joseph H. and Helen R. (née Jadric) Sanders. Mr. Sanders attended Saint Jerome School and Cathedral Latin School. Later in life, Mr. Sanders earned his Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Political Science and Sociology from SUNY Fredonia. His interest in law led him to the elected office as Justice-of-the-Peace in the Town of Arkwright, which he served for 17 years and also served on the Town Board. He worked as a Welder at Ford Stamping Plant, Woodlawn, for 20 years. Mr. Sanders joined the United States Marine Corps in 1953 and retired after 20 years at the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. MSGT Sanders was assigned for many years to Marine Helicopter Squadron HMX-1, home of the Presidential Helicopter Marine One. He served this role under Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon and was honored with the Presidential Service Medal. He served several tours in Vietnam, most notably as an aerial gunner, flying "Hueys in VMO-2", where he was awarded 7 Air Combat Medals, Air Crew Wings and several other decorations and distinctions. MSGT Sanders continued serving his country and fellow veterans as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunkirk Chapter #459**, the Marine Corps League and VFW. He served in various office roles as well as organized and participated in annual charitable fund-raising events for both of these organizations for many years. MSGT Sanders was also a dedicated supporter of MIA/POW recovery efforts. "Griz" was fond of children, despite his gruff exterior and provided leadership to many young people through his involvement in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4-H Clubs. Mr. Sanders often served as Santa Claus, a tradition he and his wife Alice, carried on since their early years together, when they would help support the families of Marines and Sailors who were assigned overseas and were not able to be with their families. He was an avid firearms enthusiast with a special interest in black powder muskets and firearms safety. Mr. Sanders operated Dave's Musket Shop in Arkwright for a number of years, was involved in Hunter Safety training and was a proud Lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. "Griz" was a 38-year member of the 9<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry, an organization within the North-South Skirmish Association, a national organization dedicated to historical preservation and education centering on the American Civil War. He also served as a safety inspector and small arms expert for 15 years, helping to ensure the safety of participants in hundreds of sporting competitions. Survivors include his wife and soul mate of 55 years, Alice M. (née Austin) Sanders of Arkwright; six children, Jerald (Susan), James (Jamia), Suzanne, Bruce, Timothy, and Paul (Lucia) Sanders; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-four great grandchildren, and; long-time

family friends, James (Jill) McKenna their three children and two grandchildren. Besides his parents he was predeceased by a son, Brian Sanders and two grandchildren Toby Brian Sanders and Lisa Dawn Sanders. Friends were welcomed at the Riles and Woolley Funeral Home, 39 Main Street, Forestville on Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM and on Thursday from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM from where funeral services were held on Friday morning at 11:00 AM. The interment was in the Forestville Cemetery, where graveside military services were conducted. The family suggested, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made either to Vietnam Veterans of America, The Marine Corps League, any VFW or any other veteran support group. To post condolences go to [www.rilesandwoolleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.rilesandwoolleyfuneralhome.com).

**ELAINE M. SCANLON** – Died recently in 2019 in Lebanon, Maine at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on December 8, 1950. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter 1044**.



**RICHARD "Rusty" SCHIEMER** - Died Wednesday, August 7, 2019 in Patterson Heights, Pennsylvania at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 27, 1931 in Erie, Pennsylvania to the late Harry Franklin Schiemer and the late Wilma (née Schwarz) Schiemer. He was clever and adventurous, leading his merry band on trips around the countryside. The shenanigans included visits to Disney World, strawberry picking in Wattsburg and various day trips on driving vacations. This was not a man to spend his vacation sitting on the beach. In his time, he took a rowboat across the bay in Erie, much to the consternation of his mother, helped his father build a house with beams salvaged from old barns and drove riding lawnmowers with great abandon. He graduated from Thiel College in 1953 and received a Bachelor of Arts in History. His plans to be a teacher were derailed when he fell in love with the daughter of a CPA and he was persuaded to join Snodgrass and Company, CPAs. He founded his own firm, Schiemer and Company, CPAs in 1980. He was an active member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, where he served as a member of Session and had been treasurer for many years. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years on October 7, 2016, Shirley (née Snodgrass) Schiemer; a son, William Matthew Schiemer, and; a brother, Harry Kenneth Schiemer. He is survived by his five children, Hope Schiemer, Patterson Heights, Barbara Schiemer, of College Hill, PA, Margaret and David Gentzel, Wexford, Richard, Jr. and Beth Schiemer, of West Mayfield, PA and Eric and Jennifer Schiemer, of Moon Township, PA, and; eight grandchildren, Amanda, Jennifer, Becca, Noah, Gabriel, Autumn, Alex and Kevin. Friends were received on Monday, August 12, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver, where the service was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Robert Saul officiating. Private interment was in the Grandview Cemetery, Big Beaver, PA. Online condolences may be shared at [nollfuneral.com](http://nollfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made, if desired, to the Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1099 Sixth Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.



**MARLIN J. "Marly" SCHLEEF** - Died Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at Accura Health Care in Cherokee, Iowa at the age of 77. He was a resident of Cherokee. The cause of death is unknown. Marly was born on December 2, 1941 in Cherokee to the late Marlin "*Bill*" Schleef and Dorinne (née Odle) Schleef. He attended Cherokee schools graduating in class of 1961. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from April 23, 1963 until April 21, 1967 and also from January 23, 1968 until being honorably discharged on September 30, 1969 at the rank of E-5. He was married to Karen (née McTasney) Schleef on February 17, 1968 in Cherokee. Marly had worked construction for several local businesses and also drove truck for Schusters of LeMars, retiring in 2003. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Harley Owners Group, ABATE of Iowa, VFW and the American Legion of Larrabee, Iowa. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**. He enjoyed Harley Davidson Motorcycles, going to Sturgis, helping his boys and being a grandpa. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents John and Elsie Odle and John and Josephine Schleef and; a brother-in-law, Ron Robinson. He is survived by four children, Jason W. (Joani) Schleef, of Cherokee and their children, Henry and Melvin, James Steward, of Cody, Wyoming, Kory (Jill) Putnam, of Cherokee and their children, Bubba, Tanner and Madison, of Cherokee, Iowa, Wendy (Corey) Soule and their children, Jazmine, Jade and Taylor, of Boyden, Iowa; a very special friend Peggy Putnam, of Kinnear, Wyoming; Marlin's brothers and sisters, Mary Kay (Dennis) Langholdt, of Boone, Iowa, Michael (Shari) Schleef, of Columbus Junction, Iowa, Monica (Jerry) Anfinson, of Morristown, TN, Melanie Robinson, of Larchwood, Iowa, Mark (Staci) Schleef, of Cherokee, Iowa, Matthew (Janel) Schleef, of Cherokee, Iowa and Molly (David) Galm, of Spencer, Iowa, and; many nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee, Iowa. Reverend Monsignor Kenneth Seifried was the Main Celebrant. Burial of the cremains were at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cherokee. There were military rites at graveside by the L.A. Wescott VFW Post #2253. Visitation was on Sunday, from 1:00 until 5:00 PM at the Boothby Funeral Home with the family present during that time. The Boothby Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.boothbyfuneral.com](http://www.boothbyfuneral.com).

**DONALD "Don" SCHOENNAUER** – Died Friday, January 10, 2014 in Palo Alto, California at the age of 64. The cause of death was a house fire, death resulting. He was born on February 25, 1949 in East Palo Alto, to Urania Schoennauer and the late Daryl Schoennauer. Two men who were found dead after a Palo Alto house fire have been identified as Donald Schoennauer and his best friend, Ed Martin, a family member of Schoennauer said. Both men were 64 years old and graduated from Palo Alto High School. They were lifelong friends, nephew Erik Schoennauer said. The fire broke out on Friday night in Schoennauer's home at



988 Embarcadero Road, according to Palo Alto police and fire officials. Fire units were dispatched to the green, one-story home at 7:17 p.m., and the announcement of the fatalities was made at 8:54 p.m. Schoennauer's mother, Urania, 91, also lived with him and Martin, but she was at a care home recovering from a health condition at the time of the fire, Erik Schoennauer said. Schoennauer had been his mother's caretaker for the past 25 years. He was born on Feb. 25, 1949, and the family lived in East Palo Alto until he attended high school. His parents Daryl and Urania purchased the Embarcadero Road home when Schoennauer was in high school. Daryl Schoennauer died in 1972. Martin and Schoennauer graduated from Paly in 1967. In 1968, Schoennauer volunteered for the United States Marine Corps and completed boot camp at Camp Pendleton. He served in the Vietnam War between 1969 and 1970 during the Tet Offensive. In the 1st Marine Division, he was responsible for defending the Danang Air Base. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – American Canyon Chapter #464**. Neighbor Robert Hof told the Weekly that Schoennauer was reclusive and hardly talked with anyone. The last time Hof spoke with him was about a month ago, he said. Another neighbor told TV news crews that he thought the veteran had been very poor health, as he also had not seen him for a long time. He said a caretaker lived in the home as well. Hof was alerted to the fire by a girl who lives across the street. The blaze appeared to have ignited suddenly, he said, as just minutes before he had been cooking in his kitchen, which faces his neighbor's home, and all was normal. After being alerted, he looked out of his kitchen window, and there were flames "coming out of the house. There were 20-foot flames." One witness told the Weekly the flames stretched as high as the power lines. Palo Alto police Lt. Zach Perron said that the bodies were found inside the home, but he would not disclose the exact locations. The cause of the fire is under investigation, he said. The Santa Clara County Arson Task Force has been called to investigate, but Perron said the group's involvement is "routine" when there's been a residential fire resulting in deaths. The Task Force began work Sunday, after gases typically found in homes had a chance to dissipate, according to police. According to property records, the 1,300-square-foot house was built in 1949. Firefighters contained the blaze -- which appeared to have started in the kitchen, an initial investigation indicated -- within 10 minutes, Perron said. But Embarcadero Road remained closed to traffic between Greer and Louis roads while firefighters and police completed their work. In his youth, Schoennauer was a competitive roller-skater. He traveled the region and the nation for competitions. In 1960, he was the national champion in the juvenile division at



age 11. In 1964, he placed third in the national junior division at age 15. But he stopped roller skating competitively in high school, Erik Schoennauer said. Schoennauer's time off in Thailand and his experiences in Vietnam led to a lifelong interest in Asian culture and cuisine. In the 1970s, he traveled to Europe and spent time with family in Italy, his nephew said. He lived in a commune in the hills above Scotts Valley in the Santa Cruz Mountains during the 1980s. He played lead guitar and Martin played bass guitar in a band, which performed regularly in clubs in the Santa Cruz area and the South Bay, his nephew said. "They were both great musicians. Ed was a magnificent bass player. He was somebody who just loved his music. He would go into the garage and just play the guitar by himself," Erik Schoennauer recalled of Martin. His uncle earned his pilot's license at this time and flew aircraft out of Scotts Valley. But his proudest achievement was becoming a charter member of the Santa Cruz-based VFW Post #5888. The post was somewhat of a maverick and was strongly opposed to U.S. foreign policies in the 1980s. Schoennauer also helped to create a health clinic as part of the Vietnam Friendship Village Project. The project was a way to right some of the wrongs he felt he saw during the war, his nephew said. Schoennauer is survived by his mother, Urania, brother Gary, nephew Eric, and two grandnieces, Kennedy and Landry, and he was particularly proud of the girls. His father, Daryl, died in 1972. Schoennauer was previously married to Elizabeth for 10 years. The couple had no children. Services were private in keeping with Schoennauer's nature, his nephew said.



**WESLEY WAYNE SCIVALLY** - Died Monday, June 4, 2018 in Elk Grove, California, at the age of 75. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 3, 1942 to the late Payne Scivally and Opal Murphy-Scivally. Wayne grew up in northern California and joined the United States Army in 1963. Wayne served in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and 58<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion "Aircraft Maintenance and Support" at Tan Son Nhut Airbase from 1967 to 1969 in the Vietnam War. He retired with 24 years of military service after his last assignment with the California National Guard's 126<sup>th</sup> Medical Company (Air Ambulance). Wayne's military awards and decorations include a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Parachute Badge, and Air Medal. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He was also recalled to active duty for Operation Desert Storm / Desert Shield because of his expertise on choppers. Wayne will be lovingly remembered by his ex-wife and friend, Bonnie and his children, Charmin (Steve), John and Scott D'Ornay, of Sydney, Australia. He will also be remembered by his three grandchildren, Brady, Dillon, and Carter; by his mother, Opal Murphy; his sister, Linda Beatty; his brother, Jeff Murphy; his wife's

extended family including the Le and Nguyen families; and numerous nieces and nephews. Wayne was predeceased by his father, Payne Scivally, his sister, Charmin Greathouse and his brother Jay Scivally. A graveside military service and interment were held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Wesley Wayne Scivally can be made by mail to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. BOX 758516, Topeka, KS 66675.



**THOMAS E. "Tom" SHRADER** - Died Friday, December 29, 2017 at the Mayo Clinic Health System, Mankato, Minnesota at the age of 71. He was a resident of Savage, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. Thomas was born on September 3, 1946 in Aurora, Illinois to the late Emmett Shrader and Louise Penrod. Tom served in the United States Navy and was on the USS Duncan for 45 months. He was very dedicated to his country. On October 22, 1972, Tom was married to Darlene Rutjes, the love of his life, until she died in 1980. Tom was then married to Jane Levernz, they were later divorced. He worked at the Mankato Post Office for 11 years. Tom loved volunteering. He began the "Lite-A-Tike" safety program through the VFW and organized and incorporated the Key City Rollers wheelchair basketball team, while in a wheelchair himself. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and in 1990 organized the annual motorcycle awareness parade in Mankato. For many years he was involved with motorcycle safety. Tom spoke to students about Vietnam and was an avid reader of history. He was a past commander of the VFW Post #950 and a member of American Legion Post #11. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mankato Chapter #999**. He was a hospice volunteer for 4 years. Most of all, Tom loved being a grandpa, his three granddaughters meant the world to him. Tom is survived by his son, Peter (Theresa) Shrader of Savage; three granddaughters, Cassie Mae, Ashley Marie, and Katie Lou Shrader all of Savage; his mother, Louise Penrod of North Mankato; sister-in-law, Diane (Harry) Stevenson; aunt, Lucille Swan; nieces, Michelle Olinger and Dawn (Shawn) Bentley; great-nephews, Andrew, Jack, Max, and Will, and; his cousin, Pamela Riddle. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; father, Emmett; two sisters, Debbie Olinger and Mindy Thielges; nephew, Paul Stevenson; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Peter and Golda Rutjes. A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM at the Mankato Mortuary. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. The burial was in the Glenwood Cemetery.



**THOMAS R. "Tommy" SHUMATE, JR.** – Died Friday, June 21, 2019 at his home in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 71, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jackson to the late Thomas and Bettye Ann (née Bryant) Shumate. Mr.

Shumate was a veteran of the Army National Guard, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**, Red Cross, and Oakfield Baptist Church. One of his favorite past times was to go fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, George Stevens; sisters, Mattie Lumley, Margie Shumate; grandchild, Brianna Shumate. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Pam (née Millinder) Shumate; his sons, Daniel Shumate and wife, Kim, Matthew Shumate and wife, Michelle, Ryan Shumate and wife, Rose; his daughter, Amanda Campbell and husband, Carlos; his brothers, Danny Shumate and Ricky Shumate; his sister, Shirley Vinson; twelve grandchildren, and; one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at the Oakfield Baptist Church with Brother Mickey Jackson officiating. The burial was in the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads with Military Honors. Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 9:00 PM at the Oakfield Baptist Church and on Wednesday from 9:00 AM until the service time at the church.



**CHARLES MARTIN "Charlie" SILVIOUS** (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Sunday, June 2, 2019 Ooltewah, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Woodstock, Virginia on August 21, 1943. He was surrounded by his loving family, including Jan, his wife of 53 years, David, Sandi, Jonathan, Aaron, Heather, Lauren, Luke Rachel, Ben, and Bekah. He is also survived by his sisters, Carol, Phyllis, and brother, Jerry. Charlie graduated Virginia Tech as a commissioned officer in the United States Army. He answered his country's call to fly helicopters in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star and several distinguished flying crosses. Upon returning home, he continued his military career for 30 years, retiring as a full colonel. In the meantime, he applied his education working as a civil engineer for over 40 years at TVA and Mesa Associates. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Charlie faithfully served his beloved Woodland Park Baptist Church for 36 years. In lieu of flowers, he would want you to contribute to Woodland Park Baptist Church or Precept Ministries International. A celebration of Charlie's life was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Woodland Park Baptist Church with Dr. Brian Kinlaw officiating. Visitation preceded the service from 4:00 until 6:00 PM. The arrangements were made by the Heritage Funeral Home, East Brainerd Chapel.



**JOHN HERSHEL SINGLETON** - Died Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 8, 1946 to the late Hershel and Naomi Singleton. He graduated from Hillwood High School (Nashville, Tennessee) in 1966 and attended the University of Tennessee. John served in the United States Army and was proud to be a Vietnam Veteran. He continued to serve the Jackson community through a number of charities and civic organizations but is perhaps best known as "Santa." John was a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #++6**. John is preceded in death by his parents, Hershel and Naomi Singleton; and his wife, Sandy. He is survived by brothers, Tom

(Sylvia), of Franklin, Tennessee and Jerry (Rebecca), of Jackson; his stepdaughter-in-law, Katie Brown; grandsons Josh Chapman and Jackson Norton, of Jackson, and; leaves behind nieces, nephews, and a host of beloved friends and relatives. Visitation was from 4:00-6:00 PM on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Arrington Funeral Directors, 148 West University Parkway, Jackson, TN. Pastor John White officiated the funeral service at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Arrington Funeral Directors and the family received visitors one hour prior to the service.

**ERIC SIVERSON** – Died recently in 2019 in Rathdrum, Idaho at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 24, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman (Arizona) Chapter #975**.



**ROY L. SKEEN** - Died Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Wellmont Hospice House at the age of 79. He was a resident of Bristol, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 12, 1935 in Washington County, Virginia to the late Brady Ray Skeen and Lula Mae (née Parris) Skeen. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by five sisters, Pauline Elizabeth Miller, Mary Lelia Richardson, Hazel Marie Richardson, Judy Dollar and Peggy Ann Fugate; and three brothers, Maurice Wayne Skeen, James Denver Skeen, and Charles Brady Skeen. Roy was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran before later retiring from the Tennessee National Guard. He retired from Sprint Telephone Company in 1998 after 40 years of service. Mr. Skeen was a life member of VFW Post #1994 and a member of Belle Meadows Baptist Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Abington Chapter #1042**. Survivors include his wife, Louvennia Mae Blevins Oylear Skeen; five children, Michael Roy Skeen, of Bristol, VA, Mark Randall Skeen, of Bristol, VA, Lori Ann Dobbins, of Bristol, TN, Robert James Oylear and wife Sue, of Bristol, TN and Allan Dale Oylear, of Bristol, TN; ten grandchildren, Casey Skeen, Jarred Skeen, Korie Skeen, Logan Skeen, Nick Dobbins, Haley Skeen, Abigail Skeen, Donivan Boddie, Peyton Skeen and Ashley Ferris; one great-granddaughter, Dahlia Ferris; one brother, Malcolm Skeen and wife Voretta, of Morristown, TN, and; several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to the staff and nurses of Wellmont Hospice House, and Dr. Gunstra for the kindness and care shown to Mr. Skeen. A funeral service was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the Belle Meadows Baptist Church, 619 Wagner Road, Bristol, VA with Dr. Dewey Williams and Bill Sexton co-officiating. The family received friends at the church from 5:00 PM until the time of service. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday in Forest Hills Memory Gardens with military honors conducted by the Highlands Veterans Honor Guard. Family and friends gathered at the cemetery at 1:45 PM. The pallbearers were Ray Laster, Bruce Ellamaker and the deacons of Belle Meadows Baptist Church.

**JIMMIE RAY "J.R." SNYDER, SR.** - Died Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at home in Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 12, 1936 in Chesapeake, Ohio to the late Waid and Belva (née Collingsworth) Snyder, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Janet M. Snyder; three sisters, Lisa, Helen and

Kathryn, and; two brothers Waid H. Snyder, Jr. and Charles L. Snyder. He retired from Ensign Electric Company and Cabell Wayne Association of the Blind. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran and served in the Korean Conflict. He was a life member of Marine Corps League Detachment #340 and American Legion Post #16. He was also scoutmaster of young marines, a member of sons of American Legion, a Kentucky Colonel and Admiral in Cherry River Navy. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America- Gallipolis Chapter #949**. He is survived by one daughter Tanya Smith and one son, Jimmie Snyder, Jr. both of Huntington, WV; three grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was conducted at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Hall Funeral Home and Crematory, Proctorville, Ohio. The burial was in the Rome Cemetery, Proctorville, Ohio. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.ehallfuneralhome.com](http://www.ehallfuneralhome.com).



**HENRY CARL SOHN** - Died Wednesday, October 10, 2018 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was dementia. He was born and raised in Glen Burnie, Maryland on April 12, 1943 to the late J. Carl Sohn and Virginia Lee (née Pumphrey) Sohn who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol Lee (née Comelitti) Sohn and his siblings, Nancy Schupple (Henry); Kathleen Gordon (Paul); Michael Sohn (Patricia) and Jennie Zucco (Keith), all of Maryland; and in-laws, Al Comelitti, Jr. (Linda) of The Villages, FL, James Comelitti, of Deming, NM, Ann Bartos (Gary,) of Lancaster, SC, Susan Comelitti of Ocala, FL, and; many nieces and nephews. Carl was a retired Honeywell employee contracted to NASA and a 4-year United States Navy Veteran during the Vietnam War. He and Carol moved to The Villages, FL in 2008. Carl loved riding his Honda Goldwing for over 35 years. He traveled throughout the US and Canada on it. He also enjoyed playing cards, crossword puzzles, and attending and socializing with members of **Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036** of which he was a *Life Member*. A memorial service was held at the Earleigh Heights Fire Hall in Glen Burnie, MD. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL. 32162. The arrangements were made by The Neptune Society. Online guestbook is available at [www.neptunesociety.com/ocala](http://www.neptunesociety.com/ocala) or [legacy.com](http://legacy.com).



**ROBERT W. “Bob” SPRINGMAN** (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died in his sleep on Monday, October 1, 2018 in West Jordan, Utah at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on April 30, 1931 in Casper, Wyoming to the late John A. Springman and Mildred L. Roth. At age 8 his family moved to Salt Lake City. Bob attended Granite High School and excelled at athletics, including baseball and basketball. He received a full-ride basketball

scholarship to Utah State where he joined the ROTC program. Bob married Norma Jean Thomas and together they had four children. They divorced after 13 years. He married the love of his life, Janet Louise Meese, his Janibug, on August 6, 1963. Upon graduation from Utah State, Bob joined the United States Army and began a career that spanned 30 years, took him to Germany, Vietnam for 2 tours of duty, Peru, Colombia, and many US posts. He served as US Army Attaché at the Peruvian Embassy for 3 years and as Chief of the US Military Mission in Colombia for 3 years. Upon his retirement from the Army, Bob and Jan returned to Salt Lake City where he sold real estate for several years. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Utah**. Bob and Jan joined the First Presbyterian Church congregation in 1993, where they developed many wonderful friendships and a great devotion to God. Bob was a lifelong sports enthusiast and an avid fan of the Utah Jazz, the University of Utah Utes, and the Utah State Aggies. He went bird hunting with relatives and friends in Iowa and Nebraska, fishing for halibut and salmon in Alaska, and golfing. He and Jan spent many winters on the beach in San Carlos, Mexico, enjoying the sunshine and their fishing boat, Son Seeker. Bob's memory was impeccable, and he was a wonderful storyteller that rarely told the same story twice. During the last month of his life, his short-term memory completely left him and was frustration with that loss that finally allowed him to be ready to leave. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Jan; his four children, John (Chris), Mike, Pat, Mary (Brent); twelve grandchildren, and; twelve great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved big sister, Edith. A celebration of his life took place on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church, 12 C Street, in Salt Lake City followed by a luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church. Bob was buried with full military honors in the Redwood Memorial Estates, 6500 South Redwood Road at 2:00 PM on the same day.

**ALBERT CASSRELL “Cassie” STAFFORD, JR.** - Died Sunday, June 16, 2019 at a local hospital at the age of 70. He was a resident of Cleveland, Tennessee. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. He was born in Bradley, Tennessee on September 22, 1948 to the late Albert Cassrell Stafford, Sr. and Cora (née Brewer) Stafford. He was a self-employed handyman. Mr. Stafford was a 13-year veteran of the United States Army and *Life Member* of the DAV and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert C. and Cora Brewer Stafford, Sr.; brothers, Larry Stafford, Ernest Stafford, and Howard Stafford. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Mae Stafford, of Cleveland; his children, Randy Stafford, Sr., Albert Cassrell Stafford III and wife, Renee Stafford and Ronnie Stafford, all of Cleveland; his grandchildren, Randy Stafford, Jr., of Richmond, IN, Johnny Stafford, of Kingsport, TN, Alexander Stafford, Andrew Donaldson and Harley Donaldson, all of Cleveland; five great-grandchildren; his sister, Corrine O'Dell, of Alabama, and; his brothers, Jimmy Stafford of GA. and Joe Stafford, of Athens, TN. The funeral was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 in the chapel of Fike-Randolph and Son Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Elledge officiating. The interment was in the Fort Hill Cemetery with Renee Stafford, Andrew Donaldson, Harley Donaldson, Alexander Stafford, Randy Stafford, and Albert Stafford serving as pallbearers. His family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home.





**JEROME MELVIN "Jerry" STRUNK** - Died Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Saint Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 75, after a brief illness. He was a resident of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. Jerry was born on December 21, 1943 in Fort Atkinson to the late Harold and Virginia (née Lezotte) Strunk. He grew up on the family farm on Strunk Road in Hebron. He graduated from Fort Atkinson High School in 1961 and attended the Farm Short Course at the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1962. He worked for Schweiger Industries in Jefferson, and then at Nasco in Fort Atkinson. He was drafted into the United States Army and spent time in Vietnam. After completing his tour of duty, he returned to Fort Atkinson and started working for Wisconsin Electric, where he worked for 35+ years. He married Arlene Heinzelman on November 11, 1967. Jerry enjoyed camping, playing cards, dancing, classic cars, target shooting, and spending time with his family. Visits to the cabin were treasured. He could fix anything mechanical and was often called upon to 'Jerry-Rig' a solution. He was a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitewater Chapter #409** and loved visiting The Highground in Neillsville. Jerry is survived by his wife Arlene; his daughters, Jacquelyn (Curt) Koman and Jeannine Strunk; his granddaughters, Julianna and Bethany Koman, and; his sisters, Judith Hartel and Janice Hites. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter, Julie and his sister, Joyce. Per Jerry's wishes, there was visitation or services. If you wish, donations may be made to The Highground Veterans Memorial Park (W7031 Ridge Road, Neillsville, WI 54456) to commemorate Jerry's life and military service. The Nitardy Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

**REVEREND CHARLES R. STUMP** - Died Saturday afternoon, June 1, 2013 at his residence in Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania at the age of 67, following an extended illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Doylestown, Pennsylvania on February 19, 1946 to the Norman Stump, Sr. and the late Amy (née Dunn) Stump. He married Patricia A. Geiger on April 16, 1968, in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Surviving are his father in Wisconsin; his wife, Patricia; two children, Theresa Smith and husband, Eric, of Roscoe and Doug of Roaring Spring; four grandchildren, Zachary, Nicholas and Cassandra Smith and Jordan Stump, and; two brothers, Stanley and James. Charles was a 1965 graduate of Quakertown High School. A graduate of the Municipal Police Academy at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, he also attended the Grace Bible Institute of Omaha, Nebraska. He was a United States Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. Charles was the pastor of Ore Hill Union Church for the last 23 years. He retired as the Police Chief of Roaring Spring in September 2003 after 20 years of service and had also served as the minister of the Roaring Spring Mennonite Church for 20 years. Charles enjoyed hunting and fishing, had many artistic talents and loved being a minister and helping other people. He was a member of the Murray-Appleman American Legion Post #147, Roaring Spring, and was a former member of the Roaring Spring Lions Club, the Martinsburg Sportsman's Club, the Roaring Spring Ambulance Service and the Friendship Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. Friends were received from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at the Todd T. Thompson Funeral Home, Inc., Roaring Spring, where a funeral service was held at 10:30 AM

on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 with Pastor Lew Button officiating, with military honors provided by the Blair County Veterans Honor Guard. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery in Martinsburg. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to the family.



**LARRY JAMES SUNDALL** - Died Saturday, August 4, 2018 in the Avera Holy Family Hospital in Estherville, Iowa at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 8, 1945 in Spencer, Iowa to the late Lloyd F. and Doris L. (née Selmyher) Sundall. He graduated from Terril High School in 1963. He attended Augustana College for one year before entering the United States Navy. He served in Vietnam during his time in the Navy. Following his honorable discharge, Larry returned to the area to continue his education at Iowa Lakes Community College and Buena Vista University. On September 9, 1967, Larry was united in marriage to Patricia Rae Feger in Estherville. Larry was employed at John Morrell and Company for 19 years. In 1990, he went to work for Emmet County and served as Director of Veterans' Affairs for 20 years before retiring in 2010. Larry was very active in the Estherville/Emmet County community in various activities. He also served on the Estherville Ministerial Association. In his leisure time he enjoyed fishing, collecting fishing lures, collecting guns, hunting and gambling. Larry was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Ruthven, Iowa. He was a very active member of VFW Post #3388 and American Legion Post #91. He was also a member of DAV (Disabled American Veterans), a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888** and Rotary International in the local chapter in Estherville. Sports was Larry's passion. He played All Navy Softball and volleyball. His passion for volleyball led Larry to coach volleyball at Iowa Lakes Community College from 1981 through 1986 and he also coached girls' softball from 1982 through 1984. Larry officiated baseball, softball, and football throughout much of his adult life from 1965 through 1990. "Larry's kids", former girls that he coached in volleyball and softball, hold a reunion each year in August. Left to cherish Larry's memory are his wife, Pat of Estherville; his brother, Robert (Bonnie) Sundall, of Ruthven; his niece, Tina (Jonathon) Dauzat and their daughter, Elizabeth, of Texas; brother-in-law, Ron (Milly) Feger, of Estherville; his niece, Lori (Bruce) Chrestiansen, of Estherville and their children, Emily, Sarah (Matt) Hertz and their daughter, Reagan; his niece, Brenda (Paul) Galm, of Spencer and their children, Cassie, Abby and Nathan; his niece, Ronda Newgard, of Estherville and her children, Cody (Courtney) and Lauren; his nephew, Terry Feger, of Estherville; his niece, Jill (Kevin) Sundall, of Spirit Lake, Iowa and their children, Ryan (Cayla) and their daughter, Sydney and Brandon and fiancée, Britany and their daughter, Haylee and "Larry's kids" from ILCC. He has been preceded in death by his parents and his nephew, Steve Sundall. Larry's family prefers memorial donations be made to VFW Post #3388 or Relay for Life or your favorite charity in lieu of flowers.



**DAVID CLEMENT SURGES** – Died Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the Essentia Medical Center in Duluth, Minnesota at the age of 68 in the arms of his beloved wife, Vicki. He was a resident of Duluth. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Parkinson's disease with sepsis due to pneumonia. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 26, 1947 to the late Vincent and May Surges. He graduated from Bishop Alemany High School in Mission Hills, California and Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles, California earning a Master of Arts in Business Administration after returning from Vietnam. He served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City (Nevada) Chapter #388**. He was a professor and most recently taught at the College of Saint Scholastica in Duluth. David is survived by his wife, Vicki; his children, Jason (Jennifer) Surges, Marisa Machado, Daniel Machado, Veronica Surges, Vinnie (Amanda) Surges and Madeleine Surges as well as Dave (Dora) Larsen (adopted and raised with love by Al and Carol Larsen of Denver, Colorado); his granddaughters, Kaylee and baby girl Surges (not yet born); his siblings Susan Simons and Steve Surges, and; several nieces and nephews. Visitation was on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Anchor Point Church with the military honors provided by the Duluth Combines Honor Guard. Service was provided by the Affordable Cremation and Burial.

**JAMES W. "Jim" SZABO, SR.** - Died Wednesday, April 20, 2005 in Twinsburg, Ohio at the age of 57. He was formerly of Sagamore Hills, Ohio. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus-Type II. He was born in 1948 in Sagamore Hills. He was the beloved husband of Justine (née Cherny); beloved father of James (wife Kim) Szabo, of Cleveland, OH and Jennifer (husband Mark) Streszoff, of Philadelphia, PA; loving grandfather of Ryan and Joseph, and; dear brother of Pat Silk, of Tampa, FL, Mary Pertz, of Chardon, OH, Theresa Jackson, of Middlefield, OH and Robert Szabo of Richmond, VA.. Jim served his country during Vietnam in the United States Army receiving a Purple Heart and various other medals for his service to our country. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canfield Chapter #135**. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorial contributions be made to American Diabetes Association or a charity of your choice. Funeral services were held at the Johnson-Romito, A Golden Rule Funeral Home, Route #82, one mile west of State Route 8, Northfield Center, OH on Monday, April 25, 2005 at 10:00 AM. The burial was in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH. Friends were received at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00-5:00 PM. [www.cleveland.com/obits](http://www.cleveland.com/obits).



**FRANK J. SZUFNAROWSKI, JR.** - Died Sunday, May 3, 2015 at the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital, Rocky Hill, Connecticut at the age of 71. He was formerly a resident of New Britain, Connecticut and Durham, Connecticut. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was

born on August 13, 1943 to the late Frank Szufnarowski, Sr and Genevieve (née Zelek) Szufnarowski. Although battling Alzheimer Disease for many years, Frank never lost his sense of humor nor his affection for those close to him. He was the beloved companion of Mary Ann O'Brien of Durham, where he made his home for a happy 13 years. He was a brother to Mary and Tom Cotta and Jane and Kenny Glasgow. He leaves nieces Maris (Cotta) Richards, her husband Christopher, and their children Devon and Dylan, niece Stephanie Glasgow, nephews Ron Cotta and fiancée Amy Eliades and nephew Brandon Glasgow. He was predeceased by his grandparents John and Margaret Zelek, Joseph and Eva Szufnarowski, his stepmother Julie (Cebulski) Szufnarowski and many aunts and uncles. Frank proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hartford Chapter #120**. He worked for years in the printing trade and later in security and office positions. In his later years as an American International Author he published two books of his original poetry, *Going with the Flow of Poetry*, and *the Wisdom of Poetry*. Besides being a loyal Red Sox fan since he was a young boy, his many interests included taking college courses, camping, country western dancing growing red maple trees, collecting "mineral stones", going to country fairs, and being a friend to all who knew him. He was a true gentleman whose sparkling blue eyes and gentle smile will be greatly missed. Frank's family would like to acknowledge all of the staff that cared for him at the V.A. Hospital. Their exceptional treatment and compassion were so greatly appreciated we cannot express our gratitude enough. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> beginning with visitation at the Kenney-Luddy Funeral Home, 205 South Main Street, New Britain, CT at 9:00 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at the Church of Saint Joseph, 195 South Main Street, New Britain at 11:00 AM and interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in New Britain. Memorial donations may be made in his name to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Connecticut, P.O. Box 266, Rocky Hill, CT and indicate Christmas Gift Shoppe on the donation. This fund supports the Christmas Gift Shoppe where veterans can select gifts for their families.



**JOHN HEYMAN TESTER** - Died Thursday, September 13, 2018, at his residence in Bronson, Michigan at the age of 72. He was formerly of Wauseon, Ohio. The cause of death was metastatic sarcoma to the lungs, osteogenic sarcoma left humerus, hemoptysis secondary to lung metastases, hypoxia, dyspnea, coronary artery disease and diabetes mellitus-type II. John was born on March 29, 1946 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Paul and Dorothy (née Heyman) Tester. He graduated from Wauseon High School in 1964 and entered the United States Navy, serving from December 7, 1965 until December 12, 1968. While in the Navy, he served in Vietnam from August of 1966 until March 1968, and then on the USS Delta AR-9 on the West Coast until his discharge. In Vietnam, he was at Camp Tien Sha in Danang. He volunteered for duty on the LCU-1499, which delivered ammo and supplies from Danang to Hue and Dong Ha. John's boat and others were the water route to get supplies up the Perfume River at Hue and the Cau Viet River to Dong Ha. These boats helped break the siege in Hue during the Tet Offensive in early 1968 and fire bases below the DM2 in I-Corps. John escorted Terry Lynn Meyer

home in 1968, after Terry lost his life while serving in Vietnam. On November 27, 1969, he married Martha Miller, and she survives. John worked for Koncor for over 40 years in quality control. He was involved in the Elks, Jaycees, VFW, American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Battle Creek Chapter #730**, Saint Mary of the Assumption, Saint Caspar, The United Way, and the Gilead Lake Association. John enjoyed hunting, fishing, arrowhead walks, travelling in America, winters in Florida, and his kid's and grandkid's sports and school events. Surviving besides his wife, Martha, are his sons, Patrick J. Tester, Michael P. (Patricia) Tester, Matthew J. (Heather) Tester, Mark A. (Jennifer) Tester, James I. (Melanie) Clark, and Shaun P. (Leah) Clark; his grandchildren, Noah, Logan, Jonas, Luke, Levi, Addison, Johanna, Tyler, Paige, Lincoln, Emma and Lennox; brother, William (Marja) Tester, and; his sister, Mary Susan (Alfred) Bruns. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carol Ann Clark. Visitation for John was held on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon from 2:00 until 8:00 PM. The Mass of the Resurrection was held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Saint Caspar Catholic Parish in Wauseon, with Reverend Father Stan Tabor as Celebrant. The interment with military rites was in the St. Caspar Catholic Cemetery. Those planning a memorial contribution in John's memory are asked to consider Saint Jude Children Research Hospital or Masses for Saint Mary's and St. Caspar's Churches. Online condolences to the family may be offered at [www.grisierfh.com](http://www.grisierfh.com). The Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon was entrusted with John's care and arrangements.



**EMMETT H. TIDD** (USN, VADM-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, March 20, 2019 at his residence in Annapolis, Maryland at the age of 95. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 6, 1923. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret “Muggs” Tidd, and he is survived by their sons, Mark and Kurt; two daughters-in-law; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and; countless other relatives and friends. After serving over 30 years in the United States Navy, they were longtime residents of Arlington, Virginia and then spent the last several years in Annapolis. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. There was a memorial service at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at The Friendship Hall at Ginger Cove, 4000 River Crescent Drive, Annapolis, MD. The burial was at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in his memory to the Ginger Cove Foundation, 4000 River Crescent Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401 (<http://www.gingercove.com/about-us/charitable-giving>), or to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite #225, Arlington VA 22203 (<http://www.nmcrcs.org/donate>). To find information about services or sign the online guest book, please go to [www.johnmtaylorfuneralhome.com](http://www.johnmtaylorfuneralhome.com).

**ROBERT TITTERINGTON, JR.** – Died Thursday, November 1, 2018 in North Tonawanda, New York at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 26, 1938 to the late Robert Titterington, Sr. and Ethel (née Robinson) Titterington. He was the husband of 59 years of Joan (née Rabey) Titterington; father of Robin (John) Scaletta, Charlene (Ken) Mesel and Jenell (Daniel)



Fisher; grandfather of Julie (David) Mackenzie, Stacey Scaletta, Danielle, Megan and Zachary Fisher; great-grandfather of Emma Mackenzie; brother of Suzanne (Gerald) Fry and the late William Titterington, and; also survived by nieces and nephews. Robert proudly served in the United States Army National Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. He was employed by Columbus McKinnon Corp. for 21 years and also employed by American Axle for 23 years, retiring in 2000. There were no visiting hours. A private graveside service was held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in memory of Robert may be made to the Nash Road Free Methodist Church, 958 Nash Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

**ROBERT ELDON “Bob” TOWNER** - Died Thursday, November 8, 2018 in Gisela, Arizona at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 25, 1947 to Elsie M. Towner and the late Eldon H. Towner. Mr. Towner was 70 years of age and fought a protracted battle with cancer. Mr. Towner was a Veteran of the United States Navy having served in Vietnam and in the Pacific Fleet aboard the USS Sample, DE 1048. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**. During his career Mr. Towner farmed in the Buckeye Valley, worked as a real estate broker in Maricopa, Pima and Yavapai Counties and as a Firefighter/Paramedic in multiple Central Arizona Communities. In addition to his Mother, he is survived his loving wife, Pamela; his children, Brooke Towner, Kevin and Holly Johnson, Jason and Shelly Miglio, Kami and Jennifer Miglio, and; three grandsons, Eli, Ethan and Wyatt. There was a short graveside service at the Louis B. Hazelton Memorial Cemetery, 23100 West Broadway Road., Buckeye, AZ on November 19, 2018 followed by interment in the family plot. Donations in his memory can be made to Hospice Compassus, 511 South Mud Springs Road Payson, AZ 85541.



**DENNIS ROGER TREU** - Died peacefully Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center in Neillsville, Wisconsin at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 10, 1947 in Wausau Wisconsin to the late Herman and Geraldine Treu. He was the loving husband of Jeanne Peck (née Freund). They were married in Princeton, Wisconsin on January 8, 2003. Dennis is survived by his wife Jeanne; his stepson, Alan (Jodi) Peck and grandsons, AJ and Pat Peck. He is further survived by siblings Gary (Susan) Treu, Barbara Chamberlain, Jeffery (Susan) Treu, Janice (Leonard) Hanson, Karen (George) Papachristou; sisters-in-law, Deborah (Curt) Orlowski and Carol Freund, and; many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Geraldine Treu, In-law family Dave Freund, Janice and Pat Buckley, LouAnn and Bill Hiles. Dennis served proudly in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, and continued to serve as an active member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101**. He was humble, yet very proud of his service, often stating “I was just doing my duty as a citizen “. Dennis thoroughly enjoyed family, fishing, classic cars and car shows. He frequented car shows to share time with others, enjoying that craft. Jeanne and family are grateful for his loving caregivers at Marshfield Hospital, Memorial Medical Center in Neillsville and the VA. A

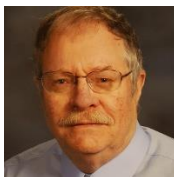


celebration of life for Dennis took place at the Ritchay Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 23, 2019 with visitation held from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to Dennis' family.



**BARBARA SUE TURNER** - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center, Whiteville, North Carolina at the age of 75. She was a resident of Tabor City, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on August 28, 1943 in Statesville, North Carolina to the late John Lee and Mary Ethel (née Thomas) Turner. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962**. She is survived by her husband, Keith John Turner, of the home; two sons, Robby Lee Turner and his wife, Beth Ellen, of North Myrtle Beach, SC and Johnny Mack Turner and his wife, Andrea, of Mason, MI; one brother, Malcom Josey, of Statesville, NC; one sister, Vivan Josey Cook, of Statesville, NC, and; two grandchildren, Rhiannon Lee Turner and Amber Lynn Turner. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Edward Nelson Turner; six brothers: JD Josey, George Josey, Ralph Josey, Troy Josey, Tommy Josey and Dave Josey, and; two sisters, Lela Clark and Katherine Carr. A graveside memorial service was held on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 10:30 AM in the Iredell Memorial Park, 2304 Shelton Avenue, Statesville, NC. Her funeral arrangements were a service of the Inman Ward Funeral Home of Tabor City.

**VICTOR JOHN TYYNISMAA** – Died Friday, August 16, 2019 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus – Type II, prostate cancer tumor in the bladder, pancreatic cancer, very possibly cancer of the esophagus and lymph nodes. He was born on November 1, 1946 in Negaunee, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. He served in the United States Marine Corps. He did three tours in Vietnam from 1967 through 1970. He was awarded four Purple Hearts during this time. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**.



**JOHN M. URLING** - Died Thursday, May 30, 2019 in Ashland, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis. John was born on January 21, 1944, in Steubenville, Ohio to the late George A. and Ruth (Keiser) Urling. He graduated from Steubenville High School in 1962, attended The College of Wooster in Ohio, and graduated with a business administration major and a psychology minor in 1971 from Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. In 1965, John was drafted into the United States Army, and graduated from the Artillery and Missile Officer Candidate School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From 1966 to 1967, he was an artillery forward observer in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the Bronze Star for Valor, along with the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He was

honorably discharged at the rank of Captain in 1968. John loved his country and proudly flew the American flag every day at his home. In the historic summer of 1969, John entered Northland College to finish his degree. He met Sheila Dale his first night on campus, and they fell in love while sharing their common interest in that turbulent time. On February 12, 1972, at Saint Agnes Church, John married Sheila, the love of his life. Three sons blessed their lives: Scott, Michael, and David. John was a loyal family man and enjoyed family and friend gatherings. He worked as an accountant at Ashland Community Hospital and was the Chief Financial Officer during the transition to Memorial Medical Center. His next work was a Northland College Admissions Counselor, followed by Director of Admissions. He also worked part-time as a park ranger for Big Bay State Park and as a US Postal Service Route Carrier. In 1985, John started work as the Ashland County Veteran's Service Officer, remaining in that position for 20 years until his retirement in 2006. He felt that serving veterans and their dependents was his best and most rewarding work. John loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and his activities in the Rod and Gun Club. He played softball, tennis, and golf; was a great fan of the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers; and followed numerous sports enthusiastically. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hurley Chapter #529**, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Chequamegon Veterans. For 47 years, John was a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #137, serving as Exalted Ruler from 1984-1985, and as a trustee. He was a Little League coach, a poll worker, and served as a board member of United Presbyterian Congregational Church and Friends of Vaughn Library. He loved the Lord and enjoyed volunteering for Faith in Action in his retirement, along with driving veterans to VA hospitals and appointments. John is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sheila; his sons Scott, of Cottage Grove, Minnesota, Michael, of Biddeford, Maine and David, of Washburn, Wisconsin; his sister, Jane Urling, of Ashland; his brother, George (Kim) Urling, of Holland, Michigan, and; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service for John took place on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the United Presbyterian Congregational Church in Ashland with Reverend James Deters officiating. A gathering of family and friends started at 9:00 AM. The interment with full military honors under the auspices of the United Chequamegon Area Veterans was in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Ashland, WI. Memorials may be made to United Presbyterian Congregational Church, 214 Vaughn Avenue; or Regional Hospice, 1913 Beaser Avenue, Ashland, WI, 54806. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Mountain Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Ashland and Mellen, WI.



**GARY LEE VANDE KAMP** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Friday, June 7, 2019 in North Branch, Minnesota at the age of 70 after battling, leiomyosarcoma, a rare form of internal muscular cancer, related to Agent Orange. He was born on April 6, 1948, in Albert Lea, Minnesota the eldest of five sons to the late Lambert, Vande Kamp, Sr. and Ruth (née Ames) Vande Kamp. Gary grew up on one of Isanti County's largest dairy and crop farms and graduated from North Branch High School on May 23, 1967. Upon high school commencement, he was drafted into the United States Army in January 1968, where he completed basic training at Fort Campbell,

KY. and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He was assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division -Tropic Lightning/Wolfhounds - and served admirably as an infantryman and combat engineer during combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He is a double recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star (with V device). Four days after returning from Vietnam, he wed Gail Louise Anderson on June 7, 1969. He continued to serve in a multitude of leadership positions and missions as an Army Reservist with the 88<sup>th</sup> ARCOM at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He was selected and served as a trainer for the Army Marksmanship Team at Fort Benning, GA. during his USAR tenure, in addition to several instrumental military events, culminating in his retirement, as a Sergeant First Class, in 1998. Gary worked for E.F. Hals and Sons for 7 years, followed by 32 years at the Chicago County Highway Department. He was a superior marksman and life member of the Gopher Rifle and Revolver Gun Club in Harris, and Brunswick Gun Club of Coastal Georgia. Gary thoroughly enjoyed collecting firearms and accessories to support his loved hobby - competition shooting. He enjoyed leisure travel and especially visiting the annual Amish and English Horse Auction held in Waverly, IA. In 2008, he and Lee Larson visited Vietnam, specifically the areas his unit occupied during the war, to include the VC tunnels. This travel experience was a wonderful way of sharing his memories while preserving comradely among veterans of all generations. He was a talented and very meticulous wood craftsman. Gary was a proud Veteran and dedicated member of the American Legion Posts #139 and #85. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684**. He was a generous, hardworking and caring man, full of love and never met a stranger. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents Lambert, Sr. and Ruth Vande Kamp; his grandparents, Harold and Ruth Ames, Garrett and Hattie Vande Kamp; his uncle, Walter Vande Kamp; his aunts, Jennie Rowe and Effie (Lawrence) Torell; his nephew, Kevin Vande Kamp and family friend, Tamara Mechels. Gary is survived by his wife Gail; his brothers, Bob, Bruce (Carol), Ron (Kathy) and Ross (Debbie); his daughters, 1SG[R] Cari Vande Kamp, Heather (Steve) Pouti, Heidi (Brad) Bergeron; his grandchildren, Courtney, Andrew, Candace, Megan, Landon, Hunter, James and Tanner; his nephews, Brendan, Keith, Jason, Jaryd, Cory; his nieces, Melissa and Amy; as well as many cousins, relatives in the Netherlands and so many loving friends. Visitation hours were from 4:00 - 7:00 PM on June 14, 2019 in the Grandstrand Funeral Home - North Branch, 6580 Main Street, North Branch, MN.



**FRANK J. VIGGIANO, JR.** - Died peacefully on Monday, August 13, 2018 in New City, New York at the age of 78, after a 10-year battle fighting melanoma. Frank was born in Yonkers, New York on June 4, 1940 to the Frank and Catherine (née Vetrano) Viggiano. He is survived by his loving wife, Rosemarie (née Capobianco); two children, Lynn and John and their spouses Eric Schuster and Nicole (Henggeler) Viggiano; one brother, Joseph Viggiano; one sister, Margaret Gorman, and; two grandchildren, Henry and Charlotte Viggiano. His twin brother Carmine predeceased him. Frank, a United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, was an active member of the Rockland County Detachment of the Marine Corps League and was

involved in the Toys for Tots, and Packages for the Troops programs. He also was a past president of the local Sons of Italy Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. In addition, Frank enjoyed travel, nature, military history, aviation, astronomy and spending time with family and friends. Family received friends on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Higgins Funeral Home in New City, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Saint Augustine Church, New City, NY. Private cremation followed. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made for melanoma research at Memorial Sloan Kettering or to the Wounded Warriors project.

**MICHAEL THOMAS “Mike” WAGNER** – Died Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in Albertville, Minnesota at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related kidney cancer metastasized to the lungs. He was born on December 8, 1949 in Waseca, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Susan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from April 1969 to June 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anoka Chapter #470**.



**DONALD GENE “Don” WALKER** - Died Sunday, April 14, 2019 in Jasper, Tennessee at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born on February 18, 1935 in Texas to the late Joseph Walker and Zona (née LeMoine) Walker, the youngest of five boys. He was raised in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Don was on his high school baseball, basketball and track teams, and graduated from Northwestern State University with a business degree. Don joined ROTC in college, received his officer's commission in the United States Army and began his military career in Fort Campbell, KY. His many assignments were Basic Officer's School, Advanced Officer's School, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and Korea. Don was a highly decorated Vietnam War Veteran, having served during that war as a Green Beret and Army Ranger. His awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Senior Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, and Expert Infantry Badge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. After leaving the military, Don worked for the State of Tennessee and retired in 2001. Don loved his family first, but his LSU Tigers were a close second. Don found a home when he met his wife of 58 years, Mary Jo Teeters. She survives him, along with his son, Gregg (Teresa); his daughter, Amy Northern; his grandchildren, Brooks and Grace Northern, his cat, Sweetie, and; several nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM CDT / from 7:00-9:00 PM EDT at the Tate Funeral Home, 950 Mel Dixon Lane, Jasper, TN and from 11:00 to 12:00 Noon CDT/12:00-1:00 PM EDT on Thursday before the service. The funeral was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 12:00 Noon CDT/1:00 PM EDT with Reverend Kim A. Hobby, officiating and a full military honors service conducted by the Sequatchie Valley

Honor Guards. Don was laid to rest in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Jasper, TN. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the Marion County Food Bank.

**DENNIS LOWELL WASHBURN** - Died Monday, June 18, 2018 Wamego, Kansas at the age of 72. He was formerly of Ponder, Texas. The cause of death was prostate carcinoma with metastases to the bone. He was born in Pasadena, California on December 10, 1945 to the late James Raymond "Ray" Washburn and Waneta (née Fry) Washburn. He had two brothers, Ronald and Dan Washburn. He graduated from Sherman County High School in 1965 and Colby Community Junior College in 1971. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1965-1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. No formal service was held. Memorials may be sent to the Good Samaritan Society or the Great Lakes Hospice at 2011 Grandview Drive, Wamego, KS 66547.

**THOMAS G. WATTS** – Died Friday, January 4, 2019 in Colona, Wisconsin at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 10, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston Chapter #729**.



**JEFFREY R. WHITE** - Died Wednesday, July 3, 2019 in Florida while visiting his sister. He was 72 years of age and a resident of Broomall, Pennsylvania and formerly of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newtown Square on July 6, 1946 to the late Robert E. White and Gloria E. (née Ingersoll) White. He was the beloved brother of Donna Halasz, Barbara White, Linda Weaver and Thomas White. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Graterford Chapter #466**. He served as the Pennsylvania VVA State Council Vice-President and when Tom Miller died in 1993, he moved up and served as the Pennsylvania VVA State Council President until his illness took over and had to withdraw from serving. He was also the Pennsylvania VVA State Membership Chairperson for many years. The funeral service was on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the Newtown Square Presbyterian, 3600 Goshen Road, Newtown Square, PA. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be sent to Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., 8719 Colesville Road - Suite #100, Silver Springs, MD 20910 or the above-named church. The interment was in the Valley Forge Memorial Gardens.



**ROBERT F. "Bobby" "Bob" WILSON** - Died Thursday, July 11, 2019 of North Prairie Wisconsin at the age of 73, surrounded by his family at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. Bob fought a courageous battle against cancer. He was born on September 16, 1945 to the late Clarence and Doris Wilson. Bob was a loyal, humble and non-judgmental man. Bob served his country in the United States Army from 1966-1968. Bob was a combat veteran of the Vietnam

War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waukesha Chapter #425**. Bob would be the first one to lend a hand if you needed help. He is survived by his brother, Jack (Jane) Wilson; his sister, Sandi (Bob) Vanderhei; his nieces, Angie (Super Caregiver) Zunker, Marcia (Jeff) Schlei, Tanya (John) Coppersmith and Monica Barron; his nephews, Craig (Lori) Wilson and Steve Vanderhei; his former sister-in-law, Barb (Mike) Sullivan, and; his cousin, Chuck (Connie) Ellis. He was preceded in death by his parents; Clarence and Doris Wilson, and his beloved wife, Ginny. Bob will also be sadly missed by his great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and numerous friends, several who stood by him through his illness. The family thanks you all. Visitation for Bob was held on Friday, July 19, 2019 from 5:00 PM until the time of the service at 7:00 PM at the Cesarz, Charapata, and Zinnecker Funeral Home, 237 North Moreland Boulevard, Waukesha, WI. Bobby was buried with full military honors on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 21731 Spring Street, Union Grove, Wisconsin.

**DEAN WOLTERMAN** – Died recently in 2019 in Mena, Arkansas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 2, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**.

**JERROL G. WOODS** – Died recently in 2019 in the California Health Care Facility in Stockton, California at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 31, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuolumne Chapter #391**.

**GERALD F. ZAGAISKI** – Died recently in 2019 in Gainesville, Florida at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 12, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #1092**.

**JOHN J.W. "Jack" ZALENSKI** - Died Tuesday, November 26, 2013 in Beverly, New Jersey at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 19, 1948 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Jack was the beloved husband of Vivienne M. (née Barton) Zalenski whom he shared 28 years of marriage. Jack was a Captain in the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War and later in peacetime. He was employed as a social worker for Catholic Charities in Trenton. In addition to his wife, Jack is survived by a sister and two brothers. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Lechner Funeral Home, 24 North Main Street, Medford. Relatives and friends visited with the family from 9:30 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please remember Jack through your gift to Randall's Rescue, PO Box 1281, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 or Philabundance, 3616 South Galloway Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148. Condolences can be sent at [www.lechnerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lechnerfuneralhome.com).





**WILLIAM LARRY ZIMMERMAN** – Died Saturday, February 2, 2019 in Ridgeley, West Virginia at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 24, 1945 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Robert L. and Virginia L. (née McCullough) Zimmerman. Larry attended LaSalle High, then graduated from Ridgeley High School in 1964. After serving with the United States Navy, he went to work at CSX Railroad, retiring after 40 years. A mainstay in his life was sports. If he could put on a baseball glove, shoot a hoop, push a puck down a shuffleboard table, or pick up a hunting rifle, he was a happy guy. He belonged to a number of clubs in the area, among them the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, the VFW, the Moose and the John Dawson Hunting Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Surviving are his sister, Donna Rae Webb of New Knoxville, Ohio; his nieces, Tori Ray and Shelby Allen; his nephews, Nathan Webb and John "Larry" Webb; many great-nieces and great-nephews, and; his beloved "Auntie" Mrs. Charlotte McCullough, of Cumberland. Larry had a huge and giving heart. He was loved. A gathering of family and friends to remember Larry and honor his life was held on Friday, July 12, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Upchurch Funeral Home, Greene Street, Cumberland, MD. A graveside committal service was conducted at the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap, Flintstone, MD at 2:30 PM on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Smith Funeral Home and Crematory in Keyser, West Virginia was in charge of the arrangements.

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