

**GLENN WAYNE ALLEN** - Died Sunday, November 24, 2019 in at the Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown, New York at the age 72. He was a resident of Pine Bush, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 9, 1947 in Middletown to the late O. Glenn and Alice Allen. Glenn was a former Dock worker for Yellow Freight and lifelong resident of the area. A Veteran, Glenn served his country from 1966-1972 in the United States Army. Glenn was an active member of many organizations such as: The Orange County Antique Club, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange County (New Hampton) Chapter #140**, Middletown Elks Lodge #1097, Skulls Street Rod Club, Local 707 Retirees Club, Mustang Club of Orange County, Senior Citizens Clubs of Pine Bush, Town of Wallkill and Walker Valley, New Horizons in Montgomery and American Legion Post 1308 G. Paul Bettinger Post, VFW, Bullville Methodist Church, and The Ontario Fire Company in Middletown. Survivors include his daughter, Jennifer Allen York of Nottingham, England; three nephews, Shaun, Donnie, and Toby Doolittle of Middletown; a friend, David Smith, of Pine Bush and many “Allen” cousins. Glenn is further survived by many loving friends and is predeceased by his parents and sister, Carolyn Doolittle. Visitation hours were held on Friday November 29, 2019 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM at the William M. Gagan Funeral Home, Inc., 1525 Burlingham Road, Pine Bush, NY. Funeral services began at 1:30 PM at the funeral home. The burial was in the Bloomingburg Cemetery with full military Honors. To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.wmgaganfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmgaganfuneralhome.com). The arrangements were entrusted to the William M. Gagan Funeral Home, Inc.



**MATTHEW “Boss Man” ALLEN** - Died Thursday, August 1, 2019 in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 75. The cause of death was aspiration and pneumonia. He was born in Savannah on August 30, 1942. Mr. Allen leaves to cherish his memories, a loving and devoted wife, Lorretta W. Allen; son, Rolando Allen (Sophia); daughter, Shamone Allen-Stephenson (Arlando); sister, Margaret Jones, and; his grandchildren, Brianna Allen, Adriana Allen, Iman Stephenson. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. A public viewing was from 12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at the Sylvania Funeral Home of Savannah, Inc. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on August 9, 2019 at the First Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 4370 ACL Boulevard, Savannah, GA. Mr. Allen laid-in-state at the church on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 9:30 AM until the hour of service. The interment was in the Oakgrove Cemetery.



**JOHN THOMAS "Tom" AMMONS** - Died Wednesday, October 30, 2019 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 74, following a 5 ½-month illness involving a broken hip, impaired kidney function, end stage COPD/Emphysema, and an inoperable coronary artery blockage. He was born in Knoxville on November 30, 1944 to the late Fred and Beatrice Ammons. Tom graduated from Rule High School then served in the United States Army. He was first sent to Korea, then his unit, a division of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, was quickly shipped to Vietnam becoming the first fully committed division in country. The "First Team" flew their helicopters into numerous battles there. Upon returning from Vietnam, Tom attended the University of Tennessee while working as an orderly at Baptist Hospital. Afterwards, he served on the police force in Knoxville and later for the police force on Treasure Island, Florida. While living in Florida, in addition to his law enforcement duties, he owned and operated a large deep-sea charter fishing vessel and supplied the daily catch to several area restaurants. Tom also became a Certified Master Diver and taught numerous students to dive. For years, he arranged and spearheaded group excursions to premier diving sites throughout the U.S. and Bahamas. His parents' declining health prompted him to return to Tennessee where he worked for Martin-Marietta (Y-12 Oak Ridge). He retired in 1999 from the gun range there as a Federal Firearms Instructor. In September 2002, a drunk driver struck Tom from behind totaling his Harley-Davidson Motorcycle and leaving him severely injured with traumatic brain injury after which he was sadly never the same. After eleven surgeries and over a year of intense physical therapy he made a miraculous recovery. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Frederick Ammons. He is survived by his only daughter and son-in-law, Tamara and Bill Longworth and four grandchildren, Megan, Drew, Kensington and Regan. He was cremated and there was no service for him. His daughter requested that donations be made in his name to the Young Williams Animal Center in Knoxville.



**ARTEMIO ANUEBER** - Died Thursday, September 26, 2019 at CarolinaEast Medical Center at the age of 79, with his family by his side. He was a resident of New Bern, North Carolina. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born on October 19, 1939 in Waipahu, Hawaii. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Aneuber; five children, Mark (wife Amy), Artemio (wife Gina), Ikaika, Roseanna, and Bryan (wife Jessica); thirteen grandchildren, Jessica (husband Lynwood), Bryson, Jared, Jennifer, Gabrielle, Aaron, Maximus, Chloe, Jaydin, Aurora, Lorelei, Kenzi, and Sabrina; and five great-grandchildren, LeiLani, Jacob, Jonathan, Amirah, and Devyn. Artemio was a retired soldier having served in the United States Army for 21 years and 9 months from 1968 to 1980 and was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886**. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cotten Funeral Home. The memorial service was at 2:00 PM

on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Cornerstone Church. He was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. The arrangements were made by the Cotten Funeral Home and Crematory.

**RICHARD JOHN BARBAY** - Died Wednesday, January 03, 2018 at Saint Francis Hospital in Columbus, Georgia at the age of 71. He was a resident of Columbus. The cause of death was myasthenia gravis crisis. He was born on May 8, 1946 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Edward Dudley Barbay and Mary (née Englert) Barbay. He graduated from Pacelli in 1964 and soon after joined the United States Army. Mr. Barbay proudly served during the Vietnam War from 1966-1969 and later became Provost Marshall with AMVETS (American Veterans) Post #9, was a lifelong member of the Victory Drive VFW and a member of the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville (Tennessee) Chapter #240**. He retired from Avaya and was a past member of Telephone Pioneers of America. Mr. Barbay was also a member of the Knights of Columbus having reached the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Other than his parents, Mr. Barbay is preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberli Michele Barbay; grandson, Timothy Chandler Barbay and a brother, Arthur Barbay. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Katherine Barbay; brother, Stephen Barbay and wife Catherine of Augusta, GA; sister, Bernice Brewer of Fortson, GA; numerous nieces and nephews and other extended family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to SafeHouse Ministries, 2101 Hamilton Road, Columbus, GA 31904 or [www.safehouse-ministries.com](http://www.safehouse-ministries.com). A funeral service was held at the Vance Brooks Funeral Home, 4048 Macon Road, Columbus, GA on Saturday, January 6, 2018 beginning at 1:00 PM. The interment was in the Parkhill Cemetery. The family received friends on Friday, January 05, 2018 at the funeral home from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Those so desiring to extend condolences may visit [www.vancebrooksfuneralhome.net](http://www.vancebrooksfuneralhome.net).



**DAVID CHARLES "Dave" BASSETT**- Died Monday, November 8, 2018 at the VA Medical Center in West Haven, Connecticut at the age of 67, with his beloved wife, Janice and stepdaughter, Jessica by his side. He was a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut. The cause of death was pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome. He was born in Derby, Connecticut on June 14, 1951 to the late David and Eleanor (née Bahner) Bassett. However, he was raised in Shelton, Connecticut before residing in Bridgeport for the last 38 years. Dave served in the United States Marine Corps with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Air Wing Division. He was proud to have been a Vietnam Veteran having received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Rifle Marksmanship Badge, United States Armed Forces Wartime Veteran Medal, the State of Connecticut Service Medal, and the Order of the Silver Rose Medal. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milford Chapter #251**, and a past member of the Friends of the Bridgeport Animal Shelter. He was a truck mechanic for Mack Truck and most recently worked for Enviro Express for many years before his retirement. He is survived by his

beloved wife of 36 years Janice "Jan" Bassett and his loving stepdaughter, Jessica Kozlowski, both of Bridgeport and his dogs, Sophia and Bailey. He was predeceased by his sister, Ellie Bassett-Slack. The funeral services were held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 12:00 Noon in the Abriola Parkview Funeral Home, 419 White Plains Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. The interment with full military honors were accorded in Oaklawn Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut. Friends greeted the family on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), 35 Cold Spring Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For online condolences, please visit us at [www.abriola.com](http://www.abriola.com).

**BOBBY G. "Bob" BATES** - Died passed away Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at home in Plant City, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 8, 1948. He was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Army from 1968-1970. Bob graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma and was a real estate appraiser, retiring from the Brevard County Property Appraiser's office in 2011. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter-in-law, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law, and many cousins and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his family, stock car racing, classic cars, turkey hunting, good music, and Oklahoma Sooners football. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. A private funeral Mass was held, and he was buried at a later date at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Donations in his name are appreciated to LifePath Hospice, 3725 Upper Creek Drive, Ruskin, Florida 33573.

**DAVID EDWARD BECK** – Died Sunday, October 13, 2019 in Lawtons, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death was cardiac ischemia, congestive heart failure and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on September 29, 1942 in Buffalo, New York. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He is survived by his wife, Sandra (née Woelfle); his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Richard Slisz; his grandchildren; his great-grandchildren; his brother and late sister-in-law, James and Mary Beck; his sister and late brother-in-law, Judith and Michael Gerrie, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Stanley Tomczak.



**ROBERT HENRY "Biff" "Bob" BELLIN** - Died Friday, July 19, 2019 in Allouez, Michigan at the age of 72 after suffering from multiple illness from "Agent Orange". He was a resident of Green Bay, Wisconsin. The cause of death was hypoxic encephalopathy, cardiopulmonary arrest and chronic systolic congestive heart failure. He was born in the Town of Ahnapee (Algoma), Kewaunee County, Wisconsin on July 5, 1947 to the late Ervin and Genevieve (née Jandrin) Bellin. Bob graduated from the Algoma High School and entered the Vietnam war with the United States Army where he was stationed in Pleiku from 1968-1969.

After his discharge he worked for Proctor and Gamble as a millworker for 33 years. He retired in 2002. Bob married Patty Dix-Bouche in Green Bay on December 17, 2005. They enjoyed wintering in Florida. He loved spending time with family, their dog "precious" and playing cards. He was a member of the Hermans Club, Pazaza Club, St. Matthews Catholic Church and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224** in Green Bay. He was a friend to so many people. Bob is survived by his wife Patty, two sons Bill (Chris) Bellin, Greenleaf; Jeff (Janelle) Bellin, Oshkosh; two step daughters Jovana (Jayson) Iwen, Duluth, MN; Cozette (Sean) Devlin, Sun Prairie; one step son Aaron Bouche, Newport News, VA; six grandchildren Zachary and Max Bellin, Kyra and Malachai Devlin and Marlow and Zenon Iwen; his siblings Giles (Cleo) Bellin, Waupaca; Gary (Karen) Bellin, Sturgeon Bay; Ernie (Sherry) Bellin, Oshkosh; Bernie (Trudi) Bellin, Franklin; Ron (Marsha) Bellin Luxemburg; Randy (Deena) Bellin Green Bay; one brother-in-law Roger Puyleart, Green Bay; two sisters-in-law Pat (Pricilla) Bellin, DePere; and Sandra Cheatham, Edwardsville, IL; nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant granddaughter Paige Bellin, brother Glen (infant), his older brother Glenn and one sister-in-law Beth Bellin. Family and friends gathered at the Schinderle Funeral Home, Algoma on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM and after 10:00 AM on Wednesday at Saint Mary Catholic Church, Algoma, until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM with Reverend Father Alvan Amadi officiating. The burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery with Military rites at the graveside. Express your sympathy, memories and pictures on Robert's tribute wall at [www.schinderle.com](http://www.schinderle.com).

**RUTH A. BODIN** – Died Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 18, 1944. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lafayette Chapter #141**.



**FREDERICK LAWRENCE "Fred" BOETTCHER** - Died peacefully Sunday, June 9, 2019, at his home in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 80, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was Mesothelioma. Fred was born on March 16, 1939 in Phoenix, Arizona to the late Fred C. And Shirley (née Blubaugh) Boettcher. At the age of 1, Fred's family moved to Ponca City as his father began a 40-year career with Conoco Refinery, his mother became a teacher and the family bought a farm. While raised in town, Fred loved helping his father care for the family farm located southwest of Ponca City. This love continued for decades as Fred was equally at home on a combine or wheat drill as he was in the courtroom. He graduated Ponca City High School in 1957. Following the awarding of a Bachelor of Science degree from the Saint Louis University, the Air Force ROTC Top Cadet-award winner was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and entered the United States Air Force stationed at Duluth (MN) AFB. He served as a Special Agent, USAF Office of Special Investigation. He was honorably discharged three years later and continued his military career as Captain, USAF Reserve. In 1967, Fred partnered with law school classmate David R. Garrison, of Cushing, to establish the Ponca City law firm of

Boettcher and Garrison choosing a downtown location of the Community Building for their offices. On August 31, 1968, Fred and the former Suzanne Webb Fulton were married in Rochester, N.Y. The couple made their home in Ponca City and, within months, Fred's careers as attorney at law and public servant entered a whirlwind stage which, for decades, didn't slow down. In November 1968, the Air Force Reservist accepted an appointment as 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Liaison Officer for the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. From 1969-1974, he served three terms as District 37 Representative in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. While in the Oklahoma House he served as Vice Chairman of Banks and Banking Committee and was a member of Roads and Highways Committee; Elections and Privileges Committee and Oil and Gas Committee. In 1969, Fred was appointed assistant district attorney by D.A. Ralph Haynes. That same year, Gov. George Nigh appointed Fred to an eight-year term on the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. His term included serving as Chairman of the OTA. In 1974, the 34-year-old declared his candidacy for State Treasurer against incumbent Leo Winters. Despite Fred's defeat in the Democratic primary election, Fred and Winters became good friends. With the law practice doors now thrown wide open, the former state representative formed the partnership of Boettcher and Brune, Ponca City, and Boettcher and Ryan, Oklahoma City. By choice, Fred limited his law practice to Plaintiff Personal Injury and Claimant Workers Compensation Litigation. He went on to establish a third law office in Tulsa, creating a combined staff of 22 attorneys and 50 support personnel in the three cities. At the time of his death Fred was a partner in Boettcher, Devinney, Ingle and Wicker law firm. In 1982, Fred began revamping the former Montgomery Ward Auto Service building on North Fifth Street for the law offices of Boettcher, Leonard and Brune. This proved to be a milestone for Fred and Sue as they embarked on what became a personal involvement in the purchase and refurbishment of 21 Ponca City downtown buildings and the personal investment of more than \$3 million. The many contributions Fred quietly made included the purchase, refurbishment and donation of a building to become the permanent home of the United Way of Ponca City. He also purchased an apartment complex and deeded it to Peachtree Landing to provide housing for our community's homeless. Many service organizations working to improve area lives were supported by Fred's financial and intellectual resources. These include Friendship Feast, The Mission, Child Development Center, Survivor's Resource Network (formerly Domestic Violence Program of North Central Oklahoma), Northern Oklahoma Youth Shelter and the Poncan Theatre. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Volunteers conducting capital campaigns for area organizations often were given leading gifts from Fred and Sue to kick off those fundraisers. Among them, Ponca City Library Extension, Pioneer Woman Museum, Last Run Memorial and Ponca City RecPlex. Among his many commitments, Fred also enjoyed serving as Director for the Oklahoma Catholic Foundation; Ponca City Chamber of Commerce, Opportunity Center and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Throughout it all, Fred continued to share his "Downtown Ponca City" devotion through the Ponca City Main Street program. And they loved him back. In 2004, he received Ponca City Main Street's "Hero Award" as well as North Central Board of Realtors "Eagle Award." In 2005, the state's Oklahoma Main Street program bestowed its "Hero Award" after selecting Fred from nominees submitted by 40 Main Street communities in Oklahoma. On the national front, The Daughters of the American Revolution bestowed upon Fred its national Community Service Award. Tapping into Fred's leadership prowess, Governor Brad Henry appointed Fred to the A &



M Board of Regents, entrusting him to oversee the work of seven colleges and universities including Oklahoma State University. (The irony of this appointment proved quite enjoyable to those aware of Fred's "crimson and cream" fanaticism.) Yet, one of Fred's proudest moments came during a Ponca City Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. Patricia "Patti" Evans, the 2004 Outstanding Citizen, announced Fred as the next honoree. Fred was selected by the collective vote of previous Outstanding Citizens of the Year as the 2005 Ponca City Area Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen. In September, he will be posthumously inducted into the Ponca City High School Hall of Fame. Fred's self-deprecating sense of humor and his remarkable ability to remember jokes (and tell them well) are among the rare qualities which turned the sharp-eyed attorney into a really fun-to-be-around friend. Fred was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Reneé Taylor and grandson Adam Taylor. He is survived by Suzanne, his wife of 51 years; and daughters, Robyn Ryan and husband Ron; Meredith Young and husband Perry; and Courtney Smith and husband Edgar. He also is survived by grandchildren, Ashlie Hazen and husband Travis; Jack Hacking, Simon Young, Sophia Young, Lauren (Mason) Harbert, Mackenzie Smith, Carter Smith, and Robyn Morris and husband Tim. Additional survivors include his great-grandchildren: Noah and Hunter Freeman, Adam Hazen and Madison and Morgan Morris. Fred also is survived by brothers, Tom Boettcher and wife Pam along with their children Lily and Evelyn; and Mike Boettcher and wife Katherine. He also is survived by nephews Carlos Frederick Boettcher, John Thomas Knapp and niece Isabella Boettcher along with numerous cousins. The family shared this wish spoken recently by Fred: Though Fred would appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending flowers, he would rather you consider a donation to Ponca City Humane Society, The Mission or a charity of your choice. A Requiem Mass was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 14, 2019 at Saint Mary Catholic Church, Ponca City. A Celebration of Life was held at 2:00 PM the same day at Ponca City Schools Concert Hall, Fifth and Overbrook. Funeral services were under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home and Crematory.

**THOMAS MICHAEL "Tom" BOND** – Died Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the Delta County Memorial Hospital in Delta, Colorado at the age of 69. He was a resident of Delta, Colorado. The cause of death is unknown. Thomas was born on June 16, 1950 in Enid, Oklahoma to the late Georgeanne Marie (née Codner) and Harold Jack Bond. He spent most of his childhood there before moving to Omaha, Nebraska where he graduated from Omaha North High School. Thomas joined the United States Army shortly after high school and was a proud veteran and patriot. He went on to become the Director for the Disabled American Veterans Club in Chapter 18. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fremont (Nebraska) Chapter #397**. His biggest joys in life were riding his motorcycle, and animals, specifically his dogs. He also enjoyed watching baseball. Thomas leave behind his loving spouse, Denise Walz; a daughter, Stephanie Bond (Lucas Goree) of Conifer, CO; a son Jeremy Bond; and his sister Pam (Bill) Roker of Nebraska City, NE; as well as, a granddaughter, Layla Smith. Thomas is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Rebecca Veldhuis. There were no services for Thomas. The arrangements were under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory.

**RONALD W. BOOTH** – Died Thursday July 18, 2019 in the Lawton Veterans Home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Duncan, Oklahoma

on January 26, 1946. He served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1970. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*.



**TIMOTHY BOZEMAN, SR.** - Died Wednesday, November 28, 2018 in Winter Haven, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Montgomery, Alabama on December 1, 1949 to the late Riley H. Bozeman, Sr. and Amy Bozeman. He was a Vietnam Veteran who proudly served his country. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Warner Robins (Georgia) Chapter #902*. Upon retiring from the Department of Defense he pursued his dream of working for Walt Disney World. He made that dream come true and enjoyed working there for the past four years. He was a very loving person who will be greatly missed. Timothy was preceded in death by his parents and one brother; Riley H. Bozeman, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Brenda Bozeman; his two sons, Timothy Bozeman, Jr., of Winter Haven, FL and Jonathan (Dean Sidaway) Bozeman of New York, NY; two sisters, Catherine Farrar, of Decatur, GA and Mary (John) Cowles, of Auburn, GA; one brother, Michael (Jenny) Bozeman, of Auburn, GA; one granddaughter, Emily Bozeman, of Windermere, FL, and; a host of other relatives and friends. Family and friends were received for a visitation on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Horis A. Ward Funeral Home located at 376 Fairview Road in Stockbridge, GA. A funeral service was at 12:00 Noon in the Fairview Chapel. The interment was in the Fairview Memorial Gardens.



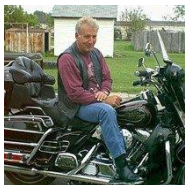
**GEORGE HENRY BREEDING** – Died Friday, April 27, 2018 in Spokane, Washington at the age of 76. The cause of death was cardiac arrest, hyperkalemia, acute renal failure on chronic kidney disease and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on June 20, 1941 in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho to the late Clarence Harold “C.H.” and Dorthea (née Largent) Breeding. After graduating from high school, George joined the United States Navy and remained there until his retirement. He never served in the Vietnam but during that war he was the only storekeeper in Antarctica. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Chapter #879*. George is survived by his wife, Elaine (née Zeiger) Breeding; his son, Patrick and his wife Linn and their five children, and; his stepdaughter, Anastasia and her two children. Remembrances may be made in George’s name to any U.S. Veteran charity. The inurnment was held at 11:15 AM on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery.





**ROBERT EUGENE "Bob" BREWINGTON** - Died Thursday, April 18, 2019 in Smithfield, North Carolina at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born in Hannibal, Missouri on July 22, 1937 to the late Carl and Helen Brewington. He attended Saint Boniface Elementary School and Notre Dame High School in Quincy, Illinois. He served in the United States Marine Corps for over 23 years. He served three tours in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Valor. He retired in 1978 as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. After serving in the Marine Corps, he earned his Master of Arts Degree from East Carolina University in Clinical Psychology and opened a private psychological practice in Smithfield, NC and retired after 16 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunn Chapter #990**. Bob Brewington was married to Joyce Brewington for 64 years. Bob is survived by his wife and their 7 children and spouses: Robin Brewington (Eric), Terry Brewington (Shandela), Randy Brewington (Pamela), Debbie Sudekum (Mark), Robert Brewington (Lisa), Kathleen McLamb (Brian), Khristine Brewington. He has 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He enjoyed "piddling" at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, playing racquetball, and spending time with his family. Bob's happiest moments were spending time at the Lake of the Ozarks taking an early morning boat ride and "tubing" with his children and grandchildren. His challenge each time was to see who could stay on the longest without losing their grip. Bob is preceded in death by his father, Carl Brewington, who was killed in action in the Korean War; mother, Helen Brewington; sister, Cecila Roach; and stepfather, Henry Cleveland. The funeral service was held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel, Greenville, NC. Entombment with full military honors was in the Mausoleum at Pinewood Memorial Park. The family received friends following the service in the mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Carolina Museum of the Marine which is dedicated to celebrating the rich and remarkable history of the Carolina Marines. Address: 824 Gum Branch Road, Suite P, Jacksonville, NC 28540; [info@museumofthemarine.org](mailto:info@museumofthemarine.org).

**MICHAEL W. BROWN** – Died Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 9, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



**ROGER DALE BROWN** - Died Wednesday morning, October 9, 2019 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 73. He was a resident of Uniondale, Indiana. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 3, 1946 in Adams County, Indiana to the late Roger B. and Glenola May (née Beers) Brown. Dale attended Bluffton High School and served our county in the United States Army during Vietnam and was honorably discharged

with the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He also served in the Army Reserve and Army National Guard, stationed in Bluffton for over 15 years. Dale retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne and worked as a security guard for GARDA and in the maintenance department of Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was a 50+ year member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**. On June 10, 1994, Dale and Carolyn S. (née Fulton) were married and she preceded him in death on November 10, 2018. Dale is survived by his children; Dale Wayne (Jan) Brown, Tony (Michelle) Schaffer and Kim Schaffer, all of Decatur, along with stepchildren; Sheryl (Troy) Zook, Rod Wells and Doug Wells of Bluffton and Jeffrey A. Wells of Montpelier. He was a loving grandpa to six grandchildren; Mallory, Jarred, Anthony, Kirsten, Korbin and Konner and two great-grandchildren; Caiden and Cooper and several stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews. Dale is also survived by his siblings; David G. (Jill) Brown of Greenburg, IN, William J. (Pam) Brown of Brooksville, FL, Stanley T. (Nancy) Brown of Brookville, FL and Robert B. (Judy) Brown of Bluffton. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife and a sister, Sylvia S. (Brown) Keller. A service to honor Dale's military service was held at 2:30 PM on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and can be sent to the funeral home. Dale's arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

**JULIAN R. BURRELL** – Died recently in 2019 in Olathe, Kansas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 13, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939**.



**JOE EDWARD BUSS** – Died Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 3, 1947. He was a proud United States Marine and a Vietnam War Veteran. Joe was the beloved husband of Linda R. Buss (née Akers); dear brother of Gertrude Affayroux (Jerry), James Buss (Karen) and the late Joan Podles, David Buss and Robert Buss; also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Family and friends gathered at the Schimunek Funeral Home, Inc., 9705 Belair Road Nottingham, MD on Tuesday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM where a Memorial Service was held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM. The inurnment was private. Those desiring may direct expressions of sympathy to Vietnam Veterans of America ([vva.org](http://vva.org)), WoundedWarriorProject.org or Saint Jude Children Research Hospital ([StJude.org](http://StJude.org)). Online condolences may be left at [www.schimunekfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schimunekfuneralhomes.com).

**HOWARD V. BUTLER** - Died Sunday, December 30, 2012 in Coram, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 7, 1946. Loving cousin of Lynne Bova-

Mertz and her husband Kenneth Mertz. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Casimir Funeral Home, 4839 Nesconset Highway, Port Jefferson Station, NY. The interment was in the Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, NY.



**ALBERT "Al" CARDENAS, JR.** - Died suddenly on Friday, November 1, 2019 at his home in the Canton Township, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1949 in Adrian, Michigan to the late Albert and Celia (née Terrazas) Cardenas, Sr. Al proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He returned home and earned a bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University in Criminal Justice. Al continued to serve the community for 25 years as a Sergeant for the Michigan State Police Department. On December 28, 2009 Al married Shelley Anne Raus in Toledo, Ohio. She survives. He was a life-long member of the VFW, enjoyed owning and restoring old cars and was an avid Detroit Tigers and University of Michigan fan. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310*. Al's greatest joy was most definitely spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. In addition to his beloved wife, Shelley, he is survived by his children, Andrew (Tammy), Jennifer (Derek), Brian (LuAnn), Lorie (Scott), Richard (Lori), Zackary and Andrea; 7 grandchildren, Brian, Tristan, Nicholas, Vanessa, Marcus, Ashton, and Elijah Christopher; 1 great-grandson, Bryson and siblings, Rudy Cardenas, Helen Hernandez, Gloria Rodriguez and Eliesa Cardenas. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother, Jose Cardenas. Visitation for Al was held from 2:00-8:00 PM on Monday, November 4, 2019 at the Anderson-Marry Funeral Home, Adrian with a prayer service during that time at 7:00 PM. The funeral liturgy was offered on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Holy Family Parish, St. Mary's Campus in Adrian with Reverend Father Jeff Poll presiding. Military rites were conducted at the conclusion of Mass by the American Legion Post #97 and VFW Post #1584 Annis-Fint. Visitation hours were also held on Tuesday from 9:30-10:15 AM at the church. Condolences may be given to Al's family at [www.andersonfuneralservices.com](http://www.andersonfuneralservices.com). Memorial contributions may be given to the Lenawee County Humane Society or to Stephen Siller, Tunnels-to-Towers Foundation. Envelopes are available at the Anderson-Marry Funeral Home, Adrian, MI.



**FRANK GARY CLARK** – Died Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in Merritt Island, Florida at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ruby, South Carolina on October 19, 1935 to the late Ed Vasco Clark and Eva Rachel (née Edgeworth) Clark. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his faithful wife, Lula Ann (née Wilborn)

Clark, his older sister, Betty McIntire and his younger brother “Bubba” Clark. He is survived by three adoring daughters, Eva Adcock, Pam Mortland and Tammy Welch; a loyal son, Frank Clark, Jr.; dedicated sister, Maryanne Womack; and five devoted grandchildren, Valerie Adcock, Annalyn Mears, Cody Tinney, Laura Danysh and Brooke Sauer. Dayday also leaves behind four great-grandchildren and many wonderful nieces and nephews. Frank served in the United States Navy for twenty years, receiving numerous medals, citations and certifications without a single blemish on his spotless record! While attending Florida Southern college with Eva, then Pam and finally Tammy, he volunteered at the VA clinic in Orlando and worked full-time at K-Mart in Kissimmee. He also received thirteen State and six national awards during his tenure as Veterans Representative for the State of Florida. His natural leadership skills became obvious as a young lad when he was elected President of the Boys Club. They would continue throughout his life as he served as Osceola County Manager, Executive Director of the Osceola Opportunity Center, substitute Teacher for Osceola County schools, and later as the MAYOR of Good Samaritan Village! Our Dayday was very proud of his award for Outstanding Veteran of Osceola County, (TWICE!), being Co-founder, past Chairman and Board member of the Veterans Tribute Museum and active member of MOAA, NAUS, the DAV, VFW, American Legion, Elks, Moose, Eagles and a Life Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee Chapter #755**. However, he always said his greatest accomplishment was his “three girls” and their families! He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting or spending time with this remarkable, precious man!

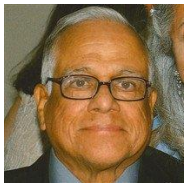


**GERALD EARNEST “Bud” CLARK** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Thursday, November 28, 2019 in Berea, Kentucky at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 10, 1941 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Arthur Byrl Clark and Adaline Elida (née Gray) Clark. He retired from the United States Army. During his time in the military, Gerald was a gunship pilot and received several medals including the Distinguished Flying Cross, National Defense Service Medal, Master Army Aviator Badge and Overseas Service Ribbon as well as many others. After retiring from the United States Army, Mr. Clark worked for and retired from AGC Glass as the Richmond, Kentucky Warehouse Supervisor. He was a *Life Member* and *Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Big Hill (Kentucky) Chapter #1066** and a member of Queen City Masonic Lodge in Clarksville, Tennessee. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Byrl Clark and Adaline Elida Gray Clark; son, William David Clark; and a great-grandchild, Jerika Lynn Clark. Survivors include his wife, Sharon Clark; sister, Linda Clark Heugel and her husband Ray; children, Kathi S. Clark Schneider, Gerald B. Clark, Kenneth S. Clark, Keith E. Clark, James E. Clark and Jeri Lynn Clark Karr; stepchildren, Jason C. Chapman, Jeremy R. Chapman and Amber J. Chapman Rachford; twelve grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren, and; eleven step-grandchildren. Visitation was held at 12:00 Noon and the service was at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Park Lawn Funeral Home, 8251 Hillcrest Road Kansas City, Missouri. The burial in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

**PAUL RAYFORD CLARY, JR.** – Died Saturday, November 30, 2019 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death was a stroke and kidney failure. He was born in Savannah, Georgia on November 5, 1946. He served in the United States Air Force from May 21, 1965 to May 17, 1969 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**. Funeral home services for Paul were provided by the Neptune Society of Nashville in Brentwood, Tennessee.

**THOMAS R. CLAUSEN** – Died Thursday, July 4, 2019 in Ormond Beach, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1951 to the late William Andrew Clausen and Margaret Louise (née Berrien) Clausen. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Smyrna Beach Chapter #1048**. He is survived by his two brothers, William B. Clausen and Jeffery Clausen.

**GEORGE CLAXTON** – Died recently in 2019 in Bloomfield, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 4m 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**.



**HUGO ANTONIO "Juice" CLEMENTE** – Died Wednesday, December 11, 2019 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 2, 1949 in El Paso. It is with great sadness that the family of Hugo Clemente announces his passing on Tuesday morning in his 70th year. He served 4 years in the United States Army Special Forces and retired after 27 years with the El Paso Police Department. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. He was a man of few words but was dedicated to his family of service members, police officers and most of all his family at home. Hugo is survived by his loving wife Emma and his three children, Hugo, Jr. (Joanna), Marcella (Kevin) and Alejandro (Jennifer); six grandchildren, and; two great-grandchildren. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 9:00 PM with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the Sunset Funeral Homes-East, 750 North Carolina. The funeral mass was at 12:45 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Saint Mark Catholic Church, 11700 Pebble Hills. The committal service was at 2:30 PM at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Military Honors.



**CLAUDE LARRY CLEMSON** - Died Sunday, November 19, 2017 in Frederick, Maryland at the age of 74. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born on May 8, 1943 in Frederick to the late Paul H. Clemson, Sr. and Margaret (née Baker) Clemson. He graduated in 1961 from Staunton Military Academy, Virginia. Later he joined the United States Army, serving

his country for 8 years including two tours in Vietnam. He was decorated with the Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**. He loved his work as a farmer and a rural mail carrier. He enjoyed working around the farm, caring for his pets, and spending time with family. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Clemson. He is also survived by his daughter Susan Thomas and her husband Mark of Bedford, PA; daughter Diane Margaret Clemson Schaefer and her husband Stephen, of Cedar Park, TX; stepson Leo Charron and his wife Mary, of Myersville, MD; stepdaughter Catherine Delp and her husband Ty of Carlisle, PA; and stepdaughter Michelle Mele and her husband John of Ellicott City, MD. He has ten grandchildren: Chase Webb, Maura Catherine Thomas, Madison Harper and Joseph Paul Clemson Schaefer, Kyle Charron, Brittany Clemens, Abigail and Tyler Beam, and Stella and John Augustus Mele. He is also survived by his sister Yvonne Thompson and brother James H. Clemson, as well as his sister-in-law Patricia Clemson. He was preceded in death by his beloved brother Paul H. Clemson, Jr. and his brother-in-law Alfred Thompson. The family received friends and family from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at the Stauffer Funeral Homes, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. The interment was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - Western Maryland Chapter, 108 Byte Drive, Suite #103, Frederick, MD 21702.



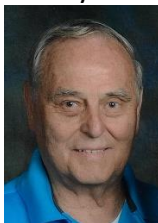
**ROBERT L. COBURN** - Died peacefully on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at his home in Frostburg, Maryland at the age of 72, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 26, 1946 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late George Junior and Helen Elizabeth (née Lashbaugh) Coburn. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Harold, Georgie and Roger Coburn. Bob was a proud Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Surviving are his wife of 54 years, “Dodie” Coburn; sons, Bobby Coburn and wife Lynn, and Joey Coburn and partner Thomas Pan; grandchildren, Will, Meghan and special friend Steven, Elli, Chagall and Lilly; sister, Kathy Lancaster and husband Ralph; sister-in-law, Karen Rexrode; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; his dog, Frida; and special friends, Bob Jones, Francis Scarcelli, Dale Cutter and Ronnie Labor. To know Bob Coburn was to know a kind friend that always had a smile on his face. Trading a perfectly tuned mower for an old clunker or redesigning any old throw away to house a family of robins was a hobby only dad could keep up with. Watching him as he sipped a beer and talked about the weather with his buddies or made small talk at Springs on a Saturday morning always put us in awe. Everyone seemed to know dad and the very sweetest called him a sweetheart. Dad leaves a best friend of fifty-four years his wife who understood all the jokes and stories and rewrote the ending to a story she retells in tears of laughter. Bob leaves a family who will forever celebrate his generous life. A time of remembrance of Bob's life was held at the Frostburg Knights of Columbus, 11 East Main Street, on Thursday, October 24, 2019, from 3:00-5:00 PM.



**PAUL CHARLES COLLINS** – Died recently in 2019 in Eastpointe, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 7, 1946. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



**JACKIE LEE COOPER, SR.** – Died Thursday, November 14, 2019 at his home in Chesterfield, Missouri at the age of 75 years. The cause of death was lung can. He was born on September 12, 1944 in Bernie, Missouri to the late M. L. Cooper and Lula (née Moore) Cooper. Mr. Cooper retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service. He did tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028** and a member of the Fellowship of Wildwood Baptist Church, in Wildwood, Missouri. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Peggy (née Cox) Cooper, of Chessterfield, Missouri; by two sons, Jackie Cooper II and wife Cheryl, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Jeremy Cooper and wife Rayett, of Colorado; by his stepdaughter, Angelia Hearon, of Alabama; by two brothers, Gene Cooper, of Seattle, Washington and Kenneth Cooper, of Dexter, Missouri; by his sister, Joann Bowman and husband Carlyn, of Bernie, Missouri; by his granddaughter, Briget Cooper, of Springfield, Missouri; by three great-nieces, Ashley, Lauren and Rylee; and by many nephews, nieces and friends. Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Marcus Cooper and Jim Cooper; and by his nephew, Steve Cooper. Friends visited the family at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. The funeral service was conducted on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Kenneth Biggs officiating. The interment was in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield with full military honors. Memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, 6026 Arthur Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63139 or The Fellowship of Wildwood Baptist Church, 17770 Mueller Road, Wildwood, MO 63038. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter was in charge of all arrangements.



**CARL C. CRAMER, SR.** - Died Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at the Lima Memorial Health System, Lima, Ohio at the age of 82. He was a resident of Wapakoneta, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. Carl was born on July 26, 1936 in Saint Marys, Ohio to the late Oscar and Helen (née Taylor) Cramer. On July 8, 1958 he married Barbara J. Welch and she passed away on March 23, 2017. Survivors include 3 children; Brenda Rolling, Ft. Wayne, Carl (Jill) Cramer, Jr., Wapakoneta, Michael "Scott" (Virginia) Cramer, Sr., Scottsboro, AL, 9 grandchildren Rachel (Katie) McFarland, Erin (Zack)Hinton, Luke Rolling, Amanda Cramer, Adam (Tricia) Cramer, Michael (Pina) Cramer Jr., Terry Cramer, Clinton Cramer, Samantha Cramer; 10 great-grandchildren, Alida, Dylan, Veronica, Carsen, Zac, Abigail, Trevor, Tatiana, Giovanni and Evie.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jon Rolling; a daughter-in-law, Debbie Cramer and 12 siblings. Carl retired from the United States Army as a Green Beret Special Forces serving two tours during the Vietnam War where he earned a Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wakaponeta Chapter #1126**. He also retired from the Saint Marys Post Office. Carl enjoyed parachuting out of airplanes with his children and grandchildren as he was even scheduled to do a jump this week. He loved bowling and spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the Schlosser Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Wapakoneta with Reverend Dan Holbrook officiating. The burial was in the Greenlawn Cemetery with military rites being performed by VFW Post #8445. Friends may call from 11:00 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wapakoneta Community Worship Center. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.schlosserfuneralhome.com](http://www.schlosserfuneralhome.com).



**REVEREND ORSON J. "Tom" CROFT, JR.** – Died Friday, December 13, 2019 in Keystone Heights, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death was leukemia. Tom was born on August 19, 1946 in Jacksonville, Florida to the late Orson J. Croft, Sr. and Gem (née Parks) Croft. Tom served in the United States Army with the rank of Sergeant during the Vietnam War. He pastored MorningStar Family Church in Middleburg, FL for the past 26 years after retiring from BellSouth Corporation. Almost every child that has grown up at MorningStar called Tom their "Papaw." He taught most of them to play guitar, keyboard, or drums and even how to drive a car. He was a Chaplain with the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the Chaplain and Committeeman on the Clay County Republican Executive Committee for over 25 years. He was President Emeritus of North Florida Theological Seminary where he was instrumental in helping equip saints from all denominational backgrounds for the ministry. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. He was a wonderful son, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather known by his love for Jesus, his family and his love for others. He was preceded in death by his father, Orson J. Croft, Sr.; his mother, Gem Parks Croft; and his son, Thomas Grant Croft. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Sylvia Croft; daughters, Angela Polder (Trevor), Mary Rizzo (Alan), and Venus Valliere (Matthew); 27 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, and Alix and Oslene Compere and their six children, his spiritual son, daughter, and grandchildren in the Lord. A funeral was held on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 11:00 AM following a 10:30 AM visitation, both at Russell Baptist Church, 2299 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The services were entrusted to the Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL.

**RICHARD LEWIS CUNNINGHAM** - Died Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at his home in Elizabethtown, Kentucky at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Vermont, West Virginia on February 3, 1942 to the late Byron and Bettie (née Harper) Cunningham. He retired from the United States Army. After the Army he began working at

Ride-Wright Tire Company where he became a dedicated employee and retired again. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannington (West Virginia) Chapter #1055**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Byron and Bettie Marie Harper Cunningham, his wife, Linda Cunningham, his brother, Dan Cunningham and his sister, Phyllis Jean Johnson. He is survived by his two sons, Chad Cunningham of Elizabethtown, Brandon Cunningham of Elizabethtown, Brother, Jack Cunningham of West Virginia, Sister, Sue Barker of West Virginia, and four grandchildren. Visitation hours were on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the Manakee Funeral Home in Elizabethtown from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM. A memorial service followed in his honor, with Reverend Jerry Bell officiating. Condolences may be expressed on-line at [www.manakeefuneralhome.com](http://www.manakeefuneralhome.com).



**BRUCE DAVIS** - Died Sunday, December 8, 2019 peacefully at his Layton, Utah home at the age of 65, surrounded by his loving family, following a short illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ogden, Utah on March 31, 1954 with his identical twin, Brian to the late Lewis and LaVerne Davis. Bruce married Valerie Davis in the Ogden temple on March 25, 1977. They shared 42 wonderful years together. Bruce graduated from Roy High School in 1972 and joined the United States Navy, proudly serving as a Navy Corpsman attached to the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #1079**. After his honorable naval service, Bruce used the GI bill to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Weber State College. He continued his education, earning a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Utah State University and a PhD from the University of Utah. Bruce served on the faculty at Weber State University for nearly 30 years, at the time of his passing he was serving as the Vice Provost and Dean of Continuing Education. He loved his students, the teaching profession, and serving at Weber State University. Bruce is survived by his loving wife, Valerie of Layton, five sons, Jeffrey (Anika) Davis of Layton, Jeremy (Lauren) Davis of Gearhart, Oregon, Zachary Davis of Clearfield, Terry (Lindi) Davis of Redlands, California, Kelland (Ashley) Davis of Clearfield and two daughters, Brooklee (Arron) Wilhelmsen of Twentynine Palms, California and Shanna Davis of Layton. Bruce had 15 grandchildren he adored: Caden, Broden, Shaylee, Connor, Natellie, Parker, Declan, Chloe, Ellanora, Grant, Avily, Claire, Andrew, Lucille and Archer. He is also survived by his sister, Cheryl Nicole Bennett of Eugene, Oregon, brother, Alan (Eileen) Davis of Layton and brother, Michael (Kathy) Davis of Roy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and LaVerne Davis of Ogden and his brother, Lewis Brent (Elaine) Davis of Winston, Georgia and his beloved twin brother, Brian (Debbie) Davis of Ogden. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 North Fairfield Road. Friends visited family on Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 PM at the mortuary. The interment was in the Lindquist's Memorial Park at Layton, 1867 North Fairfield Road. A scholarship has been established at Weber State University to honor Bruce's legacy of learning and service. Donations can be made at: [advancement.weber.edu/brucedavis](http://advancement.weber.edu/brucedavis).



**JOE S. DAVIS** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Saturday, November 16, 2019 at his cabin on Parksville Lake, Tennessee at the age of 71. He was a resident of Cleveland, Tennessee. The cause of death was heart failure. Joe was born on October 26, 1948 in Ocoee, Tennessee to the late W.I. "Buster" and Dorothy Davis. He was raised on the family farm in Conasauga, Tennessee where he developed a passion and understanding of agriculture. Joe graduated from Polk Co. High School in 1966 and received a degree in Animal Husbandry from the University of Tennessee in 1970. Joe served as Captain in the United States Army, where he was a helicopter pilot. He was later promoted to Major while serving in the National Guard. He worked and retired from M & M Mars, served as member of the State and Bradley County 911 board and served as the Bradley County Veterans Affairs Officer. In 2013, Joe was named the recipient of the Raymond H. Miller Patriotic Award. He was an American Legion Officer and served on the State of Tennessee Veterans Home Board, a position appointed by the Governor. Joe was instrumental in bringing the Veterans Home to Cleveland and received the DAV Veteran of the year award in 2019. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John Davis. He is survived by his loving devoted wife, Judy Davis of Cleveland; children, Tanna Jo Nicodemus (Pete) of Cleveland, Brad Davis (Candi) of Ellijay, GA; stepchildren, Jennifer Raye (Jeff) of Weaverville, NC and Jerome Burger (Lisa) of Huntsville, AL; eight grandchildren; Nick Nicodemus, Zane Davis, Jack Davis, Brady Raye, Sydney Burger, Caden Burger, Logan Raye and Felicia Shagiziganov; sister, Ann Davis Harris (Ken) Port St. Joe, FL and brother, Doug Davis (Joann), Mt. Juliet and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 21, 2019 in the chapel of the Fike-Randolph and Son Funeral Home with Pastors Jennifer Newell and Phil Summerall co-officiating. The interment was in the Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors. The family received friends from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the funeral home. The family asks that memorials be made to the SETVHC, 2345 Timber Trace Circle NW; Cleveland, TN, 37311.



**DANIEL J. "Danny" DELANEY** - Died unexpectedly Friday, October 25, 2018 at the VA Boston Medical Center (Wet Roxbury campus) in West Roxbury, Massachusetts at the age of 72, of cardiac arrest. He resided in Leominster, Massachusetts along with his beloved wife of 37 years Jeanne (née Corson) Delaney. He was born in Stoneham, Massachusetts on June 2, 1947 one of four children of the late Mary (née Blanchard) and Jeremiah "Jerry" Delaney and raised in Tewksbury. He graduated from the Medford High Trade School's electrician program. Danny enlisted into the United States Navy, served during the Vietnam War, and was honorably discharged as a Electricians Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. After his discharge, he joined the I.B.E.W Local 103 and was a member for 51 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –**

**Leominster Chapter #116.** He was a Friend of Bill and celebrated 41 years of success this year. He was the loving father to six children, Lori Delaney - Hull and her husband Daryl Hull of Lowell, Herbert Delaney and his wife Rachel (Hurrell) of Concord, NH, Lori Osborne and her significant other Micheal Owens of Salisbury, MA, Danielle Collorone and her husband Richard Collorone of Townsend, MA, SFC Dana Osborne, US Army, and his wife Julia (Campbell) of Harrisville, NH, and Joseph Delaney and his wife Tat'yana (Bocharnikova) of Sunderland, MA. Danny's 'Greatest Joy in Life' was being "Papa" and he lived for enjoying all 22 of his grandchildren, and will be deeply missed by Marinda, Charlie, Ashlynn, Micheal, Liam, Kevin, Cameron, Ian , Sydney, Maddie, Kayla and her husband Steven, Randy and his longtime girlfriend Daniella, Jake, Hunter, Harrison, Brett, Madison, Declan, Jasmine, Sierra, Zoey and Donovan. He is also survived by his brothers Jay Delaney and his wife Corrine (Cefelo) of Tewksbury, Tommy Delaney of Methuen; his sister Denise Sullivan of Tewksbury; his sisters-in-law Sharon(Corson) and her husband Joe Thomas of Reading, Marylou (Corson) and her husband Frank Gianni of Tewksbury; and very dear and close family friends, Joyce Whalen, Tommy Fury, Rick Willouby, and Jack Walsh; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Danny was predeceased by his wife Linda (Strasser)Delaney who died in 1981; his sisters-in-law Christine Delaney, Patsy Carroll, Ellen Corson; and his brothers-in-law Billy Sullivan, Butch Corson and Dennis Corson. Visiting hours were on Wednesday, October30, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of 1 Dewey and 975 Main Streets (Route 38) Tewksbury Center. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday at 11:30 AM in Saint William Church, 1351 Main Street (Route 38) Tewksbury, followed by a Celebration of Life. The burial in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery was private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Fisher House Foundation, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite #410, Rockville, MD 20852 or [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org) will be appreciated. visit [tewksburyfuneralhome.com](http://tewksburyfuneralhome.com).



**WALTER LEO DOMINGUE** – Died Friday, December 13, 2019 in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 21, 1947 in Grand Chenier, Louisiana to the late Enis and Azelia (née Duhon) Domingue. He worked as a Supervisor in the Oil industry. He served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**. Mr. Domingue was known for his gentleness, kindness and generosity which he shared with family, friends and neighbors. He was very faithful to Saint Jude Children's Research as a Partner in Hope for more than 30 years. He was an avid fan of the Jennings Bulldogs, LSU Tigers and the New Orleans Saints. He loved cooking and entertaining with his family and friends. Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Uvonne (née Bruchhaus) Domingue; two daughters, Dawn Domingue (Scotty) Jardell and Harley Domingue, all of Jennings; two sons, Shannon Domingue of Baton Rouge and Cade Domingue of Jennings; three sisters, Mary Thibodeaux of Holmwood, Dorothy (Irvin) Landry and Joyce (Carrol) Landry both of Lake Charles; one brother, Wilfred (Ann) Domingue of Illinois; sister-in-law, Connie Domingue of Welsh; and grandchildren, Nicholas Domingue, Ethan Jardell, Ardyn Jardell and John Wade



Myers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Enis and Azelia Duhon Domingue, and a brother, John Domingue. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the Jennings United Methodist Church with Reverend Walter Parker officiating. The burial with military honors was in the China Cemetery under the direction of Miguez Funeral Home. Visitation hours for Mr. Domingue began at 2:30 PM on Sunday, December 15, 2019, and continue until closing at 8:00 PM. It resumed at 8:00 AM on Monday morning at the church and continued until service time.



**NEAL OMAR DOUBLE** - Died Thursday, October 10, 2019 at his residence in Pineville, Louisiana at the age of 64, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 29, 1954 to the late Ernest and Ruby Double. Neal was a loving father, grandfather brother and friend. He served his country in the United States Navy and the United States Army. Neal was a Vietnam Veteran, a life member of the VFW Post #1736, AMVETS Post #7, a member of the POB motorcycle club. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131**. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him. He is survived by his daughter, Jessica Double; his stepdaughter, Jennifer Hanson; his stepson, Christopher Ellzey; one brother, Willie Double and wife, Julie; two grandchildren, Bianca Hanson and Blake Hanson, and; many friends including Dalton Moore and wife, Sherry. A Celebration of Life Service for Neal O. Double was held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 4:00 PM at the Gallagher Funeral Home in Ball, Louisiana with Reverend Irwin Vincent officiating. Visitation for Mr. Double was on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at the Gallagher Funeral Home in Ball from 1:00 PM until service time.



**WILLIAM CHARLES “Bill” DOWSON, JR.** - Died March 30, 2017 in Lodi, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death was interstitial lung disease. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey on February 8, 1947 to the late William Charles Dowson, Sr. and Irene Dowson. A combat veteran in Vietnam, he served proudly as a member of the United States Army with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He was a member of the Lodi Volunteer Fire Department for over two decades, serving as Chief in 1985. He was a founding member of the LFD Honor Guard and spread cheer with the LFD Comedy Team. He was also a member of the Lodi Exempt Firemen's Association and the South Bergen Fire Chief's Association. He served the youth of Lodi for many years as a volunteer baseball coach for both Lodi Recreation and Lodi Little League. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his in-laws, Paul and Anneliese Fabian. He was the beloved husband of Linda (née Fabian); devoted father of Billy and Shawna, Kevin and Melissa, and Paulette; loving grandfather of Tyler, Jake, Tristan, Camryn, Alexa, Gavin and Mia; dear brother of Carolyn Reading and the late husband Bill, the late Pamela Duggan and her late husband, Tom, Archie Dowson and wife, Marilyn, and brother-in-law of Karen and Carmen Raymond, and late Vincent



Raymond, and; loved by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday at 10:00 AM at Santangelo Funeral Home, 300 Main Street, Lodi for a 10:30 AM Chapel Service. The interment was in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery. Visitation hours were held on Monday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM. To honor Bill, please consider becoming an organ donor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gift of Life Family House, 401 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19123. ([www.GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org](http://www.GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org))



**DENNIS LEE EGGERS** - Died Friday, October 11, 2019 in Niagara Falls, New York at the age of 72, while under the care of Hospice at North Gate Health Care Facility. The cause of death is unknown. He fought courageously to recover from a motorcycle accident in June of 2015. Dennis was born in Mitchell, South Dakota on July 3, 1947 to the late Alvin and Mary Eggers. He was the beloved husband of 49 years to Susan (Catherine Fisher); dearest father to Sean, Erin (Ken) Ortner and best "Boppa" to Collin Ortner, Eva Eggers and Braeden Ortner. He is also survived by his brothers, Mike (Mary) Eggers; Keith (Pam) Eggers. He was predeceased by his brother, Randy (late Barb) Eggers. He is also survived by his special veteran brothers, Greg Hood; Tom Barden; Jack Toth and his special "buddy" Chuck Sutter. Dennis was a United States Army veteran who served in Vietnam 1967-1970. He worked for Dunlop Tire and Rubber for 32 years. He was a founding member of the Dunlop Riders Motorcycle Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He received a Heart Transplant in 2011. May one of the toughest and funniest finally Rest in Peace. There was no prior visitation. Memorials in Dennis' name may be made to Niagara Hospice, 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport, NY 14094. The arrangements were made by the Zajac Funeral Home, Inc. Visit [zajacfuneralhomeinc.com](http://zajacfuneralhomeinc.com) for online condolences.



**KEVIN T. ENGLISH** - Died Tuesday October 29, 2019 in Hadley, Massachusetts at the age of 71, surrounded by his daughters at the Cooley-Dickinson Hospital. The cause of death was pneumonia. Kevin was born on March 24, 1948 in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late Joseph English and Stella (née Dooley) English. Raised in Springfield, Kevin lived most of his adult life in Belchertown and Amherst. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and received the Purple Heart during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service's Bulk Mail Facility in Springfield. Kevin's true calling was found in his dedication to supporting friends, family, and others in the betterment of their life. He was known for his caring, kindness, and humor. Kevin will be greatly missed by daughters, Sally English of Holyoke, Alice English of Hadley, and Karen Paro of Westbrook, ME; brother, David English of Calgary, Canada; and many loving nieces,

nephews, cousins, granddaughters, and friends. The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM followed by burial in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. The visiting hours were held on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

**PETER FABIANI** – Died recently in 2019 in Mesquite, Nevada at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 6, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**.



**WILLIAM RAY "Bill" FARLEY** - Died Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the VA Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 72. He was a resident of Bloomfield, Iowa. The cause of death was lung cancer and a stroke. He was born on June 18, 1946 in Milton, Iowa to the late Kenneth V. and Ruth Ann (née Hyde) Farley. He graduated from Davis County High School in 1964 and served in the United States Navy from 1965-1969, completing two tours of duty in Vietnam and reaching rank of Boatswain's Mate Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. On October 6, 1972 he married Joyce Marie Birchmier at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Bill worked as a bridge crew foreman for the Davis County Secondary Roads Department for 36 years, retiring in 2012. He also did a lot of custom haying work over the years. He was a *Life Member* and *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottumwa Chapter #667** in Ottumwa, served in the Honor Guard for Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion, and was active with the Davis County Historical Society as-well-as the Pioneer Cemetery Committee. He was a former member of the Nazarene Church where he served as steward and current member of the Mark Baptist Church. Bill enjoyed fishing and hunting with coon hunting being his favorite. He also enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren's sporting events, playing cards, gardening, and sharing the produce from his garden with family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Farley; daughter, Linda Kulmatycki of Bloomfield; two sons, Joel (Crystal) Farley, Aaron (Kristina) Farley both of Bloomfield; nine grandchildren, Cody and Emma Kulmatycki, Olivia Robinson, Will, Dawn, and Luke Farley, Kaden, Cole, and Rachel Farley; three sisters, Barbara (Tony) Seibert of Moulton, Iowa, Sandy (Doug) Warning of Bloomfield, Brenda Danielson of Milan, Missouri; two brothers, Richard (Pat) Farley of Winter Haven, Florida, John Farley of Davenport, Iowa; sister-in-law, Joretta (Jim) Stewart of Kanab, Utah; two brothers-in-law, Wayne Birchmier of Bloomfield, Rex (Mary) Birchmier of Ottumwa, Iowa; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Tommy Farley; and a sister, Linda Pitman. The funeral services were at 10:30 AM on Friday, February 22, 2019 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastors Richard Farley and Jon Kaushal co-officiating. The burial was at the Hopkins Cemetery in Davis County with military rites performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion. Visitation began at Noon on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 5:00-7:00

PM at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #667 and the Davis County Look to the Stars Cancer Foundation.



**KIRBY ELLIS FEATHERS** - Died suddenly on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Kirby was born on March 4, 1945 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to the late Lamont Chief Feathers and Lucille Biggoose Feathers. He was raised on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Ponca City, OK, graduating high school in Ponca City. After high school, Kirby joined the United States Army. Once in the Army, Kirby became a paratrooper with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He served two tours in Vietnam, including a march on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. On one tour, he went into the battle as one of 32 soldiers and was one of only nine who returned, earning the Bronze Star for valor in combat. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Kirby returned to the Ponca City area and began working in the local community, serving as a Police officer in White Eagle before he began providing maintenance for the Indian Health Service in White Eagle, where he was the maintenance supervisor at his retirement. Kirby was married to Patricia Ann Feathers on May 31, 1981 at the same church where his funeral was held. He has been a lifelong member of the Ponca Indian Methodist Church, where he served as lay speaker for a number of years. Kirby was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750** and was the most decorated living Veteran of the Ponca tribe before his passing. Service was a strong component of Kirby's character. He served for five years as the whip man for the Ponca Hethuska Society. As well, he served for many years as the arena director for the Ponca Pow-Wow and other regional Pow-Wows. Kirby loved to participate in the traditional dances and gatherings of the Ponca Tribe. The Kiowa gave Kirby an honorary membership in the Kiowa Black leggings society. Yet, he still found time to spend with his family and to support OU and Minnesota Vikings football. Kirby will be missed by those who knew and loved him. Survivors include his beloved wife, Patricia of the home; his children, Michael Arnold, of Kotzebue, AK, Michelle Hutson, Danny Komesataddle and wife Cher, Joseph Feathers, Melanie Miner and husband B.J., Meryl Feathers, and Montana Feathers and wife Jennifer, all of Ponca City; his grandchildren, Tristin Feathers, Trinity Feathers, Vanessa Lavato, Kara Perry and husband Perry, Tommie Beard, Alyssa Komesataddle, Khyla Komesataddle, Hannah Komesataddle, Burton Miner, III, Payton Miner, Brody Miner, Shayla Calvert, Hayden Calvert, Nora Feathers, Emma Feathers, Lucille Feathers, and; three great-grandchildren. Kirby was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Arlene Feathers and Alene Cries For Ribs. Friends and loved ones paid their respects at the Ponca Indian Methodist church on Thursday, September 5, 2019 with a supper at 5:30 PM and services following. A traditional Ponca ceremony began with a noon feast and the funeral ceremony was held at 2:00 PM on September 6, 2019 at the Ponca Indian Methodist Church with Pastor Jimmy White officiating. Following the ceremony, Kirby was laid to rest with U.S. Army Military Honors at the Ponca Tribal Cemetery. The casket-bearers were B.J. Miner, Cody Perry, Sam White, Noah White, Tristin Feathers, and Burton Miner, III. The honorary casket-bearers were Kinsel Lieb, Jeffrey Lieb, Sr., Steve Lieb, Stan Smith, Robert Martin, Sr., Hugh "Buddy" Brown, and Jr. Brown.

The arrangements were under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home and Crematory. Kirby may be remembered with a donation to the Vietnam Veterans of America, [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org), 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.



**JOHN W. "Little Bear" FISHER** – Died Thursday, September 26, 2019 in Felton, Delaware at the age of 70, surrounded by his loved ones in care of Compassionate Care Hospice of Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. John was born in Steubenville, Ohio on May 30, 1949 to the late Velma L. Kenney, Donald Kenney and William Fisher. He served in the United States Navy and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. He then went on to find his love for driving tractor trailers until his retirement.

During his retirement, he had continued to enjoy life by embracing his Native American heritage and participating in customs with the local tribes. His favorite things to pass time was riding his motorcycle and spending time with his family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers David Fisher, Kenneth Fisher and Donald Kenney, Jr. He is survived by his brother, Robert Kenney, of Texas; daughter, Sheila Maile and husband Cornell, of Milford; son, Bobby May and wife Debbie, of Milford; eleven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; along with nieces, nephews, cousins, aunt, uncles, both blood and adopted, too numerous to mention. He was loved by many. A Celebration of Life was from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Milford Moose Lodge, 20142 Beaver Dam Road, Milford, DE. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his daughter Sheila Maile. Online condolences may be made via [www.pippinfuneralhome.com](http://www.pippinfuneralhome.com).



**MARILYN NOVAK FLOCKENCIER** - Died Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 79 after a long fight with cancer. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 28, 1940 to the late Helen (née Herman) Novak and Edward Novak. She is survived by her faithful husband, James Flockencier; two brothers, Charles Stojak and Ted Novak; three sisters, Barbara Rettig, Sharon Diehm and Dorothy Ivan; her daughter, Laura Flockencier; her son, David Flockencier, and; seven grandchildren, Marcus, Keyana, Bridgett, Lalayia, Tim, Jesse and Jewel. She attended Chicago University, was a Sears Executive, and devoted wife and mother. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**. At her request, a memorial service was not held. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her honor may be made to your local animal shelter or National Audubon Society at [audubon.org](http://audubon.org).



**DENNIS LEE FRITZINGER** (USA, SSG-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the Lebanon VA Medical Center in Lebanon, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. He was a resident of Altoona, Iowa. The cause of death was metastatic bladder cancer. He was born on May 30, 1951 in Lehighton, Pennsylvania to the late Curtis and Pearline (née Angelmyer) Fritzinger. He was the husband of Darlene (née Legler) Fritzinger to whom he was married for almost six years. Dennis was a law enforcement officer in the United States Army for 20 years. After retiring from the Army, he worked as a truck driver. Mr. Fritzinger was a member of Altoona United Methodist Church in Altoona, IA. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #396 in Bondurant, IA and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490**. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and also enjoyed watching TV and riding motorcycles. Along with his wife, Darlene, Dennis is survived by his son, Brian Fritzinger and his wife, Jennifer of Dover; two stepsons, Quentin Mills and his wife, Sheryl and Anthony Hauck and his wife, Trishia; step daughter, Elena Dunblazier; four grandchildren, Jocelyn Fritzinger, Kaylee Polizzotto, Brian Fritzinger, Jr. and Ian Polizzotto; nine step grandchildren; four brothers, Curtis Fritzinger, Jr. of Delaware, Franklin Fritzinger of Palmerton, Leroy “Butch” Fritzinger of Parryville and Franklin Fritzinger, Jr. of Red Lion; sister, Jean Fatzinger of Walnutport; and several nieces and nephews. The services were private at the convenience of the family. The Heffner Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc., 1551 Kenneth Road, York, Pennsylvania was in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 1004 North Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 or to the family.

**HERMAN G. GAINES, JR.** – Died Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in Willingboro, New Jersey at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 13, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Township Chapter #899**.



**NORMAN LEE GARRISH** - Died after a long struggle with cancer at the Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, North Carolina on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at the age of 72. He was a resident of Hookerton, North Carolina. He was born on August 21, 1947 in Ocracoke, North Carolina. Lee spent his early life in Ocracoke before leaving for Vietnam at the age of 18. During that time, he was with the 514<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company and a two-tour combat veteran as a Scout dog handler and was proudly awarded a Bronze Star. After serving his country, Lee lived many years in Winterville before moving to Hookerton 4 years ago, to be with his youngest daughter. He was a strong leader, mentor and friend to many people. He also was Lieutenant with the Greenville Police Department who touched many people's lives. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. Lee is survived by his daughters,



Tabatha and husband, Ryan and Tina and husband, Chris; grandchildren, Macaela, Makenzie, Kylee and Wyatt; sister, Carolyn Jane; nieces, Michelle, Allison, Lisa and Heather; and longtime friends, Greg, Heather, Andy, Laurie and Randy. A funeral service was held on Sunday at 1:30 PM in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel. Prior to the service, the family received friends from 12:00 Noon-1:15 PM, at the funeral home. Following the service, the family received friends again at the Vietnam Veterans Association (Chapter #272) at 2805 Cemetery Road in Greenville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Association - Chapter #272, 2805 Cemetery Road, Greenville, NC 27858. Online condolences at [www.WilkersonFuneralHome.com](http://www.WilkersonFuneralHome.com).



**GARY LEE GIMLEN** - Died Wednesday, October 30, 2019 in Waco, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Spokane, Washington on July 3, 1948 to the late Lee and Patricia Gimlen. He graduated from Liberty High School in 1966 after which he entered the United States Army where he served 3 years, one of which was in Vietnam. He returned to Spokane where he married the love of his life, Jerri Hershey, on a cold, snowy day in December 1971. In November 1972 the light of his life, Jennifer Ann, was born. He drove a truck for many years which led him to Waco, where he became an instructor at ATDS and later the Director of Training. He was involved in the American Legion Post #121 Riders and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012**. He enjoyed riding his Goldwing and Harley trikes; he loved his muscle cars; and traveled in his RV with Jerri and his beloved Lady girl. In his younger days he enjoyed watching his dad race hydroplanes and helping on the boats as well as working with him at the Gimlen Rodeo Ranch, putting on rodeos until he went into the Army. He enjoyed working outside in his yard, using his “motorized wheelbarrow” (tractor) and going to car shows with his cars and bikes. He was outgoing and could talk to anyone on most any subject. Left to remember the memories are his wife, Jerri; daughter, Jenny and husband Darrel; sister, Patti Kim; brother, Bob Gimlen (Ronda); cousin Guy Gimlen (April); and uncle Ray Gimlen as well as many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held in the Mausoleum Chapel at Waco Memorial Park on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The following week he was buried next to his family in Spokane, WA with full military honors. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the fine doctors and nurses of the MICU at the Baylor Scott and White Hospital in Waco. For those that wish, donations in his name can be made to the American Legion Post #121, PO Box 663, Elm Mott, TX 76640.



**JERRY LEE GODWIN** – Died Monday, October 15, 2018 in the Jackson General Hospital, Jackson Tennessee at the age of 68. He was a resident of Denmark, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bolivar, Tennessee on June 25, 1950. He served in



the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 1970 and July 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. The funeral services were held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 12:00 Noon at the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. The burial was in the church cemetery. Visitation hours began on Friday morning, October 19, 2018 from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM at the Mercer Brothers Funeral Home. The family received friends from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Mr. Godwin laid-in-state at the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday morning, October 20, 2018 from 11:00 AM until the time of the service.



**DeREEF ANTHONY GREENE** (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, November 6, 2019 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 90. The cause of death was respiratory failure, encephalopathy, hypernatremia and congestive heart failure. He was born on July 2, 1929 in the Deanwood neighborhood of Washington, DC. After high school, he attended the University of Iowa on a track scholarship. In 1952, he joined the United States Army and attended OCS before completing his Bachelor of Art degree at the University of Omaha. The very night he returned from the Korean War in 1954, he met a beautiful, 18-year-old girl from the Bronx, Yvonne Cruz. They married the following year and began a 64-year journey, to include the gift of three children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. COL Greene's 26-year military career in the US Army included 2 combat tours (Korea and Vietnam) as well as important command and staff assignments. Laudatory remarks from his military efficiency reports include "confident, ambitious, capable", "superlative performance", "miraculous"... He was inducted into the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in May 2007. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. He voluntarily retired in the late 70s but continued his tradition of excellence and exceptional service. His post-retirement activities included serving as Vice President of EPCC, establishing a banking school in Haiti, founding the Greene Group LLC, a SDVOSB government contracting business, as well as consulting for various overseas businesses. He was also the driving force behind the drop box operations at Sterling and Baxter, creating a business model from scratch that would later become the industry standard. Extremely charismatic, DeReef's kindness, generosity, can-do attitude and singular sense of humor will be joyfully remembered for years to come, inspiring those who knew him to rise above and beyond. Visitation hours were held on Monday, November 11, 2019 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at the Perches Funeral Home West, with a Fraternity service at 7:00 PM. The funeral was on Tuesday at 12:00 PM at Perches Funeral Home West. The interment was in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery. The services were provided by the Perches Funeral Home West.



**GEORGE M. HALDANE III** (USAF, Lt.Col-Ret.)- Died Sunday, May 8, 2016 in Douglasville, Georgia at the age 73. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on March 5, 1943 in Charleston, West Virginia to the late George M. Haldane II and Frances (née Wade) Haldane. George graduated from East Tennessee State University with a degree in Business and Accounting. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1988 after 25 years of service, having achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Douglasville Chapter #935**. Most recently he was employed with Apogee Systems. George was a car enthusiast and a member of the Jaguar Club, MG Club and the Z Car Club. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Douglasville where he served as an Elder. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Sandra (née Walls) Haldane; sons, George M.(Doug) Haldane IV (fiancée Rachel Heath) Destin, FL; Brent Kessel Haldane (Stephenie Adams Haldane) Tampa, FL; Craig Charles Haldane (Amanda Hinely Haldane) Douglasville, GA; brother, Charles Wade Haldane (Sandra W. Haldane) Tampa, FL; sister, Mary Johnson, Douglasville, GA; grandchildren, Grayson Kessel Haldane, Tampa, FL, Brayden William Haldane, Tampa, FL, Amelia Grace Haldane, Douglasville, GA, and Morgan Elizabeth Hinely, Carrollton, GA, and two nephews. Per his wishes, he was cremated, and Memorial Services were held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Douglasville with Reverends James Harper and Sandy Fox co-officiating and military honors were accorded. The family received friends in the Parlor at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 12:00 Noon until the funeral hour. In lieu of flowers the family asked that donations be made to the American Lung Association. You may share your thoughts and condolences online [www.hightowersmemorial.com](http://www.hightowersmemorial.com). Hightowers Memorial Chapel, Douglasville was charge of the arrangements.

**THOMAS HOWARD “Tom” HALL** - Died peacefully on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in Valrico, Florida at the age of 69, despite his compromised health due to Agent Orange and exacerbated by PTSD. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 3, 1949 in Granite City, Illinois. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He remained Semper Fidelis, always faithfully patriotic to our country. Tom was a devoted husband and incredible father whose family was the single most important thing in his life. He is survived by his loving family, wife Peggy of 34 years, two sons, Jeremy and Jeffrey; his sisters, Darlene and Becky; his brother, Danny, and; grandchildren Averie, Lily, Yorrick, and Graceyn. Tom grew up in Granite City, Illinois, where he attended Granite City High School, graduating in 1967. He was the son of Albert and Dixie Gaudette. Tom left Granite City for the U.S. Marine Corps in 1967, completing two tours in Vietnam from 1968-69. He continued as a Drill Instructor in San Diego from 1971-73 and attained the rank of Warrant Officer before leaving for civilian life in 1978. He was an Area Maintenance Manager in Texas and Missouri for Yellow Freight before retiring in 1980. Surprisingly unresentful, he was an avid patriot and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Florida**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Paralyzed Veterans of American. He was awarded the Humanitarian Award by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in

2005. He chose to educate rather than vilify his country, forming a unique speakers bureau comprised of Vietnam Veterans to educate and enlighten young people. As part of that contribution he compiled a collection of memorabilia of the things veterans carried, later donating these artifacts to the Seminole Veterans' Museum in Okeechobee, FL. There was a memorial gathering on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

**CHARLES E. "Buzz" HANSON** - Died Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Hillsdale Hospital in Hillsdale, Michigan at the age of 70. He was a resident of Hillsdale. He was born on February 12, 1946 in Oak Park, Illinois to the late Paul and Jean (née Clink) Hanson. Charles was a graduate of Hillsdale High School, class of 1964 and a graduate of Hillsdale College in 1971. He was the retired owner and operator of Mid Atlantic Trading Company in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. Charles was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Maryland** and a member of the American Legion and the VFW. Surviving is a son, Christopher Hanson; twin sisters, Beverly Hess and Barbara Strickler; nieces and nephews, Jeff (Tina) Hess, Susie (Chris) Newman and Nick Gibson. Graveside services with military honors for Charles Hanson were on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at 11:00 AM, at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsdale. The arrangements were entrusted to the VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale. Memorial contributions were suggested to the Hillsdale American Legion or Saint Jude Children's Hospital.



**LEMUEL BRUCE HARDAWAY** - Died Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at his home in Stafford, Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Missouri on May 2, 1952. Mr. Hardaway was in the United States Army for over 20 years, served in Vietnam, and was stationed at several bases worldwide. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Williamsburg Chapter #957**. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, traveling, and spending time with his family and friends. Survivors include his wife, Theresa Hardaway; children Lemuel Beau Hardaway (Crystal) and William Thomas Hardaway; grandchildren William Grant and Noah Steven; mother Nola E. Sauter; siblings Rebecca Hardaway and Jacqueline Chaves. He was preceded in death by his father, Lemuel F. Hardaway. A service was at 11:30 AM on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Saint William of York Catholic Church. The interment was in the Quantico National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lung Cancer Foundation of America, <https://lcfamerica.org/>.



**WILLIAM ELMER HARKER** - Died Thursday, October 10, 2019 at West Virginia University Ruby Memorial Hospital at the age of 78. He was a resident of Wana, West Virginia.

The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on March 26, 1941 at Fairmont, West Virginia to the late Harry Elmer Harker and Minnie Pearl (née Merrifield) Harker. He is survived by his two sons, William E. Harker and wife Bethany McCarty-Harker and their daughter Paige Lynn Harker, and Michael Wayne Harker; three brothers, Leonard Harker, Tommy Harker and Ernie Harker; two sisters, the late Martha Hartley and Sally Wright. In addition to his parents, Mr. Harker was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ellen Harker who died May 17, 2015. Mr. Harker enjoyed doing all kinds of woodwork and traveling around in his antique cars. He was a member the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and retired from Blacksville #2 Coal Mine. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannington Chapter #1055**. Family and friends were invited to the Masters Funeral Home in Mannington, WV on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. Funeral services were held in the funeral home on Sunday, October 13, 2019 beginning at 1:00 PM with Pastor Rose Saunders officiating. Full Military Rites were accorded by the United States Navy and the Marion County Veterans Council in the funeral home parking following funeral services. The burial was in the Mannington Memorial Park Cemetery. On-line condolences may be left for the family at [www.mastersfuneralhomewv.com](http://www.mastersfuneralhomewv.com) as well as the funeral home Facebook page.



**LARRY WAYNE HARRIS** (USA, SSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, December 21, 2019 at his residence in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Mobile, Alabama on September 5, 1947. He had lived in Dawson County since 2010 when he retired after 37 years with the Mobile County Juvenile Court. Larry retired as a Staff Sergeant (E-6) from the United States Army, with combined 20-year service in the United States Army Reserve and the United States Navy. He served as an MP in Vietnam (Navy), and in Army Intelligence in the Bosnian Conflict and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was awarded numerous medals including the Bronze Star. Larry was a *Life Member* and very active in **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Georgia (Dawsonville) Chapter #970**, served on the board of Veterans Affairs of Dawson County, and was a member of Etowah Masonic Lodge #222 and other local organizations. He was a deacon at Grace Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Paula Harris, Dawsonville; son Nicholas Harris (Michael Conn), Tallahassee, Florida; stepchildren Jennifer Pouyadou and Alex Pouyadou, Birmingham, Alabama; brothers Louis Harris, Jr. (Nancy Harris), Mathews, Alabama; and Randy Harris (Becky Harris), Dawsonville; and numerous other relatives. A memorial service was held December 27, 2019 at Grace Presbyterian Church. Reverend David Jordan officiated. The interment service was held later that day at the Georgia National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church, PO Box 201, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Condolences may be expressed at [www.RoswellFuneralHome.com](http://www.RoswellFuneralHome.com). Roswell Funeral Home of Roswell, Georgia handled arrangements.



**WILLIAM F. HART, JR.** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Sunday, November 17, 2019 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 78. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on May 29, 1941 in Brooklyn, New York. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Hart; his sister, Linda Hart; his son, William F. Hart III; his daughter, Rachel Henderson; his grandsons, SGT Damian Henderson and SPC Zachary Henderson, and; by an extended family who was devoted to him. Major Hart graduated from Delahante High School in 1959, at which point he joined the United States Army. Upon discharge, he attended Queens college, and married Carol Gunderson. He then re-enlisted into the Army and was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where his son Bill was born. He attended Officer Candidate School, and was later stationed at Fort Bliss, during the Vietnam war. While serving his country in Vietnam, his daughter was born, in 1969. After his tour in Vietnam concluded, he transitioned to the US Army Reserves, so that he could relocate back to New York City, to accommodate the needs of his Autistic son, Bill. While in New York, he retired from the New York National Guard with 24 years of service. He then held a fulfilling career as an IRS agent. More importantly, he was a champion for individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities. He was a founding member of SIPED (Staten Island Parents for the Emotionally Disturbed), and of EDEN II, a still-existing school dedicated to educating Autistic individuals. He also helped to spearhead the erection of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial at the Manor Road Armory in Staten Island. During that time, he was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader at Our Savior Lutheran Church, and an active participant at Olivet Presbyterian Church, singing in the choir, sitting on various boards, and serving as one of the stand-in ministers during the minister's summer vacations. Upon retirement he immediately relocated to El Paso, in 1998. It was here where he met his beloved wife Cindy, and enjoyed his new children, Heather and Duran, along with his additional grandchildren Tyler, Lillian, and Madison Shea. While in El Paso he was an aggressive advocate for veteran's rights and for community improvement. He was a consistent voice at community and town hall meetings, and the proud *Chaplain* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**, as well as being active in the VFW and other in military fraternal organizations. He was a dedicated and active member of Grace Presbyterian Church, where he often gave the children's sermon. During his tenure in the Army, Major Hart's awards included the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation. He will be missed by his family, his friends, and his community, both veteran and civilian. Visitation hours were from 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at the Sunset Funeral Home Northeast, 4631 Hondo Pass Drive. The funeral service began at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Sunset Funeral Home Northeast. The committal service was at 2:00 PM at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to On Your Mark (<https://onyourmark.org/about/>), an organization that has been a rock in the life of his Autistic son, Bill, in Staten Island, New York. The services were entrusted to the Sunset Funeral Home Northeast. Please visit the online registry book at [www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net](http://www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net).



**WILLIAM RAY HEIDLE** - Died Saturday, June 29, 2019 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 15, 1945 to the late Walter and Edna Heidle. He was reunited with his wife, Nickie. He is our father, our brother, our cousin, our grandpa, our great-grandpa, our friend, our teacher, our Army veteran and our mother's husband. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203*. He joins his parents, Walter and Edna, his wife Nickie and multiple friends and family members that left before him. He is survived by two brothers, Rex and Roy; his sister, Helen, along with their families in Wartburg; three sons and one daughter, Randy Heidle and wife Lori of Kingston, Bill Heidle and wife Renee of Fairfield Glade, James Heidle and wife Gina of Kwajalein Atoll and Carrie Hedgecoth of Crawford, TN. He also leaves behind more family members than can be stated, more friends and finally he leaves behind the big fish at the lake so that we may finally catch the big one. His grandchildren include Randy and Lori's Carson, aspiring actor, and Wyatt, catcher, both destined to achieve greatness. Bill and Renee's beloved Sue greeted dad with tail wagging, begging for treats at the Pearly Gates. Jamie and Gina's Hayden, United States Coast Guard, and Caelan, United States Navy, both serving their country as their Pa had. Carrie's Abigail, mother, college student and go-getter for Pa, and Morgan, United States Air Force, his friend. He is proud of all of you. And last but not least, two great-grandsons who adored their Pa, Ethan and Parker (Abigail). "And seven Spanish angels took another angel home." May we forever share the stories created with him, share the laughter and the love and take comfort knowing that he is home.



**LEONEL L. HINOJOSA** - Died Saturday, November 23, 2019 in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 70, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on January 27, 1949 in Santa Rosa, Texas to the late Guadalupe Hinojosa and Evangelina Hinojosa. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Maria Ramirez. He leaves behind to cherish his wonderful memory his loving and devoted wife of 47 years, Janie Hinojosa; their five children, Abraham Hinojosa (Cynthia), Sandra Diaz (Joaquin), Isaac Hinojosa (Cindy), Leonel Hinojosa, Jr., Jacob Luis Hinojosa (Lesley); seven grandchildren, Christina, Corina, Abraham, Marcos, Isaiah, Layla Jane and Noah Leonel. He is also survived by his siblings, Rita Cruz, Amelia Sweet, Raul Hinojosa, Ofelia Reyes, Eudelia Hinojosa, Lupita Ramirez, Benito Hinojosa, Pete Hinojosa. Leonel served in the United States Army from 1969-1971 with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in Vietnam as a forward observer for artillery and mortar batteries. Additionally, he ordered fire missions to support the troops on the ground. He later served 8 years (1978-1987) in the Navy Reserve on four repair ships: USS Cape Cod, USS Prairie,



USS Acadia, and USS Samuel Gompers. He was a salesman for two major tobacco corporations, and the Texas Lottery from which he retired in 2004 after 15 years of service. He also advocated for his fellow veterans in the campaign to bring a full Department of Veteran's Affairs hospital and was recognized for it in The Valley Morning Star in October of 2012. Leonel was a Local, State, and National Officer with the Catholic War Veterans. He was a member of the following Veterans Organizations: Veterans Alliance of the Rio Grande Valley, VFW Post #2410, American Legion and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Harlingen Chapter #856**, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #121 of Harlingen. Visitation hours were held on Friday, November 29, 2019 from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM and a rosary was recited at 7:00 PM. The funeral services were on Saturday, November 30, 2019 departing the Rudy Garza Funeral Home at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church and the interment was at Restlawn Cemetery under the auspices of the American Legion Post #205. Honored to serve as pallbearers were his four sons, Abraham, Isaac, Leo, Jacob and two grandsons, Abraham, Jr. and Marcos. The honorary pallbearers were his three granddaughters, Christina, Corina, Layla and two grandsons, Isaiah and Noah.



**JAMES ORVILLE "Jimmy" HODGE** – Died Sunday, October 13, 2019 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death was anorexia and dementia. Jimmy was born on January 23, 1947 in Knoxville, Tennessee to the late James Ernest Hodge, Jr. and Shella Marie (née Norton) Hodge. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church. He worked twenty years at Enco Materials. Jimmy was a proud Vietnam veteran serving with the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Jimmy is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Shelia Elaine Hodge of Knoxville; sons, James Steven Hodge and wife Sonya of Knoxville, Michael David Hodge and wife Amanda of Estero, Florida; grandchildren, Jacob, Savannah, Elizabeth and Matthew Hodge of Knoxville, Madeleine and Lucas Hodge of Estero; aunts, Lorena Norman and Hope Muse; sisters-in-law, Debbie (Tony) Holmes and Sandy Dixon all of Knoxville, Ruby (Lester) Bentley of Taylorsville, North Carolina; brother-in-law, Ronnie (Leni) Atkins of Statesville, North Carolina; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Special thanks to Blount Memorial Hospital, Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home and the many doctors and nurses that cared for Jimmy. The family received friends from 5:00 to 6:45 PM on Thursday at the Grace Baptist Church followed by a Celebration of Life at 7:00 PM with Reverend James Martin officiating. Family and friends gathered at 11:30 AM on Friday at the East Tennessee State Veteran's Cemetery, 2200 East Governor John Sevier Highway for graveside services with Reverend Bobby Lewis officiating. Full military honors were conferred by the United States Army and the East Tennessee Veteran Honor Guard.

**MICHAEL LEE HOLLAND** - Died Friday, October 4, 2019 at his residence in Lobelville, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 8, 1948 in Union City, Tennessee to the late Joseph and Floy (née Allen) Holland. On March 10, 1990, he married the former Joyce Kyle and she survives. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War.

He also was a retired truck driver and a member of Lobelville Baptist Church, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waverly Chapter #1053**. Mr. Holland is also survived by two daughters, Bethany Hatchett and Kristin Holland; twenty grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Richard Dale Holland. Graveside services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Eastview Cemetery with Dr. Bobby Williams officiating. The family received friends from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Wednesday at the White-Ranson Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at the funeral home website: [www.white-ranson.com](http://www.white-ranson.com).



**RANDOLPH E. "Randy" HOLLOWAY** – Died Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in Ephrata, Washington at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung and stomach cancer. He was born on February 28, 1949 in Ritzville, Washington to the late Harold and Myrtle (née Evensen) Holloway. He was the third of four sons the couple would have. They lived in Ritzville where Harold was a mechanic. When Randy was 8 years old, the family moved to Sprague, Washington where in October of 1957, Harold took over the Shell station. Randy's formative years were influenced by small town values and learning that you can't get away with much in a town where everyone knows everyone. He grew up in a gas station and loved cars. With the help of his dad he was always tinkering with them, making them go fast. He loved playing basketball and was quite good at it. When he was a senior, the high school team made it to the State "B" basketball tournament. After high school, Randy went to Columbia Basin Community College in Pasco for a short time before enlisting in the United States Army. There he was trained to be a turbine engine helicopter mechanic. He did very well learning the skills needed, so the Army sent him to Germany to work on piston engines instead of turbines. Randy wanted to do what he was trained for, but all of the turbine engine mechanics were sent to Vietnam. It took more than one request, but finally Randy got his wish and was sent to Vietnam, where he served with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Camp Eagle at Hue. Although he was a mechanic, he was able to help on "Dust Off" missions, flying troops out of dangerous situations. He was awarded the bronze star for his work. It was in Vietnam that Randy learned to play guitar, which gave him hours of enjoyment. Following the service, Randy ended up working at Farmway Implement in Quincy, Washington, where he became service coordinator. Randy loved helping people, and this job made it possible to help farmers by providing warranty work on their equipment when possible. He spent 30 years working for them. As much as he loved helping farmers, he loved helping veterans more. He joined the American Legion and became a service officer, directing veterans through the process of getting the benefits they deserved. He also was a leader for the organization, working through the different levels up to 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander. Often asked to run for State Commander, Randy always declined. One of his biggest honors however was when the American Legion, Department of Washington flew Randy to Washington, DC, for the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial, representing our state. He often mentioned having a swig of Jack Daniels with Wolf Man Jack. After working for

Farmway, Randy worked at the Home Depot for a time and then at Chinook Lumber until they moved operations out of the area. Randy served as a commissioner on the Quincy Cemetery District #1 Board for a number of years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. In 2018, Randy was diagnosed with lung and stomach cancer, believed to be the result of his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. Randy was a permanent fixture on Memorial Day ceremonies in Quincy, either on the honor guard or one of the speakers, however Memorial Day 2018 was different. Randy, too weak to hardly stand from the cancer was forced to sit and watch as others led the service. At the insistence of his sister-in-law Kathleen, Randy agreed to move in with her and his brother Ken in Ephrata. With her loving care, he gained some of his strength back. He passed away in their home on September 18<sup>th</sup> with both of them at his side. All the way to his last day, if you asked Randy how he was, his response was, “I never had a bad day in my life.” Randy was preceded in death by his oldest brother, Harold Jr., his parents, and his older brother Jerry. He is survived by his brother Ken and wife Kathleen, a son, Daniel Foster and stepdaughter, Alice Torgesen. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Quincy Moose Lodge #1925, 109 E Street SE, Quincy, WA. Please leave a memory for the family or sign their online guestbook at [www.scharbachs.com](http://www.scharbachs.com). Scharbach’s Columbia Funeral Chapel, Quincy assisted the family with the arrangements.



**CHARLES SLADEN HOLT** - Died Sunday, September 22, 2019 in Salfordville, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. He was a resident of the Upper Perkiomen Valley, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was glioblastoma. He was born in Gulph Mills, Pennsylvania on October 28, 1945 to the late Frank and Hilda (née Best) Holt. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (née Shulman) Holt. He was predeceased by his brother Frank and sister Betty Schott. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and his friends. He honorably served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**, VFW Post #5954 in Red Hill and the American Legion in Topton. Charles worked in commercial and residential construction, owning his own business and working for others. He enjoyed working on his home, both inside and outside. Family and friends were invited to attend a graveside service with military honors on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road, Newtown, PA 18940. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.



**RONALD EUGENE “Ron” HOOVER, SR.** – Died Saturday, May 5, 2018 at his home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania at the age of 81, while at peace with his loving wife Barbara at his side.

The cause of death was metastatic pancreatic cancer and liver cancer. He was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on December 29, 1936 to the late Florence (née Romaine) Koch and Fred Koch. Surviving are his wife Barbara J. Hoover, daughters Leslie Brehmer and Shelly Porvasnik both from Parma, OH; son Ronald E Hoover, Jr from Carlisle; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren; two sisters, Jacqueline Carr from Carlisle, Evelyn Mummau from Elizabethtown, PA. One sister in law Virginia Davis; several cousins, nieces and nephews Ronald joined the United States Marine Corps in January 1954. During his tenure he served in numerous units including Infantry, Drill instructor and reconnaissance. In 1966 as a Staff Sergeant he received a Battlefield Commission to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He served in Vietnam as a platoon leader with 3<sup>rd</sup> Recon Battalion in 1966-67 and as a Company Commander of India Company 3/26 during 1968-69. As a Mustang Officer he obtained the rank of Captain. His personal citations include Silver Star, Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts. After retiring from the Marine Corps in 1974 he continued his public service with the Reno NV Sheriff's Department and CA Department of Corrections and retired again in 1994. Mr. Hoover held an *At-Large Life Membership* with **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania** and a life membership in all of the other Veterans Service Organizations. He served as Detachment Commander of the Marine Corps League #524, Carlisle, during 2004-2006. A Celebration of Life and Memorial Ceremony was held on 9 June 2018 at The US Army Heritage and Education Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA with Pastor Wes Smith, officiating. A Memorial Service was held on the grounds at approximately 9:30 AM. The Marine Corps League Detachment #524, Carlisle provided the Honor Guard Services. He was very respected throughout his life and an inspiration to many. He was known as a Marines' Marine and he will remain forever in the memories of many.

**JAMES ROBER "Jim" HOUGH** (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Tuesday afternoon, February 6, 2018 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. He was a resident of Lake Wesauking, Wysox Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born in Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania on March 12, 1950 to Minerva Eliza (née Church) Hough and the late Raymond Clarence Hough. Jim grew up in Smethport, PA where he attended local schools until his family moved to western Pennsylvania in 1964. Jim was a graduate of Mercer Area High School Class of 1968 where he excelled in track and field and cross-country events. While in high school, Jim joined the United States Navy on the delayed entry program in March 1968 and on September 9, 1968, after graduating high school, he entered the service. He completed recruit training at Great Lakes, IL and then Navy Hospital Corps schooling also at Great Lakes in 1969. Jim subsequently completed Field Medical Service School at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC and was transferred to duty at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. At Jim's request, he was transferred from Portsmouth to serve with the First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam where he remained from November of 1969 to October of 1970. While in Vietnam, he served first with Mike Company 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Marines at Namo Bridge, Hill #63, Hill #97, and on the Claw with a CUP unit. After the 3/26, he was transferred to Lima Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines and served at a number of small outposts near the Arizona Territory and Charlie Ridge making operations in both areas. He was also assigned at Hill #62 and 64, plus an infamous base known as Rocket City also at LZ Ross before leaving country from Da Nang. Jim then received orders to "Naval Publications and Forms Center", Philadelphia, Pa. where he completed his four years active duty. Following

completion of his first four years of Naval service on September 8, 1972, Jim continued his education with Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, NY and United Wesleyan College, Allentown, PA. where he received his Bachelor of Science degree and became a licensed minister of the Free Methodist Church. On June 18, 1981, Jim reenlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve as a Religious Program Specialist. His assignments include: NAVET training at Great Lakes, IL, RP"A" School, Kessler AFB, Biloxi, MS, USS WICHITA AOR-1 Alameda, CA, NAS Brunswick, ME, USS VULCAN AR-5 Norfolk, VA, Marine Combat Training, Camp Lejeune, NC, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade Little Creek, VA-two deployments with the 4<sup>th</sup> MEB on the USS Nassau LHA-4, including Desert Shield, USS MOUNT WHITNEY LCC-20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet Flag Ship, in Norfolk, VA and the Naval Hospital in Oakland, CA. Following his retirement from the Navy as Chief Petty Officer, Religious Programs Specialist, on September 7, 1995, Jim served with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 1995 to 2005 and subsequently with the Veterans Administration in Bath, NY for 8 years until his retirement. Jim was a life member of the Fleet Reserve Association, member of the Bradford County Veterans Memorial Park Association, and presently served as Commandant of the 3Penn-York Detachment Marine Corps League, Vice Commander of Beirne-Webster VFW Post 1568, Towanda, and was a member and Past Commander of Towanda American Legion Post #42. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He was an accomplished marksman and was a member of the Towanda Rifle and Pistol Club and was a shooting team member with the Penn-York Detachment Marine Corps League. Jim enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and was an avid bowler with several area bowling leagues. Surviving are his wife, Lynn (née Kingsley) Johnson at home, his mother, Minerva Eliza Hough of Mercer, Pa., sons, Christopher Walter Hough and Cody David Hough both of Virginia, step children, Jay Johnson Watkins, wife Erin, and their daughter Jade of Wysox, Megan Margaret Watkins Kulp, husband Eric, and their children, Lindsay, David and William of Dupont, Pa., sister, Paulette Henn of Mercer, Pa., brothers, Henry Hough and wife Pam of Georgia, Paul Hough of Newport, Tn., sister-in-law, Karen Johnson of Towanda, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Leigh Johnson and Tom Wright of Venice, Ca., brother-in-law, Dr. William E. Johnson of Montpelier, Vt., 11 nieces and nephews and 13 grandnieces and grandnephews. The family received friends on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Avenue, Towanda, PA. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home with Reverend Robert W. Martin officiating. Full military honors were accorded at the funeral home by the Penn-York Detachment Marine Corps League, Towanda American Legion Post #42 and Beirne-Webster VFW Post #1568, Towanda. The burial was in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, Pennsylvania. The family suggested that contributions may be directed to or to American Legion Post #42, 912 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848 in memory of James Robert Hough. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

**GUY EDWIN HOWERTON, JR.** (COL, USA-Ret.) – Died Monday, September 9, 2019 in Brandon, Florida at the age of 73. He was a resident of Valrico, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 4, 1946 to the late Guy Edwin Howerton, Sr. and Ruth (née Price) Howerton. He is survived by his wife, Marsha Howerton; oldest son, Dale Howerton and his

two children and youngest son, Guy Edwin Howerton III, his wife Kimberly and their three children; in addition to cousins and other family members. Following his graduation from the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, then 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Howerton soon after deployed to Vietnam with the Infantry. In addition to earning his Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB), then 1<sup>st</sup> LT Howerton was awarded the Bronze Star. COL Howerton's career awards also include the Meritorious Service Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award), Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. After a 22-year military career, COL Howerton continued his goal of service to others by working with local organizations providing support to homeless veterans in the Tampa Bay area. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. His life centered around his family, constantly following the lives of his two sons and five grandchildren. When he wasn't working with veterans, he followed his other passion- fishing. Even though he battled with several ailments in his final days, he maintained not only a "can-do" spirit, but also a "must-do" spirit. He and Marsha worked diligently within their community to connect entrepreneurs from numerous companies with the hope of promoting local business opportunities. COL Howerton was laid to rest at the Bushnell National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL with full military honors.



**LESSLIE LYNN "Les" HOWETH** - Died Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at his home in Manning, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1945. Les proudly served his country in both the United States Army and the United States Air Force in the Vietnam War and was active in his veteran groups. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manning Chapter # 960**. He was an avid hunter and fisherman as well as motorcycle enthusiasts who was known to also drive a race car when the chance presented. He was a loyal friend, loving father; and had a kind heart. Though he had a bit of a stubborn streak he was always willing to help those in need. Heaven got a good one in him. Survivors include his mother-in-law, Dot Logan of Sumter; a son, Gregory L. Howeth, (Dana) of Maui, Hawaii, and their daughter, Kassidy; a daughter, Shari Beth Howeth (fiancé, Ricki Williams) of Paxville, her children, Brianna Shahnazarians (fiancé Derrick Ellis), Abigail McAleavey, Josh, and Lena Williams; Colton's fiancé, Lindsey Pollard; great grandchildren, Payton, Landon, and Braxton; sister-in-law, Debbie Howeth; niece, Amber Hillman; and a large extended family in Oklahoma. He is predeceased by his wife of over 50 years, Sandra (née Logan) Howeth; his grandson, Colton; and a brother, Roy Howeth. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at Bethel Baptist Church with the Reverend Austin Hilbish and Chaplain Robert Bowman co-officiating. The burial with military honors was in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were Russ Pritchard, Danny Bell, Wesley Wilson, Ben Barkley, David Crockett, and Watty Snowden. The honorary pallbearers were members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #960. The family received friends following the service in the family life center at the Bethel Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a



veteran's organization of one's choice. The Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter was in charge of the arrangements.



**KENT LEE "Ken" HOWLAND** – Died Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in the Vistas Hospice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 23, 1938 in Rochester, New York to the late Jeanette (née Schroeter) Howland (in 1951) and Verne Howland (in 1994). He was also predeceased by his stepmother, Josephine Howland in 2009. Ken is survived by his wife, Annette Vafa; his son Mark (Sheila) Howland; his beloved grandchildren, Zoe, Samuel, and Matthew Howland; daughters, Beth Howland (Cynthia Reynolds) and Lisa (Steve) Johnson; sisters, Linda (Chris) Metzger, Mary Ellen (John) Caporta, and Michele Howland (Bill Banaszewski); stepchildren David Vafa and Shereen Baal (Bob), and their adored daughters, Kyla and Alexa. Ken is also survived by his former wife, Joanne Howland. Ken attended East High School, Michigan State University, and the University of Maryland. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1965. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn (New York) Chapter #704**. From 1967 until his retirement in 1997 he taught Social Studies and Biology at West Genesee High School. He was an avid student of international political affairs, an activist with Veterans for Peace and the Syracuse Peace Council, and a worldwide traveler. Ken enjoyed bow hunting, skiing, bicycling, dancing and sunrises over the Atlantic Ocean and over Duck Lake, his summer home. He was a member of the TAO Temple Adath Or - The South Florida Center for Jewish Renewal and Unitarian Universalist Societies in Syracuse and Auburn. A memorial service was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Hollywood, FL. Private services in New York were held at the convenience of the family. Contributions can be made in Ken's memory to Temple Adath Or, 10200 West State Road 84, Suite #218, Davie, FL 33324 - [www.taocenter.net](http://www.taocenter.net).

**WILLIAM STANLEY HUNT** – Died Thursday, December 27, 2018 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 23, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. Stowers Funeral Home in Brandon, Florida was in charge of the arrangements.



**DAVID F. HUSSUNG** - Died Friday, November 8, 2019 in Aurora, Indiana at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1943 in Aurora to the late Raymond E. Hussung and Anna (née Heine) Hussung. He worked as a sander for the Aurora Casket Company, retiring after over 38 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**, Aurora American Legion, and Aurora Moose Lodge.

He was also a past member of the Color Guard. David was very patriotic and was proud of serving his country in the United States Air Force. He was a gun dealer and enjoyed re-loading. He was a "Fix It Man and liked to repair small engines. In his younger years, David enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an excellent photographer. He also loved his cats, Precious and Kitty III. David loved to be around people. He was a storyteller and didn't know a stranger. He had a great sense of humor and kept everyone laughing. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Connie, as they went on many wonderful vacations together which included Hawaii and Las Vegas just to name a few. David was a family man and loved spending time with his family. He was a great husband, dad, and grandpa. David will be missed by his many friends and family. David is survived by his loving spouse of 37 years, Connie (née Miller) Hussung; his daughter, Lisa (Jeff) Rybolt, of Greenwood, IN; his sister, Judy (Steve) March, of Aurora, IN; his grandchildren, Libby Rybolt and Benjamin (Sydney) Rybolt; his great-granddaughter, Blaise Rybolt (on the way), and; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Marita Ann Henson and Laurel "Larry" Hussung, and; his nephew, David Wayne Hussung. Friends were received on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Rullman Hunger Funeral Home, 219 Mechanic Street, Aurora, Indiana. Services were held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 7:00 PM, following visitation. Military services were conducted at the funeral home by members of local Veteran Service Organizations. Contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #71, or High Point Health and Hospice.



**JAMES A. JAEGER** - Died Thursday, October 17, 2019 at his residence in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 2, 1948 in North Tonawanda, New York to the late Anton and Anne (née Remi) Jaeger and was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. James was a professional land surveyor for Sonnenberger Land Surveying in Buffalo before becoming ill. He was a member of the American Legion Tonawanda Post #264, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**, and the New York State Professional Land Surveyors Association. He was the husband of Irene (née Kania) Jaeger; father of Patricia (Edward) Jaeger-Smith of Amherst and Andrew (Erin) Jaeger of Buffalo; grandfather of Kayleigh and James Smith and Luke and Cole Jaeger; brother of Richard (Deborah) Jaeger of North Tonawanda, and the late Robert Jaeger; and brother-in-law of Donna Jaeger of Tonawanda. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday only at the Hamp Funeral Home, Inc., 37 Adam Street at Seymour, Tonawanda, where a Memorial Service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday. Friends were invited. If desired, memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 47 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, are preferred by the family.

**CHARLES MICHAEL "Mike" JAVORINA** - Died Sunday, February 18, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 2, 1947 in Columbus to the

late Nancy Javorina. Mike was a highly decorated Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. He was preceded in death by his mother Nancy Javorina, son Mark and brother Dan. Surviving family includes sons, Michael Javorina, Alex Javorina, Adam (Sarah) Javorina; grandson, Dominic; granddaughter, Honesty; siblings, Mary (Chuck) Broome, Anna (Bob) Deri, Rita Javorina, Rosemary Javorina, Toni (Dan) Gift; and many nieces and nephews. A gathering of family and friends was held from 1:00-3:00 PM on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Newcomer, SW Chapel, 3393 Broadway, Grove City, OH, where a memorial service was at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the Disabled American Veterans, 35 East Chestnut Street, Suite #503, Columbus, OH 43215. To leave a message for the family visit [www.NewcomerColumbus.com](http://www.NewcomerColumbus.com).



**RONALD THOMAS “Ron” JEFFREY** - Died Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 74, surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with dementia. He was a resident of Flintstone, Maryland and formerly of Frostburg, Maryland. He certainly gave us a run for our money over the past few years but never ended a conversation or a day without voicing his love for each of us. He was born on November 6, 1944 in Frostburg, to the late Betty (née Hopkins) Rephann. He was the stepson of the late Lee Rephann. He was also preceded in death by his great-granddaughter, Sophia. Ron was a graduate of Beall High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and the Army National Guard. Ron retired from Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was a member of Saint John Episcopal Church and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was a past member of the Clarysville and Frostburg Volunteer Fire Departments. Ron is survived by his wife of 38 years, Linda Jeffrey; his daughter, Anna Houck and husband, Donald; and his son, Richard Webb and wife, Shari. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brooke Fitzgerald, Kristin Fitzgerald, Justin Houck, Shane Ruby, Carynne Ruby, Mercedes Webb, and McKenzie Webb; great-grandchildren, Kenneth, Addilyn, Paige, and Oliver; brother, Lee Rephann and wife, Bonnie; and sister, Vickie Rephann; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Friends were received at Saint John Episcopal Church, 52 South Broadway, Frostburg, on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at 2:00 PM with the Reverend Karen Crosby as celebrant. The interment was in the Frostburg Memorial Park. The pallbearers were members of the family. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #172 Color Guard. The family gave a special thank you to the Martinsburg VA Center, Unit 5C; his special caregivers, Diana and Heather; the Home-Based Primary Care Team; WMHS Home Hospice; Jody with Comfort Keepers; and the WMHS PCU for all the care and compassion given to Ron in his final days. Our fond memories of our husband, father, brother, grandfather, and

uncle will live on in our hearts every day. The Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur St., Cumberland (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) was in charge of the arrangements.



**DONALD WILLIAM JONES** - Died Monday, December 16, 2019 at Vidant Inpatient Hospice at the age of 68. He was a resident of Kinston, North Carolina. The cause of death was lymphoma cancer. He was born on April 29, 1951 to the late Johnny and Magdalene Jones. He was also predeceased by his sister, Glenda Raines and his brother, Douglas Jones. He is survived by his wife Debbie Jones; daughter April Juarez and husband Marc; grandchildren Elicia, Isabella and Marisela Juarez; sisters Terry Moody and husband Frankie, Gail West, Betty Sue Edwards and Mary Cash; brothers Sam Jones and wife Lou, Jerry Jones and wife Teresa, Roger Jones and wife Wanda; special mother-in-law Shirley Ham; special friends Danny and Marsha Sowers and numerous nieces and nephews. Donald was a proud United States Air Force Veteran. He was involved in many local veterans' organizations and was proud to display his military uniform in G.I. Joe's. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892**. He is a lymphoma cancer survivor of twelve years. Donald loved his church family at Spirit of Life United Pentecostal Church and served as trustee for many years. He was a beloved husband, daddy, paw-paw and brother who will be greatly missed. The funeral service was at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the Howard-Carter Funeral Home with Pastor J.R. Sellers officiating. Visitation followed the service. The burial was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at the Jones Family Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to GI Joe's Military Museum, 1165 Suite B, NC-11 S, Kinston, NC 28504.

**WILLIAM R. JONES** – Died recently in 2019 in Gore, Virginia at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 16, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kearneysville Chapter #1074**.



**DENNIS P. KABRIEL** - Died Sunday, October 13, 2019 in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 24, 1948 in Topeka, Kansas to the late Thelda Way and Millard and Rose Kabriel. He was raised in the Elmont area and attended elementary school there and graduated from Seaman High School, the class of 1966. Dennis joined the United States Army in 1967 and was a Sergeant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Big Red One (BRO), he was honorably discharged in 1977 after 10 years of service. He was a proud

*Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604*, American Legion, VFW Post #400, Big Red One (BRO) and the Kansas Coyote 117<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron (117 ARS). For 15 years Dennis was employed by Frito-Lay as an Extruder Operator, but as a jack-of-all-trades he had many other careers including working as a truck driver, welder and auto-mechanic (to name a few). Dennis was an excellent guitar player and enjoyed sharing his music by performing at various venues, nursing homes and at the Elmont Opera for several years. He loved riding motorcycles and participating in benefits for many charities that he was involved with, including Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Toys for Tots and the Military Veteran Project with Melissa Jarboe. He was also a dedicated member of Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), ABATE, and the Patriot Guard Riders. Dennis will be remembered for going out of his way to make people laugh with his wonderful sense of humor, willingness to help anyone in need, and for doing a lot of good for a lot of people through his charity rides. Dennis married Koren Garner in 1968, the two later divorced. On December 3, 2004, Dennis married Dianne Vandiver Olden in Topeka. She preceded him in death on September 6, 2017. Survivors include his daughters, Michelle Smull and Kimberlee Guitreau; son, Travis Olden; sisters, Donna (Bob) Roeser and Susie Kirkwood; brothers, Michael (Kelli) Janelle and Ken Janelle; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and sister, Barbara Michaels. A visitation and memorial service began at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the Parker-Price Funeral Home. Following the memorial service Dennis and Dianne's ashes were laid to rest together at the Rochester Cemetery. There was Celebration of Life after the graveside service at the VFW Post #400 from 12:30 – 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Dennis' favorite charity, the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children: CASA of Shawnee County-Dennis Kabriel Memorial, 501 SE Jefferson, Suite #2002, Topeka, KS 66607.



**JAMES WILLIAM "Jim" KARBAN** - Died Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the Memorial Hospital, Belleville, Illinois at the age of 72. He was a resident of Belleville. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on April 19, 1947 in Belleville to the late Victor J. and Edna C. (née Vermalen) Karban. He was also predeceased by two brothers. Mr. Karban was the past owner and operator of Der Kandle Keller. He later retired from UPS after 25 years as a driver and achieved 25 years of safe driving. After retirement, he worked as an usher at Busch Stadium. Jim was proud to be a member of the first graduating class at Althoff Catholic High School in 1965. James was a United States Air Force Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269*. He was blessed with a multifaceted personality in that he was bluntly honest, and you always knew where you stood. His humor and quick wit were unmatched. He would anonymously give of himself to friends and service personnel. He would enlighten the lives of others through the spirit of St. Nicholas. Jim's love for his wife, children and grandchildren surpassed all else. Jim had an affinity for traveling to and absorbing the beauty of the Smoky Mountains. He was an avid Cardinals and Blues fan from day one. The shining moment was when he was able to see the Stanley Cup and the Blues

raise the banner. Jim continued his dedication to his children's and grandchildren's sports games. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Barbara Ann (née Mueller) Karban, whom he married on July 1, 1972; two sons, Brian (Sarah) Karban of Belleville, IL, and Keith (Carla) Karban of Belleville, IL; two daughters, Heather (Dale) Buechler of Springfield, MO, and Laura (Trevor) Sondag of Belleville, IL; nine grandchildren, Ethan "Nick" and Katelyn "Kate" Karban, Nolan "Nolan James" and Alaina "Gracie" Karban, Dylan "Big D" and Bryce "Busy Bee" Buechler, and Henry "Henri", William "Willy" and James "James" Sondag; two brothers; a sister, and; nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the MS Society Mid America Chapter or to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #269. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.rennerfh.com](http://www.rennerfh.com). Friends visited with the family from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, October 7, 2019 at the George Renner and Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL, and from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Saint Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church, Belleville, IL. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Saint Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church, Belleville, IL, with the Reverend Monsignor William McGhee officiating. The burial with military honors was at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Saint Louis, MO.



**KENNETH HUGH KELLY** - Died Friday, November 22, 2019 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Lifecare Center in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 73, with his family at his side. He was a resident of Whiteville, North Carolina. The cause of death was heart failure. Kenneth was born on June 18, 1946 to the late William James Kelly and Edna (née Peterson) Kelly. He honorably served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Kenneth was a member of the Whiteville VFW Post #8073 and the American Legion Post #137, Whiteville and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Vetreans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962**. He was employed by International Paper for 33 years until his retirement in 1999. Kenneth was also a member of the Lebanon Masonic Lodge #207, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Sudan Shriner with the Columbus County Shriners. Funeral services with Military honors and Masonic rites were conducted at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Worthington Funeral Home with Reverend Willard McPherson officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service on Tuesday. Survivors include his beloved wife, Betty Sue (née Williamson) Kelly of the home; his daughter, Heidi K. Odham and her husband, Leonard Aaron Odham of Cary; siblings, Nellie K. Yancey of Wake Forest, William James "Billy Boy" Kelly, Jr. of Irwin and Larry Gene Kelly and his wife, Margie Kelly of Whiteville; two grandsons, Leonard Yates Odham and Kenneth Haynes Odham. Memorials may be made to The Shriner's Hospital for Children, c/o Columbus County Shriners, PO Box 2093, Whiteville, NC 28472; Corinth Baptist Church, 3576 Old US Highway 74, Chadbourn or to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physician's Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401.





**LeROY NICHOLAS "Lee" KIEKE** - Died Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Saint Cloud Hospital in Saint Cloud, Minnesota at the age of 68. He was a resident of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Saint Cloud, Minnesota on July 19, 1950 to the late Felix and Esther (née Beumer) Kieke. Lee served his country in the United States Army as a Specialist Fourth Class from 1969 to 1970, serving an extended tour in Vietnam as movements specialist with an Honorable discharge. He worked at the U.S. Post Office for 30 years and retired in 2009. He married Peggy Wipper on August 20, 2006, in Sauk Rapids. Lee was involved at the Saint Cloud Veterans Affairs Medical Center, including volunteering in the Hospice Program to comfort veterans. He was involved with many veteran groups such as being a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290**, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #9, Sauk Rapids Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6992, the Waite Park Legion Silver Star Post #428, and the Minnesota Patriot Guard. His passion was riding his motorcycle any time the weather was nice. He loved fishing and horseshoe pitching in the summertime. He was happily referred to as "Papa Lee" by all of his grandchildren. Lee's biggest joy in life was spending time with his grandchildren with his loving wife by his side. His love for family and friends was extraordinary and was apparent by his actions and words (his always present smile). His door was always open to visitors. Even during his long battle with pancreatic cancer, he always had a big smile on his face and was willing to help fellow veterans. Throughout his journey, he found great comfort and solace in his dog Bella, who never left his side. Lee will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Peggy (née Wipper) Kieke; brother, Dan Kieke; and his children, Michele Kieke (Mike Wendland), Anne Jacobs (Matt), Mike (Jeanne), and Sara Kieke; stepsons, Mitch (Jen), Rusty (Sarah), and Andy (Beth) Wipper. "Papa Lee" will be greatly missed by his fourteen grandchildren. He will be forever remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Esther Kieke; siblings, Jerry, Mary Klein, Eileen Boyd-Snee, Harvey; and granddaughter Ashley Wendland. A Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 28, 2019 at the Daniel Funeral Home in Saint Cloud. Reverend Mr. Joseph Kresky officiated. The interment was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls with military honors at 1:00 PM. Visitation hours were from 9:00 AM until the time of services on Friday at the funeral home in Saint Cloud. We wish to thank the Coborn Cancer Center and the Saint Cloud Hospital Oncology Department for the excellent care given to Lee.



**REVEREND WILLIAM "Bill" KREN** - Died peacefully Friday, September 6, 2019 at his home in Garden City, Michigan at the age of 72, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on September 16, 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Frank and Virginia (née Morey)

Kren and was the oldest of seven children. Bill married Elizabeth “Sue” (née DePugh) Kren in 1968 and shared 51 amazing years with her. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons Derek (Janet) Kren, Jason (Lana) Kren, and his daughter Maria (Brett) Doyon, and grandchildren Lauren Kren, Ashlan Celesky, and Joshua Hucul. Bill was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but called Detroit home after his family moved to Michigan in the early 1950s. After graduating from Western High School in 1964, he joined the United States Army and served one tour of duty in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966; he was honorably discharged in January 1968. He married Sue on February 24, 1968. After working several years at Great Lakes Steel in Detroit, Bill devoted his life to the ministry and attended Asbury College and Ashland Seminary. For over 35 years, he served churches in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, the most recent being the Dearborn Congregational Church in Dearborn, Michigan. He also held senior administrative positions with The Evangelical Church, including a six-year stint as a District Superintendent. He retired from the ministry in December 2018. In addition to his church ministry, Bill was very active in the communities he served. Between 2003 and 2010, he served three terms as Director of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce. In 2018, he was recognized as the 33rd Romulus Person of the Year. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. Bill was known for his devotion to his family, his selflessness, and his sense of humor. He was a voracious reader of religious, political, and science fiction books, loved watching movies, and listening to classical music and classic rock. Bill was nicknamed “The Sermonator” after a character in one of his all-time favorite films, The Terminator. As a die-hard sports fan, he loved University of Michigan football and Detroit Red Wings hockey. He attended many football games at Michigan Stadium over the years and even braved sub-freezing temperatures to watch the Red Wings play there in 2014. Family, friends, and others whose lives Bill touched are invited to attend his visitation and funeral. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to defray the cost of funeral expenses. Visitation hours were on Monday, September 9, 2019 beginning at 2:00 until 8:00 PM at the Taylor Chapel of Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 9800 Telegraph Road, Taylor MI. The funeral service was on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM at Saint Paul United Church of Christ, 24158 Goddard Road, Taylor MI.



**ROBERT P. “Kuz” KUZMICKI** – Died Monday, December 2, 2019 in Spencerport, New York at the age of 71 as a result of Agent Orange. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 3, 1948 to the late Edmund and Edith. He was also predeceased by his sister, Marilyn. He is survived by his loving wife of 15 years Linda; children, Michael (Alicia), Kristen (Scott), David (Gloria); six grandchildren; brother-in-law, Daniel L. Falls; numerous nieces and nephews; all his brothers from Vietnam Vets Chapter #20 and Spencerport Fire Fighters. Robert “Kuz” was a respected Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Air Force and honored Spencerport Fire Department Captain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester #20**. Robert’s visitation was held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon with his Funeral Service immediately following at 12:00 Noon at the Walker Brothers Funeral Home, 15 West Avenue, Spencerport. The interment was private. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to VVA Chapter #20, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612 or Spencerport Fire Department, 175 Lyell Avenue, Spencerport, NY 14559 in Robert "Kuz's" memory.



**GEORGE WOODROW "Buck" LANG** (USN, HMCS-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, February 28, 2018 in Winton, North Carolina at the age of 93. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on March 29, 1924. George was a resident of Cofield, North Carolina at the time of passing. George joined the United States Navy in 1941 and retired November 1968 having attained the rank of Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ahoskie Chapter #1094**. Memorial donations may be made in George's name to the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.



**FRANCIS WITHOLD LANKIST, SR.** - of Enterprise, AL Died Sunday, November 3, 2019 in Enterprise, Alabama at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 9, 1936 to the late William L. Lankist, Sr. and Hilda (née Priest) Lankist. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Lisa Joanna Lankist and two brothers, Edward E. Lankist and Kenneth H. Lankist. Survivors include his wife, Helen R. Lankist, Enterprise, AL; two sons, Ed Lankist (Kay), Marianna, FL, Frank Lankist, Jr. (Michelle), Navarre, FL; his grandson, Zachary Lankist, Corvallis, OR; his granddaughter, Nicole Lankist, Saint Louis, MO, and; his brother, William E. Lankist, China Village, ME. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - - Daleville Chapter #373**. You may sign the register book or send condolences to the family at our website: [www.searcyfuneralhome.com](http://www.searcyfuneralhome.com). The Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise was in charge of the arrangements.



**RONALD DAVID "Ron" LARSON** - Died Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in South Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age 72. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on January 21, 1947 to the late Don and Olive Larson. He was also predeceased by his brother, Don and his sister, Sheila. He is survived by beloved wife of 37 years, Judy; five children Vern Ducklinsky, Karl (Kathy) Larson, Kristin (Charlie) Fink, Sara (Joseph) Citrano and Jason (Angela) Ducklinsky; eleven grandchildren; a brother, Doug Larson; a sister, Cynthia (Lee) Ehrhardt, and;

many other relatives and friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. Memorials were preferred. A memorial gathering was from 400-700 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Klecatsky and Son – Southern Chapel Funeral Home, 414 Marie Avenue, South Saint Paul. The interment was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

**LAWRENCE EDWARD “Zeke” LAUGHLIN** - Died Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Good Samaritan Hospice in Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. He was a resident of Ambridge, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 5, 1945 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania to the late Lawrence J. Laughlin, Jr. and Violet (née Ruscitti) Laughlin. He was a boilermaker with Local #154 and a former Ambridge Volunteer Fireman. Zeke was a Lance Corporal with the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Surviving are his wife, Deborah (née Kwolek) Laughlin; a son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Megan Laughlin, Beaver; a daughter, Kim Laughlin Flynn and her fiancé, Chuck Killen, Ambridge; eight grandchildren, Kimberlee, Jared, Rosella, Elizabeth, Hannah, Pateon, Marc and Debbie; three great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Zayn and Killian and two brothers, Richard Laughlin, Ambridge and Joseph Laughlin, Venice Fla. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Rosella Laughlin. Friends were received on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Bohn-Matich Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 1099 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, where a service was held on Wednesday at 9:00 AM with the Reverend Patti Elliott officiating. The interment was in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. The Beaver County Special Unit met on Tuesday at 4:00 PM at the funeral home and provided full military honors. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #62, P.O. Box 26, Rochester, PA 15074.



**SAMUEL B. LAWRENCE** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Monday, November 18, 2019 at his home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 84. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 18, 1935 in Liberty, Missouri to the late Hubbard and Emma (née Brady) Lawrence. He was raised in Liberty, Missouri and graduated from high school there. Samuel married Katherine I. “Kitty” Bridges on November 17, 1960 in Liberty and the couple celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary the day before he passed away. Samuel made a career of being in the United States Army and was very proud of his service to his country. While in the Army Sergeant Major Lawrence earned the following awards, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Vietnam Service Medal with Two Service Stars, Meritorious Service Medal-2, Two Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal-7, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Army Commendation Medal-2, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon-3, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon-5, Sharpshooter (rifle M-16), and the Meritorious Service Medal-3. Following his military retirement Samuel worked for the United States Postal Service for several years and was proud of his service there as well. He and his wife Kitty inspected bowling lanes together and were both avid bowlers. Samuel enjoyed NASCAR, dirt track racing, going to the casinos, traveling, and following the Kansas City Chiefs. Samuel’s passion was classic cars and he owned a 1957 and a 2003 Ford Thunderbird. He was also a member of several car clubs including, the Sooner Car Club, Little Birds of Lawton, and the International Thunderbird Association. Samuel was a family man and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Samuel is survived by his wife Kitty of the home; three sons, Mark Lawrence and wife Jennifer of Phoenix, Arizona, Steve Lawrence and wife Melody of Tonapah, Nevada, Alan “Scott” Lawrence and husband Joe Gaston of Dallas, Texas; one daughter, Susan Sass and husband James of Lawton; special daughter, Marta French and husband Brad of Lawton; seven grandchildren, Mark A. Lawrence, Robert Olson and wife Jennifer, Dalton Sass, Cole Sass, and Josephine Sass, Taylor Hatten, and Haley Skiles; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren, and; other nieces, nephews, and cousins. Samuel was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Hubbard Asbury Lawrence and his wife Evelyn. The funeral service was at 12:30 PM on Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain (CPT) Richard Melvin, Fort Sill, Oklahoma officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma. The family greeted friends from 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stephenson’s Cancer Center at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center, OU Foundation, PO Box 258856, Oklahoma City, OK 73125-8856 or by going to [www.giving.oufoundation.org](http://www.giving.oufoundation.org). Charitable contributions may also be made to the charity of your choice.

**JOHN DOUGLAS LeGATES** - Died peacefully Sunday, October 20, 2019 at home in High Bridge, New Jersey at the age of 71, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was liver cancer. John was born on February 21, 1948 in Orange, New Jersey to the late Rufus Giden and the late

Bertha M. (née Poutnik) LeGates. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philipsburg Chapter #452**. John was a Police officer achieving the rank of lieutenant he retired in 2001 and went on to work as an investigator for the New Jersey Department of Transportation for eight years. John is survived by his beloved wife, Janine (née Wujtowicz) LeGates; daughter Jennifer and son John. Also surviving is his brother William Frank LeGates, Sr. and sisters Barbara Mergner, Mary LeGates and Patricia Stuparich (Joseph). Friends and relatives gathered on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at the Martin Funeral Home, 1761 Route 31, Clinton, NJ 08809. The funeral service and burial were held privately by the family. Those wishing to share in a memorial celebration were invited to do so on Saturday, October 26, 2019 starting at 1:30 PM at the Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post #2290, 600 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's name may be made through *in memory of* for Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center or the Vietnam Veterans of America NJ State Council at <http://www.inmemof.org/john-d-legates>.

**JOHN PARKER "Jack" LEONARD** – Died Tuesday, July 2, 2019 in Jenks, Oklahoma at the age of 72. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on May 11, 1947 in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**.



**LARRY MARTIN LITSEY** - Died Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at his residence in New Richmond, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 17, 1947 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Walter M. and Helen M. Litsey. He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter M. and Helen M. Litsey; son, Brandon Vin Litsey; older sisters, Myrna Barson and JoAnn Wendling; and younger sister, Debbie Litsey. Larry is survived by his daughter, Tara (John) Lakes in NC; grandchildren, Sara J.V. Litsey in Miamisburg, Lukas Lakes in NC, Jazmine (Jon) Byers in NC; great-grandchildren, Mackinzie and Lillian Byers in NC; sister, Patricia M. Ritson in Lake Mary, FL; He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the American Legion Post #165, 35 North Main Street, Miamisburg, OH. A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Miami Valley Memory Gardens, 1639 East Lytle 5 Points Road, Centerville, OH where military honors were rendered for his service in the Vietnam War as a United States Army E-4 Specialist. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #649 in Larry's memory. Please visit [www.NewcomerDayton.com](http://www.NewcomerDayton.com) to share a memory in the family guest book.





**ELMER DEAN LOBATO** – Died Saturday, November 23, 2019 at his home in Magna, Utah at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Elmer was born in Dragerton, Utah on March 9, 1948 to the late Filadelifo and Josie Lobato. He was raised in Sunnyside, UT and graduated from East Carbon High Class of 1966. He was surrounded by his loving dog “Loko”. The following is Elmer’s story he wanted to share with all of us.... I served my country in Vietnam for 21 months and survived I thought! Reflections of that conflict haunted me every day. I am at peace now! He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #1079**. I married my high school sweetheart Charlotte Manzanares, before a failed marriage we shared three wonderful children which we both loved endlessly. Phillip (Sharyn) Lobato, Althea Lobato (Wally) and Andrea (Zack) Howard. I share my love with my grandchildren: Savon, Faith, Keana, Niyah, Leah, Jayden and 6 great grandchildren. Survived by Sisters Cliseria Bruce and Delores Muniz of Utah County and “brother” Ken Powell. Preceded in death by Mother (Josie), Father (Filadelifo), Sisters (Juanita, Patsy) Brothers (Leland, Kenneth), and my fallen brothers and sisters. I will miss you all endlessly. Celebrate, do not be unhappy. God Bless All and God Bless America! The gravesite ceremony was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Camp Williams 17111 South 1700 West Bluffdale, UT 84065. In lieu of flowers please donate to your local Veterans Association and help a veteran in need. A celebration of Elmer’s life was held at the Magna VFW Post #7398 located at 9057 West 2700 South Magna, UT 84044 at 4:00 PM after the gravesite services. Per Elmer’s wishes come have a beer with us and celebrate his life.



**MICHAEL LOSEY** - Died Monday, October 21, 2019 in Burton, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. Michael was born in Flint, Mchigan on October 7, 1948 to the late Gilbert and Estelle (née Hackett) Losey. Michael graduated from Flint Central High School in 1968. After graduation, he proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1969-1970 as part of the Battling Bastards. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. He married Jacquie LePage on April 22, 1972. Michael retired from GM after 31 years of service. He enjoyed golf, working on cars and attending all sporting events. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. Michael is survived by his wife, Jacquie; his dog, Bella; children, Jeffrey Losey and Melanie Williams, Aimee and Lyle Brown, Andrea and Todd Menko, Melissa McDonald and Justin Krul; twenty grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; siblings, Norene Rood, Rick and Jane Losey; in-laws, Sue Losey, Richard Zakariasen, Shelly Losey. He was preceded in death by siblings, Roger, Bonnie Anderson, Sharon Zakariasen, Gerald, Duane; mother and father-in-law, Eunice and Leonard LePage. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service with Military

Honors under the auspices of the Davison American Legion Post #267 was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 25, 2019 at the Allen Funeral Home, 9136 Davison Road, Davison, MI. Visitation hours were from 4:00-8:00 PM on Thursday. There was one hour of visitation prior to the service on Friday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Please share your thoughts with the family at [www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com).



**JIMMY WAYNE "J.W." LOVETT** - Died Sunday morning, November 18, 2018 at his residence in Millwood, Georgia at the age, after an extended illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 24, 1949 in Ware County, Georgia to the late Reverend Clen Lovett and Jane (née Booth) Lovett. J.W. was a member of the last graduating class of Manor High School in 1969. He served in the United States Army during the Korean and Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070**. J.W. retired from CSX Railroad as a conductor. In addition to his parents, J. W. was also predeceased by his wife, Brenda Kay (née King) Lovett; and three siblings, Robert Clen Lovett, Delores Brown and Reverend Billy Gene Lovett. Survivors include one daughter, Mona Michelle Lovett of Millwood; two grandchildren, Matthew Kirkland and Benjamin Kirkland both of Millwood; two sisters-in-law, Laverne Lovett and Janice King Lloyd; one brother-in-law, Kelly King (wife Regina); and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 23, 2018 at the Music Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends from 2:00 until 3:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home. The family and close friends gathered at Gully Branch Building in Waresboro after the service. Music Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at [www.musicfuneralhome.com](http://www.musicfuneralhome.com).

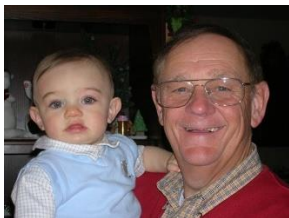
**EMILO F. LUGO-LUGO** – Died recently in 2019 in Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 29, 1927. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sabana Grande Chapter #483**.

**JOHN HOMER LUNSFORD** – Died Thursday, November 7, 2019 at the Veterans Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death was leukemia. He was born in Bluff City, Tennessee on October 10, 1946 to the late John C. and Mary E. Lunsford. Mr. Lunsford was also preceded in death by his son, Kenneth Lunsford; his brothers, Eddie and Blaine (Curly) Lunsford and his sister, Virginia L. Lane. Mr. Lunsford was a veteran of the United States Army having proudly served his country in Vietnam. He was a member of the AMVETS Post #1776, Nashville, TN; the AMVETS Honor Guard Post #1776, Nashville, TN; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #1140** and the VFW Post #6993, Goodlettsville, TN. John was a loving husband to his wife Stella whom he married on May 26, 1989 in Spring Lake, NC. He was a devoted father to his son John Keith Lunsford of Bristol, TN and his step-sons Danny E. Turner (Meridith) of Linthicum Heights, MD. and Steven T. Lampley

(Tery) of Murfreesboro, TN and his step-daughter Melissa D. Archambeault (Mike) of Smyrna, TN. John was a loving brother to his sisters Lilian E. Eades (Jerry) and Sarah E. Harrison and his sister-in-law Laura E. Lunsford. He was a loving and proud grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle. The family received friends on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the East Tennessee Funeral Home, 2630 Highway 75, Blountville, TN from 5:00-7:00 PM. The service was at 7:00 PM with Pastor Johnny Dillard officiating. Mr. Lunsford was laid to rest on Friday, November 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the East Tennessee Cemetery Garden of Sermon on the Mount with full Military Rites by the Jerry Reed Music City Honor Team Post #1776. The pallbearers were Wayne Lunsford, Billy Lunsford, Nolan Lunsford and Alex Archambeault. The honorary pallbearers were member of the AMVETS Jerry Reed Music City Post #1776. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to the AMVETS Chapter #1776, Nashville, TN or the VVA Chapter #1140, Franklin, TN. The East Tennessee Funeral Home was honored to serve the family of John H. Lunsford.



**J.M. MADERA** - Died Sunday, November 3, 2019 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 85. He was a resident of Corsicana, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Malone, Texas on July 26, 1934 and was a life-long resident of Navarro County. He retired from the United States Air Force with serving over 20 years. He served in the Korean War and Vietnam Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**. He is survived by his three children, Jerry Madera, Dudley Madera and David Madera; one daughter-in-law, Trish Madera. He is also survived by grandchildren, Cynthia and Albert Garrison, Jason and Angie Madera, Corey and Jennifer Madera, Christina Madera, Kelly Conger and Casady Conger and his great-grandchildren, Katrina, Keyshawn, Samantha, Ethan, Jasper and Annabell. Visitation hours were on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 8, 2019 at the First Baptist Church of Corsicana. The burial with Military Honors was in the Rose Hill Cemetery.



**REVEREND DR. MICHAEL M. MALESKI** (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret.) - Died Sunday, November 19, 2017 in Green Valley, Arizona at the age of 68, surrounded by the love of his family. The cause of death was cancer. Michael was born on June 26, 1949 in Collinsburg, Pennsylvania to the late Stanley and Mary Maleski. After high school, Michael enlisted in the United States Air Force and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. Upon returning home, he enrolled in college, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology from Washington Bible College. He subsequently earned a Master of Arts Degree from Eastern Theological Seminary and a Doctor

of Ministry from Atlantic Coast Theological Seminary. Michael served the Lord as a Pastor ministering in Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Arizona. Michael served in the Air National Guard for decades, and after 9/11 was called into Active Duty as a Chaplain. Michael retired from the Air Force in 2009 as a Lieutenant Colonel, but immediately returned to work continuing his Chaplaincy work at Fort Huachuca before retiring in 2015. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**. In addition to his service to God and his country, Michael was a devoted family man, historian and Civil War aficionado, football official for the Arizona Interscholastic Association, and an avid fan of Pittsburgh sports teams. You would often hear him chanting, "Hail Pitt!", "Here we go!", and "Let's go Pens!" Above all, Michael will be remembered for his devotion to God and the humanitarian work he did throughout his life. Michael is survived by his devoted wife, Peggy, son Jason and wife Rachel, daughter Janelle Voss and husband Corey, son Michael, grandchildren Dylan, Zachary, Audrina, Brynn, and Samantha, siblings Sandra Plecko, Timothy Maleski, and Julie Maleski, and 14 nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews, among many other loved family members. A viewing and service was at 12:30pm on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Bring's Broadway Chapel, Tucson, AZ, with a reception to follow. The interment was at 12:00 Noon at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Marana, AZ. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society in Michael's memory.

**MICHAEL GARLAND MALONE** - Died Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio at the age of 70. He was a resident of Wheelersburg, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Michael was born on March 27, 1949 in Portsmouth to the late Elbridge and Juanita (née Piatt) Malone. Michael had been a Grocery Manager at Kroger and he was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church. Michael was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was a Bronze Star recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Prichard (West Virginia) Chapter #949**, VFW and American Legion Post #23. In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by three brothers, Patrick, JB and Derrick and a sister, Catherine. Michael is survived by his wife, Diana (née Wiltshire) Malone whom he married July 17, 1968 in Clintwood, VA. Also surviving are two daughters and their husbands, Stephanie Lynn (Eric) McLaughlin and Melissa Ann (Jason) Kent; two brothers, Daniel and Timothy Malone; two sisters, Caroline Malone and Dawna Rickey and six grandchildren, Jeremy and Nathan McLaughlin, Becca, Joseph, Mathias and Christopher Kent. A Mass of Christian Burial was at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 14, 2019 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church with Reverend Father Christopher Tuttle officiating. The interment was in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East with Military honors presented by American Legion James Dickey Post #23. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the Harrison-Pyles Funeral Home in Wheelersburg. Recital of the Rosary was at 8:00 PM on Thursday. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.harrison-pyles.com](http://www.harrison-pyles.com).



**RICHARD CHARLES "Rich" MARKLEY, Ph.D.** – Died Monday, July 22, 2019 in Fresno, California at the age of 77. The cause of death was myocardial infarction. Rich was born on June 9, 1942 in Sacramento, California to the late Richard and Helen Markley. Rich was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Nancy. Richard graduated Roosevelt High School, Class of 1959, attended Fresno State University, joined the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and was stationed in Germany. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clovis Chapter #933**. Rich later attended graduate school at CSU Fresno, majored in linguistics, and received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Kagoshima, Japan where he met his wife Yasuko who worked at the local TV/radio station. Richard and Yasuko married in November 1970 and had a traditional Japanese-style wedding. Richard and Yasuko left Japan in 1976 for Hawaii where Rich earned a master's degree in Japanese at the University of Hawaii and then a PhD in East Asian languages at UC Berkeley. He was a life-long student, a teacher and a scholar, and taught ESL and Japanese at various colleges. Richard and Yasuko worked as freelance translators for the latter part of their careers. Rich was kind and generous, an avid lover of music, especially jazz, and he was a computer enthusiast. He was always eager to engage in wide-ranging and stimulating discussions of world cultures, history, politics, languages and linguistics; literature, science, religions, philosophy. And humor! Richard's chuckle was always present, no matter how serious the topic. Rich was a devout Buddhist and a long-time member of a meditation group in Fresno, practicing in the Sôtô Zen tradition. Rich had his ashes interred during a memorial ceremony at Shasta Abbey Buddhist Monastery (<https://shastaabbey.org/>) in Mount Shasta, California on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Instead of cut flowers, donations to Shasta Abbey would be appreciated. The "Celebration of Life" party took place in September. Richard is survived by his wife Yasuko, his niece Tina Brown, his nephew Hans Eskelsen, brother-in-law Don Eskelsen, and by his many close friends. Rich will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

**MONTY JOHN MARTINEZ, SR.** - Died Thursday, July 17, 2008 at his home ins Vista, California at the age of 58. The cause of death was untreated PTSD, alcohol and opiate abuse and a heart attack. He was born on September 18, 1949. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuolumne Chapter #391**. He is survived by one son, Monte John Martinez, Jr. and numerous family members. The memorial service was held on Friday, July 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the Terzich and Wilson Funeral Home in Sonora, California.



**JOHN PATRICK "Mac" McCASTLAND, JR.** – Died Tuesday, October 1, 2019 in Homer Glen, Illinois at the age of 76. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus-Type II and a heart attack. He born on January 29, 1943. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**. He was a retired Fire Chief and a retired fire service instructor. He was the beloved husband of Sharon (née Blume); loving father of Michael (Dori), Jeffery, Timothy (Kerri), Stacey (Teri), Jaclyn (Patrick) Curran, Nicole (William III) Lynch and Marie Brown; cherished grandfather of eighteen. John is preceded in death by his parents John, Sr. and Loretta McCastland and his sister Joan (the late Donald) Klein. Visitation hours were held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 9:00 PM. There was a fire service walk thru from 7:00 – 9:00 PM with a line-up at 6:30 PM at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home 4727 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oak Lawn. A visitation was also held on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 9:00 PM at the Blake-Lamb. The funeral service was on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6850 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Tinley Park. The interment service was held at 10:AM in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Elwood, IL. In Lieu of flowers donations to Illinois Fire Service Institute Education and Research Award Fund please visit <https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/giving/scholarship.cfm>. For more information visit [www.blakelamboaklawn.com](http://www.blakelamboaklawn.com).



**RODGER EVERETTE McDONALD I** - Died Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the Maury Regional Medical Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of Hohenwald, Tennessee. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on January 16, 1949 in Centerville, Tennessee to the late Buster and Doris McDonald. He grew up and married Nancy Smith. Rodger was a dedicated public servant. Having served in the United States Army 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry, he was a purple heart recipient. He continued to serve even after that by becoming a service member for the VA. He was a VA Benefits officer. He helped 50+ citizens receive their benefits. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. He worked as a plumber/pipefitter for many years with TVA and the union-Local #572 in Nashville. He was a proud democrat and a supporter of anything American. He also was a huge supporter of everyone else's opinion. Rodger was beloved by his church family at Hohenwald Church of Christ, as well. Overall, he is best known for being a loving father and grandfather, and a great provider. Along with his wife, Nancy McDonald, of Hohenwald, he is survived by John Wayne McDonald, Son-Hohenwald, TN, Rodney Coolidge McDonald, Son-Hohenwald, TN, R.E. McDonald, Son-Columbia, TN, Kenny McDonald, Brother, Irvin McDonald, Brother, Louis Bryan, Brother, and five grandchildren. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by one brother, Norman Bryan. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, at the



Hohenwald Church of Christ with Greg Smith officiating. The burial was in the Piney Cemetery. Visitation with the family began at 8:00 AM and continued until service time.



**MARTIN VIRGIL "Mac" McGEE** (USAF, SSgt-Ret.) - Died at 8:40 AM on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center, Galesburg, Illinois at the age of 64. He was a resident of Galesburg. The cause of death is unknown. Mac was born on October 27, 1954 in Galesburg to the late Ray A. and Betty Jean (née Higbee) McGee. He married Imelda Bilog on September 23, 1991 in the Philippines. He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Imelda, of Galesburg; his son, Richard (Mary Jane) McGee of Niceville, Florida; his daughter, Lorena (Sean Wasion) McGee of Newton, Iowa; his sisters, Patricia Williams of Avon, Illinois and Penny (Brian) Stewart of Virginia; his sister-in-law, Perla McGee of Macomb, Illinois and four grandchildren, Stefaun Anglin, Allen McGee, Wyeth McGee and Kal-el McGee. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Michael Ray McGee and his brother-in-law, Charles Williams. Mac served in the United States Air Force as Staff Sergeant. for 20 years, retiring in 1993. He served during the Vietnam War, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City (Philippines) Chapter #887*, the VFW Post #2257, the American Legion Post #285, and American Legion Post #123 as past Commander, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member and current Senior Warden of the Abingdon/Avon Masonic Lodge #185. Mac was very involved in Rotary, being a member of the Aledo, Cambridge, Galva, Kewanee, Mabalacat, Philippines, and Galesburg Rotary Clubs. He received his first Paul Harris Fellow award in 1987. He was currently the president of Aledo Rotary Club, past president of the Galesburg and Mabalacat Rotary Clubs, and past Assistant District Governor of District #6460. Mac was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems. Mac enjoyed fishing and was very instrumental in planning the Galesburg Fishing Derby with Al Hayden. Funeral services were scheduled for 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the Hinchliff-Pearson-West Funeral Directors and Cremation Services Galesburg Chapel with Military Honors by VFW/Legion/AMVETS Honor Guard. Deacon Michael Crummer officiated. Visitation hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, June 7, 2019 at the chapel with Masonic Services at 5:00 PM provided by the Masonic Lodge #185. The burial was in East Linwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Galesburg Fishing Derby, Aledo Rotary Club, or Rotary International. Online condolences may be made at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).

**RICHARD L. McVICKER** - Died Saturday, November 2, 2019 in Mannington, West Virginia at the age of 75. He died at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia. The cause of death was cancer. He could not fight any longer. He was born in Glover Gap, West Virginia on August 10, 1944 to the late Harold A. McVicker and Zelphia R. McVicker. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force having served four years. He was discharged in 1966 at which time he then married Judith Long with whom he was married to for 53 years. Richard was

faithful to the Lord serving as a Sunday school teacher for several years as well as a Deacon and then an Elder in the church. He was a chairman of the board at First Christian Church of Mannington. He then became the chairman of the United Ministry of the Christian Churches of Mannington, Worthington and Shinnston. He was also a member of the Mannington Lodge of Master Masons A.F. & A.M. #31 for 46 years as well as a member of the Augusta Chapter #6 Order of the Eastern Star in which he served as an officer. He worked as a coal miner for 31 years. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannington Chapter #1055**. Richard leaves behind his wife, Judith of 53 years; two children, Michelle Lane of Farmington, and Richard L. "Rick" McVicker of Chantilly, VA; a grandson, Camron Lindsay; 3 granddaughters, Riley, Tierney and Kenzey Scanlon; two brothers, Harold A. "Bud" McVicker and Francis "Butch" McVicker; and a sister, Judith E. Shamblin. Richard was preceded in death by his father Harold A. McVicker and his mother Zelfhia R. McVicker, and one sister, Phyllis Rice. He had many nieces and nephews. There was no visitation or funeral services held. Richard chose to donate his body to the West Virginia University Human Gift Registry. A Celebration of his life was held at a later day. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.mastersfuneralhomewv.com](http://www.mastersfuneralhomewv.com) or the funeral home Facebook page.

**JOHN B. "Jack" MEYERS** - Died Friday, November 15, 2019 in Holiday, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 27, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Marie; his children, Jason, John, Mistral, and Eleanor, and; five grandchildren. He served in the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522** and a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**.



**CARL J. MICHALSKI** - Died Monday, November 18, 2019 at Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Midland, Michigan at the age of 72. He was a resident of Sage Lake, Michigan and formerly of Royal Oak, Michigan and Hale, Michigan. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on July 14, 1947 in Livonia, Michigan to the late Edward K. Michalski and Wanda (née Langewicz) Michalski. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Sharon; dear children, Brett and Jodi (Ed) O'Sullivan; his grandchildren, Samantha, Jake and Ella; his sister, Carol (Ron) McCarty; his brothers; Patrick (Gale) and Michael (Melissa); his sisters-in-law, Linda (Tink) Thompson and Delores Hall; his cherished nieces, nephews and friends also survive, and; his daughter-in-law, Kriisti Michalski. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Edward K. and Wanda (Langewicz); his brother, Edward, Jr; his sister, Judy Gillerman, and his brothers-in-law, James and Ned Hall. After serving our country in Bien Hoa, Vietnam with the United States Air Force, Carl began his career in law enforcement with the Detroit Police Department from 1971 – 1976. From 1976 – until his retirement in 2003, he worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and Wayne County Airport Police where he retired as Executive Lieutenant in command of the identification bureau, Mass Disaster Documentation (D.A.R.T.), E.O.D. and

Bomb Dogs. Upon retiring, Sharon and Carl moved to Sage Lake where both were active with the American Legion Post #422 with Carl serving as Commander in 2014 and 2015. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882*. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Buresh Funeral Home, 121 South Washington Street, Hale, Michigan with Pastor Doug Kennedy officiating. Cremation has taken place. The family received visitors on Saturday from 1:00 PM until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Carl to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network ([www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org)).



**FRANCIS JOSEPH “Joe” MILLER** - Died unexpectedly Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at home in North Syracuse, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Washington, DC on August 7, 1947 to the late Francis and Leslie Miller. Joe proudly served in the Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps and was discharged as a Sergeant. He was on the working committee with the Onondaga County Korea Vietnam Memorial in downtown Syracuse. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103*. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after over 30 years of service, working at the Liverpool Bayberry branch. Joe was predeceased by his parents, Francis and Leslie Miller and a brother, Steve Miller. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Joan Miller; children, Jade Miller, Joey Miller and Janina Miller-Cosentino and Jeff Miller; grandchildren, Angelina Cosentino, Gabriella Cosentino and Sophia Miller; brothers, Gary, John, William and sisters, Dorothy “Bunny”, Diane, Linda and Deborah. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 PM at the New Comer Cremations and Funerals with a service and military honors to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #103.



**THOMAS M. “Tom” MINCHIN** - Died Wednesday morning at the Hershey Medical Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. He was a resident of Harrisburg. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 29, 1947 in Manhattan, New York to the late Michael J. Minchin and Margaret T. (née Burke) Minchin. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Minchin Holton. Tom was a graduate of Xaverian High School, Brooklyn, NY. Tom served as Class and School President his Senior year. Tom graduated from Long Island University. Tom also worked for Macy’s and other establishments in New York City. Tom was a Boy Scout for over 50 years, starting as a scout in Brooklyn, NY. As an adult he worked for the Boy Scouts of America, New York Council and at Ten Mile River Camp. He also served as the Scout Master for a Special Needs Troop in Brooklyn, NY. Tom received the District Award in NY

and PA. He also received the Silver Beaver Award while in New York. Upon moving to Pennsylvania, he joined Troop 206 in Hershey and quickly became involved in the troop, district and Keystone Council. Tom also worked for the American Red Cross in New York City, serving Small Boating Specialist and then as Assistant Director for Safety Services. Upon first moving to Pennsylvania he worked for the Harrisburg Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. He retired from the Red Cross. He also worked for Morgan-Stanley, as Executive Director for American Veterans (AmVets). He worked for the Disabled American Veteran (DAV) and then retired. Entering Parris Island, SC in July 1965, Tom Minchin has remained a Marine for the past 53 years of his life. He served during the Vietnam War era and is medically retired from the United States Marine Corps. Tom is a Life Member to seven Congressionally Chartered Veterans organizations to include,

- Disabled American Veterans (DAV) – Elected as District #4 Commander; served as Department Adjutant /Member and current Commander to West Shore Chapter #50

- The American Legion (TAL) – Elected as Dauphin County Chaplain / Appointed as 19th District Deputy Commander / Member and past Commander to Hershey Post #386/ in Brooklyn, NY he was a member and past Commander of Amity Post #

- Marine Corps League (MCL) – Elected as National Chaplain for the Military Order of the Devil Dogs / Appointed as Assistant National Chaplain, Chair to National Chapel of the Four Chaplains / Chair to National Boy Scout Committee / National Northeast Division Chaplain / Member and past Commandant to P.W. Milano Detachment #299

- Navy League of the United States – Member to Harrisburg Council
- American Veterans (AMVETS) – Past Executive Director for Department of Pennsylvania / Member to Rutherford Post #286

- Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) / *Life Member* to Harrisburg Chapter #542.
- Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) – Trustee to Branch #106, Harrisburg, PA
- Navy Club of the United States of America (NCUSA) – Elected National Commandant/Elected National Chaplain / PA Squadron Chaplain / Past National Executive Secretary / PA Squadron Chaplain/ Lancaster Ship #166 Paymaster. Tom Minchin served as a Veterans' Advocate and devotes his volunteer efforts as a member of the PA War Veterans Council as a representative for the Navy Club USA, as well as member to the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Memorial Council, while serving as Honor Guard member of the Marine Corps League. Tom has been awarded the Legion of Honor Award and Humanitarian Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation, for the principles of selfless service to humanity without regard to race, creed, ethnicity or religious beliefs. Surviving are his wife, Sydney E. (née Sellers) Minchin; a daughter and her husband, Cindy Ann and Louis Petrocelli of Freehold, NJ; two brothers, Michael Minchin of Brooklyn and Paul Minchin of Bronx, NY; three grandchildren, Louis, Dante and Christianna Petrocelli; four nieces and two nephews. Memorial services were held at 12:00 Noon on Monday at the Parthemore Funeral Home and Cremation Services, New Cumberland. Inurnment with full military honors was at 2:00 PM at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, East Hanover Township. Visitation at the funeral home was held from 10:30 AM

until the time of the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to Marine Corps League National Scholarship Program, (<https://www.mclnational.org/marine-corps-league-programs.htm>), Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee, c/o David R Hatfield, 925 Crest Court, Seymour, TN 37865-6045. Arrangements were made by the Parthemore Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



**JOHN R. MITCHELL, SR.** - Died Sunday, November 3, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age 71. The cause of death was related to the disease of Diabetes. He was born on September 2, 1948 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late William and Virginia (née Bell) Mitchell. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Raymond Mitchell, Sr. John served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a Commander of the VFW Post #3636, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. John was a Life Member of the AMVETS Post #1, and Life Member of the D.A.V. He was a former member of the American Legion. John enjoyed the outdoors, his garden, and especially his campfires. John is survived by his loving Wife of 47 years, Judy Mitchell; sons, John Mitchell, Jr., Richard Houchens , and William Mitchell, Sr.; daughters, Karen (Ron Jr.) Brock, Sharon (Terry) Houtchens, and Malissa Baize; brother, Artie (Joanne) Mitchell, Jr.; sisters, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Sandy (Jimmy) Rancheart, and Norma (William) Mitchell. John also leaves behind to cherish his memory twenty-eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended Family. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, November 11, 2019 at the Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions - Southwest Louisville Chapel, 10304 Dixie Highway. His Funeral Service was at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and Receptions - Southwest Louisville Chapel with burial and Military Honors in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery (Central) in Radcliff, Kentucky.



**LARRY D. MITCHELL** – Died Sunday, November 3, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Harvey Illinois on May 29, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Mary and his son, Chris. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam in 1968 assigned to HHD, 58<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion in Long Binh as a Personnel Specialist. After his overseas tour, he was assigned at the 5<sup>th</sup> Army Headquarters in Fort Sheridan, Illinois as an Administrative Assistant to the Adjutant General. During that time, he was a member of the 5<sup>th</sup>

Army Tennis Team. He was a very active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**. He was also a member of the American Legion – Arizona Post #1, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans – Chapter 1 and an at-large member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society and the Thornton Township High School Alumni Hall of Fame. He held offices at the Arizona State Council and Chapter levels. He received the Vietnam Veterans of America Commendation Medal and Achievement Medal. He was active with in-country veterans. He attended State Legislative meetings promoting Veteran events and meetings all over Arizona for many years. He attended many Conventions and Leadership Conferences driving his rented remote wheelchair. The VVA National Convention that Larry attended was in New Orleans.



**ROBERT JAMES "Bob" "Musher" MITCHELL** - Died Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at his residence in Mohegan (Harrisville), Rhode Island at the age of 73. The cause of death was cardiac arrest and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on November 19, 1945 to the late Raymond and Margaret (née Walsh) Mitchell. He was the loving husband to Gloria (née Rutkicz) Mitchell. Robert worked for Electric Boat for 25 years, he was a resident of Mohegan for 42 years previously living in Smithfield, Rhode Island. He was a United States Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818** and Vietnam Security Police Association. He was a former CCD teacher and Eucharistic Minister for Saint Theresa Church. Besides his wife he is survived by his children, Heather L. Dailey and her husband Michael T., of Nasonville, Megan E. Mitchell, of Mapleville, Raymond J. Mitchell, of Providence and Scott S. Mitchell and his loving girlfriend Jillian Y. Gregoire, of Pascoag; beloved grandchildren, Mitchell J. Dailey and Garrett R. Dailey; his sisters, Dorothy V. Carney of Bristol and Madeline "Lynn" McConnell, of Sterling, CT. He was preceded in death by his brother Raymond F. Mitchell, Jr. His funeral was held on Monday at 10:00 AM from the Keene-Brown Funeral Home, 445 Greenville Road, North Smithfield with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in Saint Theresa's Church, Dion Drive, Nasonville. The burial with full military honors was in the parish cemetery. Calling hours were held on Sunday from 4:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Saint Theresa's Church, 35 Dion Drive, Burrillville, RI 02830 or to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #818, PO Box 818, Woonsocket, RI 02895-0818.

**ROBERT LYNDON MOAK** – Died recently in 2019 in the California Veterans Home in Yountville, California at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 11, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**.





**KENNETH RAY "Ken" MOLDOVAN** - Died Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 72. He was a resident of Ann Arbor. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 12, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to the late John and Suzette M. (née Pico) Moldovan. He served honorably from 1965-1969 in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Ken was employed by General Motors for over 38 years, retiring in 2006. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310** and was a former member of the Ypsilanti Moose Lodge #782. Ken enjoyed collecting, traveling and was a big U of M fan. Survivors include: four children, Kenny (Marla) Moldovan, Eric (Kimberly) Moldovan, Sean Moldovan and Heather (Jamie Carlson) Moldovan; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; one brother John (Mary) Moldovan; one sister Kathy (Allen) Quail; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard and one sister, Suzette Schwarzkoph. Ken was buried at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, MI 48442 with military honors.



**FRANCIS C. "Frank" MONGUE, JR.** - Died Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, Maine at the age of 69, after an eleven-month fight with cancer. He was a resident of Alfred, Maine. Frank was born on April 30, 1948 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to the late Francis C. and Helen M. (née Shaw) Mongue, Sr. and grew up Dalton, Mass. Frank was a 1966 graduate of Wahconah Regional High School and attended Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, MA. He received his degrees in Environmental Science and Criminal Justice. Frank was very proud of his service in the United States Army from 1967- 1969 during the Vietnam War, where he was a Crew Chief specializing in UH1B (Huey) and the LOH6A (Cayuse) Helicopters. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**. Frank decided to become a Maine State Trooper in 1978, applied and was accepted to the Academy on January 8, 1979. At that time the Academy was in Waterville. Frank got his first speeding ticket on his way to the Academy that day! Frank was a 31-year veteran of the Maine State Police, beginning in 1979 -2010. As a young Trooper, with Troop G, Frank patrolled the turnpike from 1979- 1986. He then transferred into Commercial Vehicle Enforcement with Troop K, serving from 1986-2010. Frank was an animal lover and became a Drug Enforcement Canine Handler with his partner, "Affie." During his long and fulfilling career, Frank was Trooper of the Year with Troop K in 2007. Trooper Mongue was from a day when being a Trooper was very different in many, many ways,

and when being a Trooper was being a “Bear”. (He received the Bear Award in 2009) Frank was that cantankerous, grizzled, opinionated, animated co-worker that you just can’t help liking. Some of Frank’s fondest memories included working with all of the different agencies; the Secret Service, FBI, Border Patrol, Immigration, the Coast Guard (While being part of the security detail for then Vice President George HW Bush) and the local Police departments and Sherriff’s offices. In the years before his retirement, Frank was a collector, buyer and seller of automobile memorabilia. Each October he would travel to Hershey, PA for the annual swap meet. He and his dog Stripe were a common sight there over the years. After retirement, he and his wife, Francine, established the Mongue Farm in Alfred, ME. They created a safe haven for rescued dogs, horses, donkeys and goats. They also had two cows and an assortment of chickens. They both shared a passion for the farm and all the work involved. Frank also collected tractors and old farm equipment; which can be seen everywhere at the farm. Frank is survived by his wife, Francine (née Tremblay) Mongue of Alfred; his children, Jennifer J. Malanowski of Chicopee, MA; Melissa S. Laws of Chicopee, MA; Jason D. Mongue of Sanford, ME and step-son, Keith B. LaChance of Poland, ME; his grandchildren, McKenna and McKallum Malanowski, Sophia and Piper Laws, and step granddaughter, Chelsea LaChance; his brother, Lawrence A. Mongue of St. Petersburg, FL and his sister, Jo-Ann M. Mongue of Lyman; his Trooper brothers, Robbie Nichols, Kevin Donovan and Breen Savage; Fellow Collector and Seller, Tom Penny; Farming Friend Bill Karchar and “Other Sis” B.J. Empey. Family and friends visited on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred. A Graveside Service with military honors was held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery, 83 Stanley Road, in Springvale. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at the New England Cancer Specialists in Kennebunk for their support and kindness shown to Frank and his family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Road, Scarborough, ME 04074. The Autumn Green Funeral Home respectfully handled all the arrangements.



**CHARLES RICHARD MONTGOMERY** - Died Friday, October 11, 2019 in Williamsburg, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death was acute coronary insufficiency. He was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania on July 10, 1949. Charles graduated from Slippery Rock State College in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in health and physical education. Most recently, he worked as a security guard for the Williamsburg Pottery Factory. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and received the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal. As a member of the VFW - Post #15048, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Williamsburg Chapter #957**, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, and American Legion Post #39, Charles was very patriotic and had strong beliefs in the American Flag and what it stands for. He believed in equal rights and was a proud veteran. Charles was a big fan and supporter of the College of William and Mary Athletics, particularly the football program. Charles was also a huge Pittsburgh Steelers Fan, especially of his big inspiration Rocky Bleier, a Vietnam Veteran

who played for the Steelers. He is survived by his son, Richard Montgomery and his daughter, Robyn A. Montgomery. A visitation was held on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Nelsen Funeral Home, 3785 Strawberry Plains Road, Williamsburg, VA. The interment was held at Arlington National Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered at [www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com](http://www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com).

**ELWYN ROBERT “Butch” MORRIS** – Died Friday, September 20, 2019 in Humboldt General Hospital’s extended care facility, Harmony Manor at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 6, 1945 in Vernon Center, Minnesota and attended grade school in Vernon Center. He graduated from Garden City High School in Garden City, Minnesota in June of 1964, Butch joined the United States Marine Corps and served 4 years in San Diego, California at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot as a Butcher/Meatcutter. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Winnemucca Chapter #744**. It was in San Diego that he met the love of his life, Margaret and they were married May 19, 1967 in Spring Valley, CA. Services were held at the Word of Light Fellowship Church on October 5, 2019 at 3:00 PM with the interment in the Winnemucca Cemetery.



**ANTHONY J. “Tony” MOSKAL** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, December 1, 2019 at RBMC, Old Bridge, New Jersey at the age of 73. He was a resident of South Amboy, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in South Amboy on May 31, 1946. He was a lifelong resident of New Jersey. Before his retirement Tony served his country for over 32 as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. Tony had a thirst for knowledge achieving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Villanova and a PhD from Columbia University. He was very active in his community as a member of the Sayreville American Legion Post #211 and serving as Grand Knight at the Knights of Columbus Council #5088 in Avenel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Surviving are her his adoring wife of 41 years, Kathy Moskal and his daughter Nicole Moskal as well as many loving friends. Calling hours were at the Carmen F Spezzi Funeral Home, 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin, NJ on Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The funeral services were on Friday at 8:15 AM at the funeral home with the burial in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Tony’s name to the Cancer Institute of NJ, 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or to the Sayreville Emergency Squad PO Box 9, Sayreville, NJ 08872. Completed arrangements, letters of condolence, and directions may be found by visiting [www.spezzifuneralhome.com](http://www.spezzifuneralhome.com).

**LLOYD L. MURPHY** - Died at 7:17 AM on February 5, 2014 at the Ottumwa Regional Health Center in Ottumwa, Iowa at the age of 69. He was a resident of Ottumwa. The cause of death

was a massive heart attack. He was born in Ottumwa on March 16, 1944. He served in the United States Navy from January 6, 1964 to December 22, 1967 with two tours in Vietnam from February 7, 1965 to October 18, 1965 and from August 12, 1966 to February 1, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottumwa Chapter #667**. The arrangements were made by the Reece Funeral Home in Ottumwa.



**LARRY A. NELSON** - Died Sunday, November 24, 2019 in Stacy, Minnesota at the age of 77, after a battle with cancer of the stomach and lungs related to Agent Orange. Larry was born on October 27, 1941 in Saint Paul, Minnesota to the late Adolph and Alma (née Koecher) Nelson. He graduated in 1959 from Harding High School in Saint Paul. During his senior year he worked at Saint Paul Saw learning the trade of industrial saw sharpening and later worked at Northern Malleable Iron in Saint Paul. He was drafted in the United States Army on February 10, 1964 and served as a combat medic in the Big Red One from 1965 until his discharge on February 4, 1966. After his military duty he took a job working at the Ford plant in Saint Paul in March of 1966. He purchased a hobby farm and started his sawmill first as a hobby but eventually turned into a full-time family business. He married Donna Olson on May 13, 1967 at Salem Lutheran Church in Oxford Township. Larry loved horseshoe pitching, threshing shows, his chain saw collection and working with Chapter 684 Vietnam Veterans of America. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684**. He truly cherished the time spent with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Larry is survived by his wife, Donna, children, Christine Schmidt of Stacy, Claudine (Todd) Vogel of Pine City, Marshal Nelson of Stacy and Charline Nelson of Stacy. He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Alma, brothers, Marlyn Priebe and David Nelson, sister, Norma Frenning, grandson, Tyler Schmidt and infant son Matthew.



**KENNETH EUGENE "Kenny" NICHOLS** - Died Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the Olathe Health Hospice House in Ottawa, Kansas at the age of 77. He was a resident of Ottawa. The cause of death is unknown. Kenny was born on January 24, 1942 in Newton, Kansas to the late Arlie and Fern (née Sharits) Nichols. He lived in many locations including Pleasanton, Kansas. In 1983, Kenny moved to Ottawa where he made his home until his death. He graduated from Newton High School with the class of 1960. Kenny served in the United States Navy during Vietnam as a corpsman. He later enlisted and served in the United States Army and lastly the

Army National Guard from 1973 to 1989 as a recruiter in Ottawa. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912*. On December 9, 1964, Kenny was united in marriage to Peggy Henkle in Miami, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on December 14, 1998. Kenny married Janice (née Griffin) Wheat March 20, 2000 in Ottawa, Kansas. She survives of the home. Also surviving are six children, Danielle Dunlap and husband Brett, Larry Nichols and wife Evon, Chad Wheat, Julie Hankins and husband Richard, Don Finch and wife Pam all of Ottawa, and Teresa Brockert and husband C.J. of Olathe; brother, Mike Nichols and wife Donna of Alvin, Texas; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Pat Mouser; and grandson, Eric Finch. After Kenny's extensive military service, he retired becoming a jack-of-all-trades. Kenny's love was being with his family and grandchildren. He enjoyed watching sports, fishing, camping, playing Santa Claus many times, and working with the Vietnam Veterans of America. He was cremated. Family and friends met for a graveside service at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Williamsburg at 1:00 PM on Thursday, August 8, 2019 followed by a Celebration of Life at 2:00 PM at the Ottawa Memorial Auditorium, 301 South Hickory, Ottawa. The family suggests memorial contributions to Vietnam Veterans of America Ottawa Chapter #912, c/o Dengel and Son Mortuary, 235 South Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas 66067. Family and friends are encouraged to post their condolences and memories on Kenny's Tribute Wall at [www.dengelmortuary.com](http://www.dengelmortuary.com).



**MARVIN L. O'CONNOR** - Died Thursday, October 17, 2019 in Corsicana, Texas at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 30, 1935 in Longville, Louisiana to the late Reverend and Mrs. A. E. O'Connor. He owned and operated a trucking business here in Corsicana from 1982 to 2008 before retiring. He was an *Associate Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009* and he and his wife Jean started the organization Angels of Corsicana Troop Support which they have been involved in for 19 years and Marvin was Vice-President. He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Corsicana; six children, Professor Kathy Eaton, Marvin O'Connor, Jr., Shannon L. O'Connor, Patricia E. O'Connor, Reverend Sean P. O'Connor and Melanie Chrystal O'Connor; step-children, Holly M. Swerline, Teresa M. Barth and Tech Sergeant Janna A. Cronk, Retired; numerous grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend and Mrs. A.E. O'Connor and brother, Arthur Elton O'Connor. Memorial services were held at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Corley Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Rodney Bancroft officiated over the service. A dinner was served for the family and friends at 11:00 AM at the American Legion Post #22 in Corsicana following the memorial service. An online guestbook is available at [www.corleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.corleyfuneralhome.com) and selecting the Marvin O'Connor obituary.





**JOHN PATRICK O'CONNOR, JR.** - Died Friday, September 13, 2019 at his residence in Sherrills Ford, North Carolina at the age of 81. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction. He was born on April 16, 1938 in Brooklyn, New York to the late John Patrick O'Connor, Sr. and Jane Elizabeth (née Neill) O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor retired from advertising in the newspaper industry and was currently employed by Kohls Department Store. He was a United States Army veteran during the Vietnam War and frequent customer and member of Richard's Coffee Shop, Mooresville. Mr. O'Connor was a member of Saint Therese Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mooresville Chapter #1107**. He is survived by his wife, Pauline (née Brecht) O'Connor, whom he married February 6, 1965; children, Mary (Carl) DiFulvio and Lorraine O'Connor; his grandchildren, Brian O'Connor, Ethan DiFulvio and Joshua DiFulvio. The family received friends from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 with a Prayer Service 7:00 PM at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at Saint Therese Catholic Church, Mooresville. A graveside service was at 1:00 PM at the Salisbury National Cemetery. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville served the family of Mr. O'Connor. Condolences may be made to the O'Connor family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).



**ROBERT WILMOR "RW" PAVLICH** - Died Sunday, April 28, 2019 in Saint George, South Carolina at the age of 72. The cause of death was cardiovascular disease and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on September 5, 1946 in Port Jervis, New York to the late Frederick C. and Mary (née McDowell) Pavlich. RW was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran serving with the 86<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers, B Company earning the rank of Sergeant (E-5) and was honorably discharged. He retired from AT&T after 25 years as a communications technician. He was a Boy Scout earning the rank of Eagle Scout with two palms. He was a life member of the VFW Post #161 of Port Jervis, NY, the Elks Lodge #2719 of Summerville, SC, and was a member of the American Legion Post #105 and the DAV Chapter #78 of Saint George, an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina* and a member of the Mid-Carolina Gun Club in Orangeburg, SC. He loved to hunt and fish and was a SC Stingrays fan! He is survived by his loving wife, Jean E. Pavlich; his two daughters, Tabatha (Justin) Carter and Jeanne' Pavlich; his adopted children, Christopher (Cindy) Putnam and Melinda Geyer; his brother, Fred (Deborah) Pavlich III, his brother-in-law, James (Linda) Freytag; his grandchildren: Jared, Sam, Margo, Leigha and Laura, and numerous great grands, nephews, nieces, and cousins, as well as many friends. Arrangements were made through Simplicity Lowcountry Cremation and Burial Services in Ladson, SC. A celebration of life was held. For information or to send a condolence note to the family visit <https://lowcountryfuneral.com/tribute/details/20034/Robert-Pavlich/obituary.html>. In lieu of



flowers, make a donation in remembrance of RW to the Gary Sinise Foundation, the Fisher House Foundation, the Freedom Service Dogs of American or to a charity representing Vietnam Veterans.



**CHARLES JUNIOR "Charlie" PENNINGTON** - Died Friday, October 25, 2019 at the gany Health, Nursing, and Rehabilitation Center at the age pf 78. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death was a stroke. Agent Orange-related Parkinson's disease and Diabetes Mellitus–Type II. He was born on December 18, 1940, in Whitetop, Virginia tot the late Elmer Ernest Pennington and Dorothy Virginia (née Shepherd) Pennington. He was also preceded in death by a sister: Gwen Church. A graduate of Frostburg State College, Charles was a United States Navy Veteran during the Vietnam War and retired as an enlisted meteorologist. During his military career, he received numerous awards for service in Antarctica, Cuba, and Vietnam, including numerous bronze stars. Charles is also a retired Veterans' Representative for the State of Maryland. He was a member of Mount Hermon United Methodist Church; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Cumberland Chapter #172**; the Disabled American Veterans – Chapter #5; the Ralph S Tagg, Jr., Chapter #14, Funkstown, MD; the Henry Hart Post #1411 VFW; the Fort Cumberland Post #13 American Legion; the United States Naval Fleet Reserve Branch #369; the American Veterans in Frederick; the Queen City Lodge #131 A.F.&A.M.; the Scottish Rite; the Ali Ghan Shrine; the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #245; and the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #271. He was also an Associate member of the Korean War Veterans; and the Mountainside Marine Corps League Detachment #1071. He was a boy scout leader for Troop #2, Cumberland, MD for a number of years. Charlie was a friend to everyone he met. He would give you the shirt off his back. He was a lifelong Veterans advocate. He had a passion for photography and became known as "One Shot Charlie." His favorite quote was "A stranger is a friend you haven't met!" Charlie is survived by his wife of 52 years: Margaret "Maggie" Elaine Pennington; his sons: William Pennington and James Pennington and wife Kelly; his daughter: Rebecca McGlothlin and husband Mike; and his grandchildren: Jarrett, Jonathan, and Zachary Pennington; and Crosby, Paige and Chase McGlothlin; his great-grandchildren: Rowan and Shayne; a sister: Loretta Hull and husband Robert; a daughter-in-law: Diane "Dee" Pennington, a brother-in-law: Bill Abbott; as well as several nieces and nephews. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, ([www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com)) on Monday, October 28, 2019, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 11:00 AM, with Pastor Patricia Bittner officiating. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Honor Guard stood guard at the funeral home. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans' Cemetery at Rocky Gap. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial contributions be made in his name to Mount Hermon United Methodist Church or any Veterans organization. The family would like to give a special thanks

to the staff on the Progressive Care Unit at the Western Maryland Health System and the staff at Allegany Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for all the care and compassion given.

**MICHAEL PERKINS** - Died peacefully Saturday, November 2, 2019 at his home in Concord, New Hampshire at the age of 67, surrounded by his wife Margaret and sons, Chris and John. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 30, 1952 in Concord, the oldest child of the late John and Marlene Perkins. He was a Vietnam War Veteran and had retired after working in the printing industry and teaching profession. He spent his retirement enjoying his family and home, reading, word puzzles, target shooting, and the Red Sox. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hillsboro Chapter #992*. He raised two sons, Christopher and John Perkins, with his first wife Roxanne Boyce. Mike and Roxanne have three granddaughters, Erica, Adelyn, and Brienne, whom he adored. Mike was predeceased by his parents and brother Jeffrey Perkins. Survivors include Margaret Blacker, his wife of 29 years, and sons Chris Perkins and companion Carol Presby of Saint David, Maine, and John Perkins and wife Amy of Allenstown, NH. Surviving siblings include Brian Perkins and wife Beth of Allenstown, Pennsylvania, Bruce Perkins of Hill NH, Debra Ekstrom and husband Roland of Northfield, NH, Donna Perkins and wife Leanne of Belmont, NH, Lisa Stern and husband Josh of Salisbury, NH. His immediate and extended family will miss him tremendously. There was a celebration of his life at the McLane Audubon Center in Concord on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Pope Memorial SPCA <https://www.popemorialsPCA.org/>.



**GLENN LIONEL PETERSON, SR.** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, Iowa at the age of 71. He was a resident of Boone, Iowa. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa on December 5, 1947 to the late Clayton and Phyllis (née Wheaton) Peterson. He attended grade school in Fort Dodge and graduated from Perry High School in Perry, Iowa in 1966. He also graduated from DMACC in Ankeny in 1995. In 1968, Glenn enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He served in the Army Reserve and was a member of the Iowa National Guard for 23 years. Glenn was discharged from the Guard in 1999 with the rank of Sergeant First Class. On October 18, 1986, Glenn married Tamara Rose at the Iowa National Guard Chapel in Johnston, Iowa. In earlier years, Glenn worked for Oscar Meyer as an electrician-maintenance man, for the Iowa Department of Public Defense at Camp Dodge as a Mechanic, and as a technician for the Iowa Department of Transportation. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Boone, American Legion Post #56, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #817, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Tall Corn Antique Car Club of Boone, NIAPRA Car Club, and the Iowa Street Rods Association. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490*. Glenn enjoyed old cars, O, S, and HO scale trains, fishing and hunting, especially wild boar hunting. He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, JoAnn Jorgensen, and a sister-in-law, Janice Peterson. Glenn is survived by his wife,

Tamara, of Boone; a son, Glenn Peterson, Jr., of Perry; daughters, Karen (Shawn) Shirk, of Bloomfield, and Deanna Peters-Smyth, of Perry; a brother, Steven Peterson, of Mankato, Minnesota; and a sister, Cynthia Schnobrich of New Ulm, Minnesota; three grandsons, Scott (Lindsay) Smith II, of Ankeny, Trae Smyth, of Cambridge, and Trace Shirk, of Bloomfield; nieces and nephews, Amy (Brian) Apitz, Gaylen Schnobrich, Devin Schnobrich, and Blake Schnobrich, all of Minnesota, Lauren Huntley and Lars (Michelle) Jorgensen, both of Washington State. Also surviving are in-laws, Wayne Jorgensen, of Washington State, Lavonne Shearer and Thomas (Sandi) Rose, all of Boone, Roxanne Aplanap, of Nevada State, and Stone (Barbara) Rose, of Oregon State. Following his wishes, Glenn was cremated. A Celebration of Glenn's Life was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church in Boone with Reverend Dr. David Swinton officiating. Burial of Glenn's cremains was in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter. Friends visited the family at the Church on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 5:00 until 7:00 PM. In memory of Glenn, memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church for a Smart TV for the sanctuary. Online condolences may be made at [schroedermemorialchapel.com](http://schroedermemorialchapel.com). The Schroeder-Reimers Memorial Chapel at Sixth and Marshall was in charge of the arrangements.



**THOMAS E. PETERSON** - Died Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, Ohio at the age of 79. He was a resident of Spring Valley, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 16, 1940 in Cedarville, Ohio to the late Ervin and Beatrice (née Hundley) Peterson. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving during the Vietnam War and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Xenia Chapter #930**. He retired from the Sugarcreek Local Schools, and was formerly employed at WBZI, WGIC, and WMWM radio stations. He is survived by his wife, Patricia (née Darner) Peterson, whom he married, October 20, 1962, children, Darrell (Angela) Peterson, Beavercreek, Dayne (Tracy) Peterson, Lugoff, SC, grandchildren, Asa (Nancy) Peterson, Cleveland, NY, Levi (Drue) Peterson, Woodbridge, VA, Elijah (Sara Kinney, fiancé) Peterson, Medina, OH, Alexandra Folkerth, Hinesville, GA, Haley Hutchins, Victor Peterson, and Max Peterson, all of Beavercreek, great-grandchildren, Flynn Peterson and Cora Peterson, a sister, Barbara Peterson, Xenia, by several nieces and nephews, and by many close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by brothers and sisters, Arthur Peterson, Katherine Holverstott, Ralph Peterson, and Juanita Varvel. Tom will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation hours were held from 5:00-8:00 PM on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Neeld Funeral Home, 1276 North Detroit Street, Xenia. Private graveside services were held at the convenience of the family in the New Burlington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, OH, 45420, in his memory. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.NeeldFuneralHome.com](http://www.NeeldFuneralHome.com).



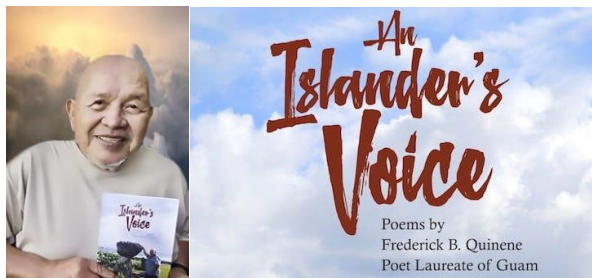
**RICHARD ALAN “Dick” PHILLIPPI** - Died Sunday, December 1,

2019 in the comfort of his home in Harrisonburg, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death was Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia for 17 years, Hypogammaglobulinemia for 17 years and Bilateral Pulmonary Embolism for 6 years. He was born on January 24, 1949 in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania to the late Carl Phillippi and the Maxine (née Whipkey) Snyder and stepson of the late Emerson D. Snyder. Dick lived a life of service. During the Vietnam War, he saw combat as an engineer in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the United States Army. When he returned home to Pennsylvania, he was an active member of many organizations, including the Hecla and Bridgeport Sportsmen Clubs. Dick and his family moved to Harrisonburg in 1986 to manage Rockingham Motel, capitalizing on his excellent carpentry and electrical skills. Those skills later came in handy when Dick became the maintenance supervisor at the Bridgewater Retirement Village, where he went above and beyond caring for all the residents. As a father, he shared his outdoor-sports knowledge with his son’s local scout groups, teaching them about fishing and wood lore, a passion that also contributed to his daughter’s eventual career in marine biology and conservation. Though leukemia forced Dick into early retirement in 2002, his illness didn’t diminish his love of life or his desire to help others. He could be found volunteering at People Helping People, an ecumenical organization that provides support to people in crisis, every Monday; regularly attending services and working the sound equipment at Sunrise Church of the Brethren; promoting **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061** of which he was a *Life Member* and other groups of which he was a lifetime member, including Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and teaching woodcarving classes. Dick was a talented and generous artisan, giving away more woodcarvings than he ever sold. He was preceded in death by his sister, Cathy Phillippi, his brother, R. Lee Snyder, and his father, Carl Phillippi. He is survived by his wife, Judith Phillippi; his daughter, Aimee Phillippi, her husband Mick Womersley, and granddaughter, Edana Womersley all of Jackson, ME; his son, Matt Phillippi and wife, Erin of Harrisonburg, VA; and his brother, Joseph Snyder of Mt. Pleasant, PA. A memorial service for Dick was held on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Sunrise Church of the Brethren with the Reverend Richard Wehrle and Dr. J. D. Glick co-officiating. If guests have one of Dick’s woodcarvings at home, please bring one to the service to share and pay tribute to his memory. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to People Helping People by mail at 281 East Market Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Lindsey Funeral Homes and Crematory in Harrisonburg handled the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.lindseyharrisonburg.com](http://www.lindseyharrisonburg.com).

**MICHAEL J. POEL** – Died Wednesday, April 24, 2019 in Muskegon, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 14, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**.

**GEORGE KECK POWELL, MD AAFP FACS** (USA-COL-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, August 20, 2019 in Saint Marys, George at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 30, 1938. He served 26 years in the United States Army as a trauma surgeon in Vietnam, with NASA on ocean recoveries for Apollo and Skylab missions, program director for surgical residency programs in El Paso, TX and Augusta, GA, and surgical consultant to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army. He graduated from Washington University School of Medicine, and Colorado College. He is survived by his wife Alice Jane Powell, four children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**ALBERT A. "Al" PROUGH** – Died in September 2019 in Akron, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 7, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Akron Chapter #900**.

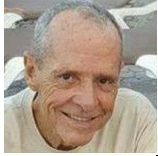


**FREDERICK BAZA "Papa Fred" QUINENE** - Died

Sunday, August 25, 2019 in Barrigada, Guam at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 19, 1942 in Guam to the late Senator Jesus Reyes and Rosa (née Baza) Quinene. He was also predeceased by his late wife of 49 years, Cecilia "Gogo" (née Ungacta) Quinene and his grandson, Silvino Jesus A. Quinene. He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Frederick Guy and Julie C. Quinene, Silvino Jesse and Norma A. Quinene and John William and Ruth N. Quinene; one daughter, Cecilia Rose "Lily" Quinene; eight grandchildren, and; many sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and cousins. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sinajana Chapter #668**. Last respects were held from 8:30-11:30 AM on September 6<sup>th</sup> at San Dimas Catholic Church in Merizo. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Noon. The interment was in the Merizo Cemetery. The University of Guam Press is "deeply saddened" to announce the death of Frederick B. Quinene, Guam's **Poet Laureate**. *The Guam Daily Post* has more: According to the press release, UOG Press worked with Quinene in the production of his poetry collection "An Islander's Voice." "As a proud islander, Mr. Quinene shared his unique perspectives on love, life, family, culture, and Guam politics in his poems. Mr. Quinene's thoughts naturally occurred in poetic form, he once shared. He recalled fishing as a young boy and seeing the world around him transform into rhymes as he would write poems in his mind while at sea," the release stated. He had shared once with UOG Press Managing Editor Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero: "Before I even went to school, I was doing, 'Roses are red, violets are blue, you can beat me, but my dad can beat you, or something like that.'" Quinene took his poetry to the floor of U.S. Congress, where he read, "What Am I?" – a poem that details Guam's colonial history...



**LEWIS EUGENE RAMSEY** – Died Friday, November 8, 2019 in Newark, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 26, 1949 in Newark. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**.



**DAVID ALAN “Dave” REEVES** - Died Friday, February 2, 2018 at his home in rural Bloomfield, Iowa at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related coronary artery disease, ventricular fibrillation and sudden cardiac death. He was born on August 24, 1947 in Beaufort, South Carolina to the late Richard Thomas and Pauline Lucille (née Mitrising) Reeves. He married Billie Rae Hamersley on August 16, 1969 in Ottumwa, Iowa. The couple had two children, David Aaron and William Ryan. Dave served in the United States Air Force during Vietnam and then joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 1974 and served until 1978. In 1984, he reenlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard where he served in Afghanistan in 2003 and retired on August 31, 2007. He was a member of VFW Post #778 in Ottumwa, Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion in Bloomfield, Disabled American Veterans Wapello Chapter #1 in Ottumwa, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottumwa Chapter #667**, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Iowa Association of County Commissioners of the Veterans Affairs, and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. At the time of his passing, Dave was the Director of Veterans Affairs for Davis County, a position he held since January 1, 2009. Outside of military life, Dave worked for People’s Finance, People’s Savings and Loan, Hormel, and Vaughn Motors. He was also active in the Midwest Little League in Ottumwa where he had served as Vice-President and manager and was an assistant coach with Davis County Little League and Babe Ruth while his children were growing up. He enjoyed spending time with his family and going on family vacations. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren. Dave is survived by his wife, Billie Reeves; two sons, David Aaron (Gloria) Reeves of Bloomfield, William Ryan (Tabitha) Reeves of Clermont, Florida; five grandsons, Andrew, Adrian, Braydon, Cole, and Dalton; two sisters, Deborah McDonald (Stephen “Burl”) Newell of Eddyville, Iowa, Francis Darlene Garrett of Goshen, Alabama; two brothers, Richard (Mona) Reeves of Troy, Alabama, Thomas Reeves of Montgomery, Alabama; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Rick McDonald, Jack Garrett; and brother-in-law, Brad Hamersley. Military rites for Dave were performed at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Visitation with family present to greet friends until 7:00 PM. Memorials have been established to the Look to the Stars Cancer Foundation in Davis County, Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion in Bloomfield, and the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital.

**CHARLES B. REICHERT** – Died Monday, December 18, 2017 in Marana, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 27, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106**. He is survived by his wife, Heidi (née Ullmann)



Reichert of 25 years; his two daughters, Jennifer (David) Moon, of Hammond, IN and Meredith (David) Borak, of Chicago Heights, IL, and; his brother, William Reichert.

**WILLIAM A. REYNELL** - Died Monday, September 9, 2019 in Rochester, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 30, 1945 to the late William and Virginia Reynell. He is survived by his siblings, Margot (Kelvin Rose) Schumaker, James and Michael (Eileen); three nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20*. Calling hours were on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Dierna Funeral Home, 2309 Culver Road (near Norton). The interment was in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donate to a Veterans association of your choice.

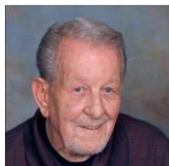


**JAMES E. "Jimmy" RHODE** - Died Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in East Syracuse, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York on January 19, 1946 to Marguerite Rhode and the late Earl Rhode. He spent most of his life in East Syracuse devoted to his family, close friends and his beloved pets. James was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, spending nearly 5 years serving our country. While serving in Vietnam, he earned the rank of Specialist Four in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103*. "Jimmy" had a very big heart and touched the lives of many while doing things his way. He was predeceased by his father, Earl and wife, Linda. He is survived by his mother, Marguerite; son, John (Marget) and his grandchildren, Elliot and Sienna, who always put a smile on his face. Our family also extends a special thank you to dear friend Melissa Staniec for her loving care the past two years. There were no formal services, donations may be made in his name to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #103, P.O. Box 675, Liverpool, NY 13088.



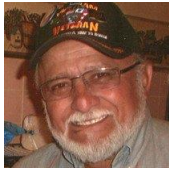
**DEWEY MONROE RIEHN** - Died Monday, November 25, 2019 at the University Hospital at the age of 81. He was a resident of Ashland, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. Dewey was born on January 16, 1938 in Jackson, Missouri to the late Ernest and Effie (née Barks) Riehn. On August 24, 1958, he was united in marriage to Virginia Sides, who survives. He served his country proudly for 20 years, two years as a United States Marine and eighteen years in the United States Army - most of those years as a counter-intelligence officer. He served in the Philippines and Vietnam, and he lived in Okinawa and Munich, Germany. Upon retirement, Dewey had a 24-year career with the Missouri Department of Social Services as an investigator. He devoted 16 years following that as a lobbyist for veterans' issues at both the state and national level. He was an original member of the Boone County Children's

Services Board beginning in 2013. Dewey was ordained as a Deacon in 1965 and served in many churches, with the last 40 years as a Deacon at Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #280, American Legion Post #158 in Jackson and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jefferson City Chapter #393**. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting when he was younger and traveling throughout his life. He enjoyed telling a good story. Dewey also had a passion for working with children, such as coaching team sports such as youth football and softball; most recently supporting and encouraging college students providing a home-like atmosphere for those needing a family atmosphere. The gift he treasured most was his time spent with family. Dewey is survived by his wife, Virginia Riehn; children, Dewey DuWain Riehn, Melissa Gaye, Lori Riehn and Ernie (Susan) Riehn; son-in-law, Richard Carr; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Doyle Riehn; and daughter, Elizabeth Renee Carr. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday at Memorial Funeral Home in West Columbia, Missouri. An additional visitation took place from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Monday at Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church. The funeral was at 11:00 AM at the church. The burial with full military honors was in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to VFW Service Officers Fund or Little Bonne Femme Church Facilities Endowment Fund. Online condolences may be shared at [www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery.com](http://www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery.com).



**KEITH A. “Robbie” ROBINSON** (USAF, Lt. Col.-Ret.) - Died peacefully Friday, July 19, 2019 in his Kalispell, Montana home the age of 83 and the first thing he probably said on the other side was “Clear on the right ... pressure’s up!” The cause of death is unknown. Keith was born in Billings, Montana on May 2, 1936 to the late Henry and Doris Robinson. After earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in journalism at the University of Montana in 1958, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served his country for 22 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He specialized in air-traffic control, air operations, maintenance and civil engineering. He navigated KC-135 refueling tankers for SAC during the Vietnam War and other tours of duty. He and his family were stationed in many unique Air Force bases, including a five-year tour in Germany. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Chapter #1087**. After his retirement from the military, Keith returned to his hometown he loved to call “Shangri-La.” He was proud of Kalispell and wanted to preserve its history while embracing the continued growth and progress in the Flathead Valley. He acted on that passion and served over 16 years on the Airport Advisory board, was on the original Boards of the Central School Museum and Rails-to-Trails, served on the Flathead Youth Home board, as well as was active in his Sigma Nu fraternity. He fought hard to preserve the City Airport and once quipped when a funding petition went to the voters, “People get old, but dreams never die.” Keith’s work ethic was heavily influenced by his father and this past May he was once again proud to present, alongside his son, Kevin, the H.E. Robinson Memorial award to another

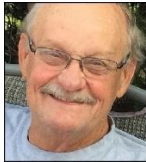
deserving student who earned the recognition of the faculty for growth in the FFA program. In 2017 he was himself presented with an Honorary Chapter FFA degree. Keith loved hanging around the racetrack with his many friends as well as at the Kalispell Regional Hospital cafeteria, a second family to him as well. He was also an avid photographer. He was known for his quick wit, infectious smile and his kind and compassionate spirit. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his partner Annie (née Stafford) Robinson. He is survived by his children who he affectionately liked to call "by the numbers: #1 Kevin (Laura) Robinson; daughters #2 Wendy Challberg and #3 Kelly Jo (Brian) Wallace. He was "Grumpa Keith" to Shelby Challberg, Kayla Robinson, Katie Rivera, Tanner Wallace and Blake Wallace and always made sure to include his signature "duck confetti" in his cards. Thank you to all his friends, neighbors and colleagues whose friendship made Keith's life forever enriched. A special thank you to his caregivers, especially Laura Robinson for her selfless, tender care of Keith the past few months. In lieu of flowers, please consider a tribute donation to the Kalispell Senior Center or charity of your choice. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.



**WILFREDO "Chico" RODRIGUEZ** - Died unexpectedly Monday, November 11, 2019 at the UH Medical Center in Andover, Ohio at the age of 74. He was a resident of Andover. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 4, 1945 in Adjuntas, Puerto Rico to the late Marcial and Rosa (née Serrano) Rodriguez. He married Peggy A. (née Hovanick) on June 2, 1969. After 47 years of happiness she preceded him in death on May 11, 2017. He is also preceded by his parents; and two brothers, Edwin and Alvin Rodriguez. He is survived by four sisters, Daisy Santiago of Albion, PA, Ana (Jesus) Jimenez of Albion, PA, Lillian (Jesus) Carbonell of Bristol, CT, and Madeline "Maggie" (Jose) Mateo of Flushing, NY; and five brothers, Gabriel (Carmen) Rodriguez of Chicago, IL, Victor (Marilyn) Rodriguez of Ashtabula, Walter Rodriguez of Houston, TX, Robert (Tari) Rodriguez of Erie, PA and Ivan (Mary) Rodriguez of Ashtabula, OH. Wilfredo was a 1967 graduate of Ashtabula High School; and he then served in the United States Army having served in the Vietnam War. He was injured three times without having been sent home; and he received many honors for his service. He was extremely proud to have fought for the freedom of his country. Wilfredo was active in veteran affairs by participating in parades, speaking at the schools, and setting up tables at various locations collecting donations for various organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #231**. He also actively helped other veterans to apply for benefits. He was employed as a machinist by Rockwell International in Ashtabula for over 20 years; and later worked at Reliance Paper Company in Ashtabula until his retirement. Wilfredo enjoyed going to swap meets and car shows with his wife and visiting numerous friends. He loved to care for his farm and his beloved cats. He enjoyed the company of the people at Ashtabula Physical Therapy; and always made the girls' day at Bob Evans, where he would eat a couple times a week. He had a way of putting a smile on everyone's faces around him. After the passing of his loving wife he made sure to carry out her wishes to check up on her mother and make sure her needs were

met. Calling hours were held on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at the Baumgardner Funeral and Cremation Service, 134 Prospect Street, Andover, OH. A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the funeral home with Reverend John Germaine officiating. The burial was in the Cherry Valley Cemetery. The family suggested memorial contributions be made to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 or at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) or to The Andover Foundation, PO Box 429, Andover, OH 44003. Those wishing to share a fond memory or condolence may visit [www.baumgardnerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.baumgardnerfuneralhomes.com).

**DENNIS ROSENWALD** – Died Thursday, June 20, 2019 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 26, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. Visitation hours were from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the Matthew Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 2508 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, New York. The funeral service was held at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the funeral home. Interment with full military honors were held at the Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, New York.



**MICHAEL DONALD "Mike" ROSNER** - Died Thursday, June 13, 2019 in Spokane, Washington at the age of 75, from ALS "Lou Gehrig's disease. He was born on February 2, 1944 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin to the late Donald Francis Rosner and Elise Marie (née LaCau) Rosner. He grew up in the Florida Keys as Jimmy and only found out his name was Michael when he entered the United States Marine Corps. Mike served from 1962-1966 with two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Chapter #879**. He worked as a cook in Reno, Nevada where he met his wife of 39+ years, Mary Rosner, and their twins were born. He then worked for 15 years at Interlake School in Medical Lake followed by 14 years at Airway Heights Correction Center. He enjoyed 10 years of retirement. Working in the yard, baseball and traveling he thoroughly enjoyed, but he loved his family and his grandkids. He is survived by his wife, Mary, daughters Lana Nelson and Nora Rosner, four grandchildren, his brother, Rick Rosner of Prunedale, CA, and numerous favorite nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Donna Funez. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 PM in the VFW Post #1435, 192 South David, Spokane Valley. A potluck and memories were shared.



**WILLIAM ALFRED "Billy" RUANE** – Died Saturday, December 28, 2019 in Blackstone, Massachusetts at the age of 72. He was a former longtime resident of Franklin, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Malden, Massachusetts on May 13, 1947 to the late Alfred "Hap" and Amy (née Leonard) Ruane. He was the beloved

husband of 23 years, Tammy L. (née Edwards) Ruane, with whom he shared 23 years of marriage. He served in the United States Army from October 17, 1966 to August 15, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division "Tropic Lightning". He attained the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket, Rhode Island) Chapter #818*. Charles F. Oteri and Son – Franklin Funeral Home, 33 Cottage Street, Franklin, Massachusetts was in charge of the funeral arrangements. Billy was raised and educated in Franklin and worked as an ironworker for Local #7. He also worked for Ruane and Father, Inc. Recycling of Sherborn. A proud American, he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He attained the rank of Sergeant and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, a Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, a Combat Infantryman Badge, with Sharpshooter, (M-16 & M-14). He was honorable discharged in Aug 1968. Known as Billy or "Boatneck" to his friends, he enjoyed helping others, and always had a kind word to say. He was devoted to his wife, children, and friends. Billy loved being outdoors and walking his dog, Kush in the neighborhood. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, William J. Ruane, of Milford; a daughter, Laurie Ruane Niro and her husband, Aldo of Milford; a stepson, Steven Raymond and wife, Tina Raymond, of Woonsocket. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, Gianna Niro and William Ruane of Milford, many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Billy was the brother of the late Michael Ruane and Sheila Ruane Chase. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his graveside funeral service on day January 10<sup>th</sup> in Saint Mary's Cemetery, 185 Beaver Street, Franklin at 11:00 AM. Interment with military honors were accorded. Calling hours were held on Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Charles F. Oteri and Son Franklin Funeral Home, 33 Cottage Street, Franklin, Massachusetts from 4:00-8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be sent to a Veteran's Organization of your choice or the MSPCA-Angell 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130.

**LIONEL SANCHEZ** – Died Tuesday, December 24, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born on February 18, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Alicia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432*. He had been the Legislative Committee Chairman for the United Arizona Veterans. Visitation was on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:00 PM with service at 6:00PM at the Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home, 9925 West Thomas Road, Avondale, Arizona. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Saint Gregory Catholic Church, 3424 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The interment was in the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 North Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Arizona.



**BRICE FRANKLIN SCALLEY** - Died Monday, January 23, 2017 in West Palm Beach, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ohio on October 30, 1937. Brice moved to Florida. Brice graduated from Lake Worth High School in 1958. Brice was



Commander of Camp 3, Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Sons of Veterans Reserve. He loved military history and American patriotism. Brice was a member of many historical, veterans, and alumni organizations. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – West Palm Beach Chapter #25*. A memorial service, with military honors, was held at All County Funeral Home, Del Lago Chapel, 131 South Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth, FL on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 7:00 PM. Viewing, with an honor guard, was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.



**CHARLES E. "Chuck" SCHLARMAN** - Died Monday, October 14, 2019 in Breese, Illinois at the age of 72. The cause of death is coronary artery disease. He was born on December 14, 1946 in Breese to the late Carl and Dorothy (née Kuhl) Schlarmann. On July 24, 1969, he married Shirley Grapperhaus and together they raised their three children, Michael, Jeana and Kevin in Breese. Survived by his wife Shirley Schlarmann of Breese; children, Michael and Duenne (Brown) of Holiday Shores, Kevin and Jeana Thole of St. Rose, Kevin and Rhoda (Wiseman) of Breese; grandchildren, Dean and Anna Schlarmann, Claire and Lydia Thole, Shane, Katelyn, Wyatt Schlarmann and Logan Wiseman; siblings: Herb Schlarmann, Jim and Kathy Book, Joe and Nancy Schlarmann all of Breese; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Bob Vollmer Of Highland, Pat and Jerry Voss of Breese, Beth Grapperhaus of Breese, Bob and Linda Grapperhaus of Shattuc, David and Bonnie Grapperhaus of Bartelso, Danny and Janet Grapperhaus of Nashville, Joe and Kellie Grapperhaus of Patoka, Gary and Deb Grapperhaus of Carlyle and Pam and Todd Loddeke of Breese; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Bernie Schlarmann; sister, Linda Essington; sisters-in-law Jenny Schlarmann and Betty Vollmer; and brother in-law, Charlie Grapperhaus. Chuck served in the United States Army and was stationed in the States during Vietnam. Following his service, he worked on the family dairy farm before taking a desk job with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Upon his retirement in 2016, he was finally able to enjoy his true passions, which included caring for his pecan trees, wood working in his shed and helping others. Chuck was a Breese township trustee for many years, as well as a member of the Saint Augustine Catholic Church Men's Sodality, Breese American Legion, and the Illinois Nut Tree Association. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269*. Quick with a smile and a kind word – and more than happy to chit chat about matters big and small – Chuck was always willing to lend a hand, be it driving friends and family here and there or pitching in to help where he was needed. His wife, children and grandchildren were the luckiest recipients of his love, and we will miss how fiercely he hugged and how tightly he held our hands. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Saint Augustine Catholic Church in Breese with Reverend Father Chuck Tuttle presiding. Interment with full military honors was in the Saint Dominic/Saint Augustine Cemetery, Breese. Visitation hours were on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 PM and again on Friday, October 18, 2019 from 9:00-10:30 AM at Moss Funeral Home in Breese. In lieu of flowers and gifts, donations can be made to Saint Augustine Catholic Church, Vietnam Veterans Chapter #269 or the donor's



choice and will be received at the funeral home. The Breese American Legion and the Vietnam Veterans held services at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening at the funeral home.

**JOSEPH LOWELL SCHNITZER** - Died Thursday, May 2, 2019 in Howell, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hagerstown, Maryland on November 10, 1946 to the late Dr. Henry M. Schnitzer and Elinore R. (née Kobold) Schnitzer. Joseph was raised in Jersey City and was a graduate of Dickinson High School class of '64. Joseph attended Pace University and Jersey City University. He was an honorably discharged Vietnam Veteran, having served in the United States Army from 1966-1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Joseph was the proprietor of Lowell Construction for over 40 years. Joseph was a master of all trades in the Monmouth County area until his retirement in 2008. Joseph's vast interests included fishing, camping, home improvements, automotive maintenance, trips to Atlantic City and helping neighbors. Joseph was survived by his two daughters, Marguerite and Florence; Son, Jamison Johnson; granddaughter, Kaylee, grandsons; Brandon, Brennan, Gavin and Sawyer. The interment was at Riverside Cemetery, 12 Market Street, Saddlebrook, NJ 07663. All arrangements were under the direction of Clayton and McGirr Funeral Home. For information, directions, or condolence messages to the family, visit [www.claytonfuneralhome.com](http://www.claytonfuneralhome.com).

**JAMES C. "Jim" SCOTT** – Died Wednesday, October 23, 2019 in Littleton, Colorado at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Artesian, South Dakota on April 2, 1935 to the late Clarus and Geraldine (née Hentrich) Scott. Jim married Colette on May 17, 1986, a year after meeting her at a dance. He entered the United States Army on April 25, 1955 and served for 20 years at various Army bases throughout the country. He had many overseas tours of duty, two in Germany (Wirsberg and Zweibrücken); two in Vietnam. He was in Long Binh on March 30, 1965 when the US Embassy was bombed in Saigon and his last overseas tour was in Korea. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071**. He is survived by his wife, Colette (née Elder) Scott; two sons, Oscar (Cat) and Brian (Irina) Scott; four grandchildren, Crystal (Scott) Thuringer, Allison Scott, Michael (Hannah) Scott and Sofia; two brothers, Myron (Doria) Loon and Dennis (Marie) Loon, and; one sister, Judy (David) Conovan). Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the Columbine Baptist Church. He was interred in Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.



**LARRY DELANE "Buddy" SELLERS, SR.** - Died Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at his residence in Whiteville, North Carolina at the age of 72, surrounded by his beloved family. The cause was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Columbus County, North Carolina on October 20, 1947, to the late Alton Sellers and Margaret Allene (née Long) Sellers. Mr. Sellers was a salesman in the food industry and a devoted member of Lebanon United Methodist Church. He was a proud veteran, having served in the Vietnam War with the United States

Army for two years. He was involved in many organizations including a *Life Membership* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962**, Veteran Memorial Parks of America since 2013, Department of Aging Advisory Committee and Columbus County Community Advisory Committee for Nursing Homes. Survivors include his beloved wife, Betty Denise Coleman Sellers of the home; son, Larry Delane Sellers, Jr. (Preceded-Lisa) of Whiteville; sibling, Dalma Collins (Hal) of Whiteville, Merle Lightsey (James) of Conway, Faye Etheridge of Old Dock; one grandchild, Nicholas Sellers (Shannon) of Wilmington, and a host of Nephews and Nieces. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Worthington Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Ricky Parker officiating. Interment was in the Lebanon United Methodist Church Cemetery, with military honors. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday evening at the Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourne, North Carolina. Memorials may be addressed to the Veterans Memorial Park- 6354 James B. White Highway South, Whiteville, NC 28472.

**EDGAR J. SMILEY** - Died Monday, November 4, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 77. The cause of death resulted from complications after a fall. He was born on April 2, 1942 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He had retired from teaching aeronautics at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. He also retired after a 30-year career with the United States Air Force, having served in the Vietnam and Gulf Wars. He was a member of Saint Paul United Methodist Church, GI Joe Post #244, and Middletown VFW Post #1170, for whom he proudly served in the Honor Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. Edgar is survived by his wife, Deena Smiley; sons, Trent Conner and Lucas Smiley; grandchildren, Lenna and Kellan Conner; sisters, Marilyn Coughlin (Mike), JoAnn McConnell (Jude), and Linda Guttermson (Les); and numerous nephews. Visitation hours were from 2:00-7:00 PM on Sunday at the Owen Funeral Home – Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road, with funeral service to follow at 7:00 PM. The interment was from 11:00 AM on Tuesday at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY. Expression of sympathy may be made to the Honor Guard of the Middletown VFW Post #1170.



**DOYLE WARREN SMITH** - Died Saturday, November 23, 2019 at Morristown Hamblen Healthcare System in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 82. He was a resident of Morristown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 11, 1937 in Morristown to the late James "Jim" Smith and Flora (née Bradshaw) Smith. Doyle is a member of Central Baptist Church in Morristown. He was preceded in death by his parents: James (Jim) and Flora Bradshaw Smith; brothers: Billy Joe, Jimmy, Clarence, Lee, Tony, Gene; his sister, Shirley Price, and; twin brothers and sister who died at birth. Survivors include his daughter, Angela Sumler; his grandchildren, Joseph William "Josh" IV, Emma and Jackson Warren Sumler; his stepchildren, Franklin, Gina and Michael, and; his former wife and best friend Maria Prince. Doyle retired from the United States Army after serving more than 20 years. He was a Vietnam

Veteran with three tours. He also served two tours in West Germany and two tours in South Korea. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073** and all the other Veteran Organizations. His awards include Two Bronze Stars, Four Army Commendation Medals and several until awards. Funeral services were on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Mayes Mortuary. Visitation hours began at 5:00 PM until services commence at the funeral home. Military Graveside services were conducted by the Honor Guard from VFW Post #5266 at the Hamblen Memory Gardens on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.



**LINDSEY E. SMITH** – Died Monday, November 18, 2019 in Littleton, Colorado at the age of 80. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born in Yankton, South Dakota on June 21, 1939 to the late Arthur and Loretta Smith. Lindsay lived a long, rewarding life. Well, until recently. Two months to the day after his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, he was diagnosed with liver cancer, which is how he eventually ended up in this obituary section. Enough about that. Lindsay is survived by his wonderful family: Donna, loving wife of 52 years; four children, son Bradley (wife Kimberly), and daughters Debra (husband Pat), and twin daughters Jennifer (husband Christopher) and Kimberly (husband Christopher) – I told you they were twins, right? He treasured his five grandchildren: Kendall, Thea, Carey Ella, Levi, and Loretta. He was predeceased by his father, Arthur; mother, Loretta; younger brother, Curtis; several magic rabbits, and beloved dogs Nikki and Seiko. He begrudgingly went to his grave wanting one more dog. He grew up in Sioux City, Iowa, and is a graduate of Marshall University, Huntington, WV, with a BA in journalism. In April 1963 en route to Singapore aboard the guided missile cruiser USS PROVIDENCE (CLG-6), Lindsay participated in the United States Navy's "Crossing the Line" ceremony, an infamous day-long event signifying the crossing of the Equator. Those who have never crossed are known as "Pollywogs." Those who "survive" become "Shellbacks." Lindsay is a Shellback. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071**. In the summer of 1964, Lindsay climbed to the summit of Mount Fuji in Japan. He slept overnight in a hut about three-fourths of the way to the top. The height? 12,365 feet. It was an eight-hour climb up, a four-hour descent coming back down. (It's all volcanic ash, you know.) In the first five years after they were married in October 1967, Lindsay and Donna moved five times involving three interstate moves: Colorado, Idaho, and Arizona. Surprisingly, Donna stayed with him through all of this. On a trip to Hawaii in 1995 to celebrate Donna's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, Lindsay and Donna were on a deep-sea fishing expedition off the coast of Maui. Lindsay caught and hauled in a tuna. It would have easily filled two cans. Lindsay had several favorite movies, which he quoted often. Those movies include *The Wizard of Oz*, with Judy Garland ("*No you can't see the Wizard, not no how, not no way.*"); *Stripes*, with Bill Murray ("*Lighten up, Francis.*"); and *Road House*, with Patrick Swayze ("*You don't look so tough to me.*" "*Opinions vary.*"). His most common phrase was "*Dammit Donna!*", which will perhaps be his longest running joke. He maintained his sense of humor to the very end, using his legendary "squeaker" to prank the doctors and nurses. He liked to say his tombstone would read: "I told

you I was sick.” Clearly he was a man of his word. Services were held on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Horan and McConaty’s South Metro/Centennial location (5303 East County Line Road), with a reception featuring light refreshments to follow. Prior to the service Lindsay was laid to rest with military honors in a private ceremony at Fort Logan National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Lindsay to the American Cancer Society or to the scholarship fund for the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #1071, Check should be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1071, memo section to say scholarship fund.



**STEPHEN “Steve” SPENCER III** – Died Wednesday, November 13, 2019 in Guadalupe, California at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 5, 1948 in Jacksonville, Florida to the late Stephen and Sadie Spencer. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of eight children. In 1966 Steve graduated from Lompoc High School in California. He then attended Allan Hancock College. In 1969 he met the love of his life, Teresa Rivera Ruiz. Later that year he was drafted by the US Army. He proudly fought in the Vietnam War (1969-70.) He received many honorable awards and was part of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division “Screaming Eagles.” When he returned home from the war in 1971, he reunited with his sweetheart and they would go on to have 4 kids together. They got married on December 3, 1988 and were together for over 48 years. After the Army, Steve worked at Vandenberg Air Force Base as a Boiler Mechanic from 1974 until his retirement in 2011. Steve was an active member of the American Veterans United. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He is preceded in death by his loving parents, Stephen and Sadie Spencer. Steve is survived by his beloved wife of over 30 years, Teresa Spencer; children/grandchildren from youngest to oldest: Stephenie Spencer (Jamey)(Jamey, Jr. and Salea); Lavonya Spencer (Charisma); Patrick Johnson (11 kids); & Lee McGilvery III (13 kids.) He has 23 great-grandkids. Also left to cherish his memories are his loving siblings. Alicia Brown, Arnold Spencer, Cynthia Barlow (Anthony), Tracey Ricks, Dwayne Spencer, Charles Williams and Sandra Gissentanner(Frederick) along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Steve was loved and adored by so many people. He was a soldier. Definitely a one-of-a-kind man. He knew how to fix everything! He was a role model and a law-abiding citizen. He had a calm demeanor. Not a man of many words but when he spoke, you know it meant something. He had a great sense of humor. He loved his family, music, dancing, driving, fishing and seafood. If you ever were in need, he was there with a smile on his face. Especially if you ever needed photos or videos. His hometown of Guadalupe has a lost a hero. He will be missed greatly. Visitation was from 4:00 PM at the Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary Chapel with a Rosary at 5:00 PM on Friday, November 22, 2019. A Baptist service followed at 6:00 PM. On Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM there was a Funeral Mass held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church followed by the burial at the Guadalupe Cemetery.



**RICHARD E. SPRIGGS, SR.** (USA, LTC–Ret.) - Died Tuesday, October 22, 2019 Auburn, New York at the of 81. He was a resident of Throop, New York. He passed away peacefully Tuesday at the V.A. Medical Center. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Phoenix, New York on July 14, 1938 to the late Ernest and Jane Spriggs. Richard served honorably in the United States Army from 1957-1969. Richard was a Lieutenant Colonel and a highly decorated Vietnam Veteran, having received the Silver Star, three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #704**. He is survived by three sons, Richard (Melanie Woodvine) Spriggs, Jr., Jeffrey Spriggs and Neil (Jamaya) Randall; three daughters, Sandi (Mark) Chauvin, Bobbi-Jane Weaver and Amber Spriggs; twenty grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; a sister, Cindy (Terry) MacDougal; a sister-in-law, Raylene Spriggs, as well as; several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his wife, Jacqueline his daughter, Heather Randall and his brother, Jack Spriggs. There were no calling hours. A service was held in the spring at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. The arrangements were made by the Pettigrass Funeral Home. Please sign the guestbook at [syracuse.com/obits](http://syracuse.com/obits).



**DONALD ERNEST "Don" STUART** – Died Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in Exeter, Rhode Island at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related coronary heart disease and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was born in Whittier, California on July 23, 1947. He leaves behind a loving wife Carol M. Stuart of 51 years; three children, Matthew DJG Stuart, Sherstine J. Arsenian, Hollanie Sherlock; and two sisters, Rosalie Davis and Patricia Wilkerson. Donald was a United States Navy Seabee assigned to the Marine Corps in Vietnam and was proud to have served his country. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wakefield Chapter #325**. He also was a local contractor for 30 years. Don loved his family most, but also was a terrific singer and loved to share his talent. May he rest in peace. The Memorial Service was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon at the Wakefield Baptist Church.

**DAVID JOHN SUEHRING** - Died Thursday, November 7, 2019 at home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Clintonville, Wisconsin on December 21, 1945 to the late John and Ruth (née Wiesmann) Suehring. David married Harriet DeBehnke, the love of his life, in Oshkosh on September 9, 1978. She preceded him in death on May 1, 2007. He graduated from Marion High School then joined the United States Army from 1967-1970 serving in Vietnam. David received the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge for his dedicated service to our country. He was a *Lie Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437**. David attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and worked as a



diesel mechanic in new product development at Pierce Manufacturing, retiring after 22 years of employment. He enjoyed his life with Harriet, their dogs, baseball and friends. David is survived by his aunt, Irma Suehring; niece, Sue (fiancé, Brian Greer) Schmidt; nephew, Jim (Nancy) Otto; great-nephew, Justin Schmidt; and brother-in-law, Jeff Zillmer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriet; his parents, John and Ruth; and sister, Donna Zillmer. A memorial visitation was from 11:00 AM until the time of military honors at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Fox Cities Funeral and Cremation Service. The burial took place at a later date at the Lakeview Memorial Park, Oshkosh. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund in David's name was being established. Many thanks to all the best buddies for their dedication and diligence in being there for David. Further, a special thank you to the entire staff at the Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center, Ascension Mercy Hospital, Ascension Homecare and Hospice, Evergreen Nursing Home and Home Instead for their wonderful care.



**RANDALL RAY "Randy" TAPLIN** - Died Tuesday July 16, 2019 at Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg, Oregon at the age of 67. He was a resident of Roseburg. The cause of death was Diabetic ketoacidosis, Diabetic mellitus, Acute Renal Failure. He was born in Wautoma, Wisconsin on August 27, 1951. Randy served in the United States Army, including a tour in Vietnam between 1970 - 1971. After he was discharged from the Army, he began his life working as a diesel mechanic, pose exterminator, fisherman, plumber, and electrician. He was a talented storyteller and would keep you laughing when he spoke of his adventures. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseburg Chapter #805**. Randall is survived by his wife JoAnn Compton Taplin; mother, Caroline Pitcher, Wautoma; brother, Ronald Taplin, Milwaukee; daughters, Tammi Jugert, Tucson, AZ, and Angie Slade, Delaware, AR. Military Honors were held on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the communal at the National Cemetery Annex on the Roseburg VA campus.



**CHARLES SCRIMSHAW TAYLOR** (USA-CW3-Ret.) – Died Thursday, May 24, 2018 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 27, 1935 in Key West, Florida to the late Marjorie Faye (née Ayala) Taylor and the late Charles C. S. Taylor. Charles served in the Military from 1953 to 1979 in both the United States Air Force and United States Army. He also served in the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1970 and a tour in Korea 1977 to 1978. He graduated from Cameron University. He completed his military service in the U.S. Army as a Chief Warrant Officer – Meteorologist, retiring with 26 years in 1979. He continued to serve in the Civil Service after retirement. Charles' current



spouse is Marjorie Lindsay, married in 2005. He was previously married to the late Annmarie Duke from 1952 to 2003. He was preceded in death by his sons, Tim Taylor and Mark Taylor; stepson, David Young; and grandson, Sam Johnson. Charles is survived by his son, Michael Taylor; daughter, Teri Koren and son-in-law Robert Koren; daughter-in-law JoAnne Taylor; stepson, Richard Young; stepdaughter, Karen Bender; sister, Millicent Flenner; grandchildren, Lisa Carpenter, Ryan Taylor, Haley Koren, Jacob Koren, and Allie Koren; great-grandchildren, Jack Carpenter, Claire Carpenter, seven step-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-great-grandchildren. Some of Charles' hobbies were barber shop singing, ball room dancing, community volunteering and he led an on-line devotional and prayer group. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He was a past Board of Trustee of the Elks Lodge, a past Chapter Dad and past Chairman of Lawton Order of DeMolay, founder and past President of NE Lawton Lions Club and past Zone Chairman and past Deputy District Governor, District 3L Oklahoma. He was a volunteer at Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of World Wars, Veteran of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, Lawton Masonic Lodge No. 183, Scottish Rite, and India Shriners. A funeral mass was celebrated at 12:00 Noon on Friday, June 1, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church with Reverend Father Philip Seeton, pastor officiating. The burial with full military honors was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home. Donations in Charles' name can be made to Meals-on-Wheels - Lawton OK and VVA Chapter #751 - Lawton OK and are welcome and appreciated. Special thanks to the staff at the local VA center in Lawton for their loving care of Charlie during this season of life.

**ROBERT E. TAYLOR** – Died recently in 2019 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 21, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocala Chapter #1085**.



**ELDEN LYNNWOOD "Ed" TEALL** (USAF MSgt-Ret.) - Died Thursday, October 31, 2019 in Andalusia, Alabama at the age of 84, with family by his side. He was formerly of Hale, Michigan. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. Elden "Ed" was born on May, 13 1935 in Hale to the late Irvin and Rose Teall. Elden attended all elementary, junior and high school in Hale. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on July 8, 1952 at the age of 17. He did his basic training, at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio, Texas, Radio Operator training at Keesler Air Base in Biloxi, Miss., awaiting top secret clearance at Elmendorf Air Base in Anchorage, Alaska and Radio Intercept Operator training at Northeast Cape Air Station on St. Lawrence Island (Bering Straits) in Alaska. This was the beginning of a most interesting career, serving as an International Morse Code Specialist for the remaining 21 years, under the direction of the United States Air Force Security Service, currently identified as Air Force Communications Intelligence under the overall supervision of the National Security Agency (NSA). He served as a

Communications Intercept Supervisor, Osan Air Base, South Korea, July 1956 for 12 months. He volunteered for duty during the Vietnam War, where he served as ARDF Management and Mission Supervisor of Airborne Operations at Phu Cat Air Base, South Vietnam. While there he flew 140 Airborne Combat Missions in a C47, a low and slow aircraft, for a total time of 876 hours over the enemy in South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. For superior performance during this tour of duty, Master Sergeant Teall was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal (4 rewards), the Vietnam Service Medal, the 1970 Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Outstanding Unit Award with V for Valor during combat operations and the Republic of Vietnam Defense Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882**. Sergeant Teall married Gyla Ilene Ellsworth, of Whittemore, on Aug. 14, 1954. She followed his career to California, Mississippi, England, Greece, Texas, Japan and Alaska. She gave total wifely and spiritual support for the next 20 years, bearing them two daughters, Dorcas Marie and Robin Lynn, and a son, Colin Eugene. Dorcas and Robin were born in Mississippi and Colin was born in London, England. Without the endeavored support of wife and family, Sgt. Teall's career would not have happened. SGT Teall retired at age 39 years as Communications Superintendent, holding the rating as Master Sergeant. Due to holding Top Secret, Crypto Category III Clearance, it wasn't until 25 years after retirement, that SGT Teall was allowed to inform his family of the details of duties he performed during his career. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gyla Ilene Teall; daughter, Dorcas (John) Eng; daughter, Robin (Newell) Jansen; son, Colin (Debbie) Teall; and grandchildren, Anthony (Amanda) Jansen, Jessica (Jon) Lerczak, Tyler and Trevor Teall; and great grandchildren, Sydney, Cyrus, Kelsey and Kale. He is also survived by his brother Virgil Teall and Vernon Teall and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irvin and Rose Teall; brother, Irvin Jr.; sister, Shirley; and grandson, Eric Kalenka. We lost a great man, husband, father, and a Hero and Patriot. Donations can be made in his name to the Parkinsons Foundation.



**JAMES W. "Jim" TEBBE** - Died Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at home in Saint Rose, Illinois at the age of 69, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on September 6, 1950 in Highland, Illinois to the late Walter and Gladys (née Knebel) Tebbe. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Tebbe; brothers-in-law, Kevin Alberternst and Doug Willis; nephew, Jeremy Tebbe; and special friend, Marie Dasenbrock. Surviving are his children, Brian (Tara) Tebbe of Jamestown, Nicole (Jeremy) Gebke of Patoka, and Chad (Kammi) Tebbe of Aviston; grandchildren, Kaylei Tebbe, Jordan, Makayla, and Alyssa Gebke, and Lane Tebbe; siblings, Joe (Jan) Tebbe, Rich (Chyrsa) Tebbe, Kathy (Ken) Jansen, Carolyn Alberternst, and Joan Willis all of St. Rose; sister-in-law, Norma Tebbe of Italy, TX; nieces and nephews, Jennifer (Scott) Schrage, Shannon (Brad) Buhmann, Adam (Angie) Tebbe, Brooke Tebbe, Ryan (Kelly) Tebbe, Jessica (Daniel) Price, Kristina (Wes) Jordon, Kimberly (Brad) Phillips, Kyle (Tricia) Jansen, Kendra Jansen, Sean (friend Kari Dorries) Alberternst, Josh (Katie) Alberternst, Kayla (Aaron) Buskirk, Jacob Willis, Lauren (Nathan) Vice, and Caitlyn Willis; numerous great-nieces and great-

nephews; and his former wife, Julie, nee Detmer, Hartsburg of Highland. Jim was a veteran of the United States Army, retired as a floor supervisor from Carlisle Syntec in Greenville, and was a member of Saint Rose Catholic Church and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Breese Chapter #269**. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, woodworking, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Saint Rose Catholic Church in Saint Rose with Reverend Father Edward Schaefer presiding. The committal service with full military honors was in the Saint Rose Cemetery. Visitation hours were on Friday, November 22, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 PM and again on Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 8:30-9:30 AM at the Moss Funeral Home in Breese. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #269 or the Jared Burke Foundation and will be received at the funeral home. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #269 held services at 7:00 PM on Friday evening at the funeral home.

**PAUL A. TERRY** – Died Thursday, October 17, 2019 in Baldwin, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 16, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. The family received friends on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Hungerford and Clark, Inc. Cremation was private.

**JOSEPH L. TETREAULT, JR.** - Died peacefully on Saturday, June 22, 2019 in Riverside, Rhode Island at the age of 63, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island to late Joseph L. and Tayne Dorothy (née Germaine) Tetreault. He lived in Riverside for 24 years. He was the loving companion of Nancy E. Castro. Mr. Tetreault was a United States Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam War. Joseph was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. Besides his companion Nancy, he is survived by a brother, Rene Tetreault of North Royalton, OH. His funeral service was private. The burial was held in the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter.

**RICHARD W. THOMAS, JR.** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Friday, March 3, 2017 at Delmar Gardens North, Black Jack Missouri at the age of 84. The cause of death was complications from Parkinson's disease. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware on April 1, 1932. He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Joanne Thomas. He was the dear father of Dana Thomas and Richard (Cynthia) Thomas; loving grandfather of Sarah Claus and Michelle Claus; loving great grandfather of Aiden Hasler, and; dear brother of Robert (Mary Ann) Thomas and William Thomas. Mr. Thomas entered the United States Army as an officer in 1955 after graduating from the University of Delaware. His primary military occupation was in aviation material management. He received his senior aviator's wings in 1964 after serving in his first of two tours as a "slick" Huey helicopter pilot in Vietnam. During his second tour in 1967 while serving with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, he received the Air Medal with "V" Device for Heroism near Cu Chi Vietnam. While taking continuous heavy enemy fire and without any fire support he piloted his damaged helicopter to the landing zone of a downed aircraft and was able to recover, without any casualties, members of the downed aircraft.

Among many other medals, he was also the recipient of the Meritorious Service, Bronze Star, and Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters. Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas retired in 1976 after 21 years of service. His last duty station was at the US Army Troop Support Command on Goodfellow Boulevard in St. Louis Missouri. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #794**. Visitation was on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM at the Hutchens Mortuary, 675 Graham Road, Florissant MO, followed by a 3:00 PM service. The burial was at Jefferson Barracks on Friday, March 17, 2017. Mr. Thomas was escorted to Jefferson Barracks by the Patriot Guard, where he received Military Honors.

**EDWARD GERALD TIMMER** – Died Thursday, June 15, 2017 in Santa Cruz, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 22, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.



**ALAN J. VALENZENO** – Died Thursday, February 21, 2019 in Lakewood, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death was Recurrent Metastatic Urothelial Cancer. He was born on March 22, 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the beloved husband of Patricia Buckhold; dear father of Anthony (Marla) and Alan; dear stepfather of Joan Semenek and Julie Milavec (Adam); loving grandfather of Matthew Valenzeno; brother of Ronald (deceased), and; beloved friend of many. He was a United States Navy Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249**. Friends visited the family at the McGorray-Hanna Funeral Home of Lakewood, 14133 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood on Friday from 3:00-7:00 PM. The interment was on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Clement Church at Lincoln and Madison Avenue on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM. The family suggested memorial contributions be made to Heroes Harbor Hospice c/o VA Medical Center, 10701 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106.



**JOHN CHARLES VOGELHEIM** – Died Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the VA Medical Center in Reno, Nevada at the age of 76. He was a resident of Rogers City, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 21, 1942 in Rogers City to the late Karl and Margot (née Monroe) Vogelheim. John was a graduate of Rogers City High School and he went on to graduate from University of North Texas. After graduation he served his country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Army. He was honorably discharged from the Army

and returned home to eventually run the Vogelheim Lumber Company and became an active member in the community. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**. He was involved in the Knights of Columbus, past President of the Chamber of Commerce, Nautical City Festival Committee, Kiwanis and the Presque Isle Men's Club to mention a few. He had a lifelong love of wooden boats and was a founding member of the Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat show. He enjoyed hunting and spending time with family at his beloved Cranberry Lake Hunt Club. In the last 18 years, he and his wife Phyllis split time between Rogers City and Gardnerville, Nevada where he pursued his love of downhill skiing and enjoyed many more dear friendships. He is survived by his loving wife Phyllis of 52 years; three sons, Robby (Christin) Vogelheim of Rogers City, Clay Vogelheim of Rogers City and Chad (Kendra) Vogelheim of Traverse City; six grandchildren, Heather (Luke) Ryan, Kelly Vogelheim, Tommy Vogelheim, Adam Vogelheim, Aiden Vogelheim, Cale King; one great-granddaughter Amber Karsten; brother, Karl, Jr. (Judy) Vogelheim of Commerce Twp., and a sister, Mary "Susie" (Guy) Robinson of Houston, Texas. John was preceded in death by his brother, Neil and his parents, Karl and Margot. Friends visited at the Beck Funeral Home on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM where the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus recited the rosary at 6:30 PM followed by the parish wake at 7:00 PM. Visitation resumed on Friday at Saint Ignatius Catholic Church from 9:00 AM through the time of his memorial mass at 10:00 AM with Reverend Father Rolando Silva officiating. The Rogers City VFW Post #607 accorded the military honors immediately following. The inurnment took place at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in memory of John Vogelheim to Saint Ignatius School.



**DONALD L. "Poncho" WARD** - Died Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 69. He was a resident of Ottawa, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 31, 1950, in Iams, Kansas to the late Perry R. Ward, Sr. and Ellen Irene (née Bright) Ward. Poncho proudly served his country for 11 years in the United States Marine Corps, including action in the Vietnam War. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and received numerous awards, including the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, the RVN Cross of Gallantry and two Purple Heart medals. He worked for National Beef Packing, in the maintenance department, for 36 years. Poncho was a Marine through and through. He was an active member and second commander of VFW Post #5901, Ottawa. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**. He is survived by a son, Korey J. Ward and his wife, Misty, Ottawa; a granddaughter, Payton J. Ward, Ottawa; three step-grandchildren, Christine Bell, and Remington and Caroline Brannon, all of Ottawa; five sisters, Carroll Jean Ward, Mary Lou Starbuck, Betty I. Ramirez, Joy C. Ward, all of Ottawa, and Nancy K. Ward, Garnett. Poncho is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Perry R. Ward Jr., and Bob Joe Martindale; and a sister, Shirley Ann Gray. The family greeted friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home,

Ottawa. Graveside memorial services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 4, 2019, at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Paola, Kansas. The family suggested memorial contributions be made to VFW Post #5901, c/o Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 14, Ottawa, KS 66067. Condolences may be sent to the family through [www.lamb-roberts.com](http://www.lamb-roberts.com).



**WAYNE GREGORY WATKINS** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at his residence in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 74. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born on June 8, 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio. He had lived in Dawson County since 2004 having moved from Hinesville, Georgia. Wayne retired as a Sergeant First Class from the United States Army where he served for 20 years. He served two tours in Vietnam as a Combat Infantryman and was awarded 21 medals including the Bronze Star and the Silver Star. Wayne was very active and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970** and first joined the VVA Savannah Chapter # 671 in 1992. He helped organize and founded the Liberty Chapter #789 in Hinesville and the Dawson County Chapter #970 in 2005. Wayne served in leadership positions in each chapter where he was a member and also served two terms as President of the Georgia State Council and on the Conference of State Presidents at the national level. Mr. Watkins was a graduate of Leadership Dawson and was very active in many organizations that serve Dawson County as well as the surrounding counties. He served as a deacon of Grace Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Carol Watkins, Dawsonville; his son, Scott Watkins, Texas, and; his grandson, William Scott Lavalliere. A memorial service was held on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Grace Presbyterian Church. Reverend David Jordan officiated. The interment services were held on Tuesday November 5, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the Georgia National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church, Post Office Box 201, Dawsonville, GA 30534, or to the VVA Chapter #970, Post Office Box 1205, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Condolences may be expressed at [www.beardenfuneralhome.com](http://www.beardenfuneralhome.com). Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA. Was in charge of the arrangements.



**STEPHEN R. WEAKLEY** - Died Wednesday, November 6, 2019 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 14, 1943 in Springfield, Tennessee to the late Harry R. Weakley and Kathleen (née Wettstein) Weakley. He is survived by wife of 15 years, Sandra (née Jones) Weakley; daughters, Jennifer Bailey of Mount Pleasant, SC and Beth Ann Sissel (Michael) of Simpsonville, SC; stepdaughters, Natalie Vantrease (Matthew) of Nashville and Jamie Gomez (Horacio) of Little Rock, AR; brothers, David Weakley of Stewart, TN and Sam Weakley (Pamela) of Memphis, TN; sisters, Patricia Jenkins of



Knoxville, TN and Mary Beth Brellenthin (Jack) of Hixon, TN; brother-in-law, Sam Jones (Jo Beth) of Calvert City, KY; five grandchildren, Austin Sissel, Spencer Sissel, Harrison Sissel, Chandler Arnold, and Riley Bailey; one great-grandchild, Emerson Kate Arnold; three stepgrandchildren, Eli Gomez, Mia Gomez, and Zoe Johnson; and the mother of his children, Linda (née McCloud) Weakley, of South Carolina. Mr. Weakley proudly served our country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**. He graduated from Saint John Vianney Catholic Church School, Gallatin High School in 1961, and Tennessee Technical University in 1971. Mr. Weakley was a Quality Engineer for over 34 years. The Funeral Mass was on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church. Visitation was on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Family Heritage Funeral Home. The interment was on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Crestview Memory Gardens with full Military Honors. Honoring him as pallbearers were Austin Sissel, Michael Sissel, Alec Arnold, Don Rusbult, Phil Douglas, and Bob Mackie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, 449 North Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066, or Friends of the Gallatin Public Library, 123 East Main Street, Gallatin, TN 37066, or First Presbyterian Church, 167 West Main Street, Gallatin, TN 37066. Online condolences may be submitted at [familyheritagefh.com](http://familyheritagefh.com). The Family Heritage Funeral Home was honored with the arrangements.



**JAMES R. "JB" WEBB, JR.** – Died Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 1, 1942 in Walden, Colorado to the late James and Violet Webb, Sr. As a youngster, the family moved to Birch Tree, Missouri. JB served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War##. He was a proud Seabee and received an honorable discharge. He was a proud member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2534 and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101**. He proudly bore a flag, head held high, in many local parades and events, regardless of the weather or temperature. Every December in King, Wisconsin, JB would lay wreaths down for the Central Wisconsin Veteran's Cemetery, Wreaths Across America. On April 18, 2019 JB was given the opportunity of a lifetime: going on the 'Never Forgotten Honor Flight'. JB was a pipefitter/steamfitter at Consolidated Papers Inc. until his retirement. He was involved in multiple organizations: LIVESTRONG, a member of the Stevens Point Prostate Cancer Support Group and the Grand Rapids Lions. JB and Judy (née Whittecar) got hitched January 8, 1966 and galloped off on a trail ride. No more dusty trails after landing in Wisconsin. The family expanded with two little fillies; Gina and Stacy, who were their Dad's pride and joy. Papa will be missed so very much by Judy; daughter, Gina Webb, granddaughter Laura and Mike Zeinert; granddaughter Jordan and Jaron Bernette and great grandchildren Jameson, Kali and Gavin; grandson Logan Erickson; granddaughter Emma Webb; daughter Stacy Webb; grandson Trey and Michaela Webb and great granddaughter Oaklee; and grandchildren Maggie, Tessa and Cade Eichner. Everyone will always remember rides in Papa's van, his stash of mints, nuts and other snacks, and a story beginning with "Now let me tell you about...". He

was our Papa and our Hero. JB is also survived by his sister Margie and husband Merwyn; in-laws Ruth Ann and Dennis, Mag and Dennis, Nancy and Dick; nieces, nephews and many special friends. JB began his day by going to the YMCA for a short workout and a long visit and some coffee. Then he would “make his rounds” around town to visit family and friends...and to get more coffee. A typical day would end playing with the little ones. He was happiest visiting and spending time with those he cared about. He also liked to watch the St. Louis Cardinals play ball... even though the rest of his family are Milwaukee Brewer fans and he was taunted mercilessly. We thank him for all the precious memories, our ‘Special Angel’. We Love You Beyond the Stars. After a pop-in visit and a wave of his hand as he exclaimed “Later”. JB’s dash was complete on November 20, 2019. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Herman-Taylor Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids. A time of visitation for family and friends was from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Military honors were rendered by the VFW Post #2534 and VVA Chapter #101. The burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery in Saratoga. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the American Heroes Café in Wisconsin Rapids.



**JAMES G. “Jim” “Wags” WEGENER** – Died unexpectedly on Friday, November 8, 2019 at home in Traverse City, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 17, 1948 to the late John Wegener and Bernadine (née Michels) Wegener. Jim could best be described as a loyal and passionate man. His love for his family and his country trumped everything else. Jim was an amazing husband, father and veteran. Jim’s interests were evident as he always wore them on his sleeve. He could always be found wearing his Vietnam Veterans’ hat, patriotic tee-shirt and coffee mug with pictures of his grandkids printed on it. Jim graduated from Saint Francis as a football hero and homecoming king. He sold cars for years, drove a school bus for TCAPS, and was currently a limo driver. Jim was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam war in 1968. In his two years of service Jim traveled the country and the world in defense of our freedoms. He served as a baker in Vietnam and a brief stint as a drill instructor at Fort Sam Houston. Though Jim’s formal service to our country ended after the Vietnam war, he continued his service through numerous veterans’ organizations to include the local veteran service organizations. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Grand Traverse County Board of Veterans Affairs and he was a founding member of the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition. Jim was scheduled to be the master of ceremonies for numerous events for this Veterans Day, and planned to read the following thank you letter to all veterans during his speech: “As I get a bit older each year, I have really begun to appreciate the freedoms that I have. We live in the greatest country in the world, due in part to the efforts of our armed forces who often put themselves in harm’s way to protect our rights, freedoms, and our people. I just wanted to personally say to each of you that served that I really appreciate what you did to protect us all. God Bless You, and God Bless America.” Jim was

always the person to have on your side. He was fiercely loyal to everyone he loved and would literally give the shirt off his back if it was needed. He was a man of quick wit and was an expert at delivering the best “one-liners”. He will be deeply missed. Jim is survived by his wife, Susan Wegener (Lenhard); his daughters, Emily Oppen and Amy Weisberger; his stepson, David Brouse; three brothers; two sisters, and; seven grandchildren. Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Bernadine Wegener (Michels), his father, John Wegener, and his brothers, John Jr, Robert, and Joe. A celebration of life was held at the Traverse City American Legion on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM, 1231 Hastings. All who knew Jim were welcome to attend to enjoy stories and good whiskey. The only request is that you wear Jim’s favorite color, green. The color of money as he would say. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Grand Traverse Veterans Coalition 2650 Lafranier Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

**HARRY WILLIAMSON** – Died recently in Yountville, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was a donor to **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**.

**IVORY MACEO WILSON, JR.** – Died Sunday, February 24, 2019 in the Augusta VA Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia at the age of 74. He was a resident of Savannah, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 4, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. The viewing was held on Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM in the Adams Funeral Services, Inc., 510 Stephenson Avenue, Savannah, GA. The funeral service was held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Adams Chapel, 510 Stephenson Avenue, Savannah, GA. The interment following the funeral service was held on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Beaufort National Cemetery, 1601 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC.

**LOUIS THOMAS WRISKA** – Died Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 26, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.



**JOHN CARL YOUNGERMAN** - Died Friday, November 8, 2019 at his residence in Whiteville, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cardiac arrest. John was born on July 14, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Jack Adam Youngerman and Florence Sadie (née Budzynski) Youngerman. Also, preceding John in death was a son, John Patrick Youngerman. He proudly served in the United States Navy as a Navy Corpsman during the Vietnam War and retired after 20 years of service. He also served as director of nursing at Premier Living at Lake Waccamaw, Liberty Nursing and Rehab in Whiteville and Shoreland Healthcare in Whiteville at various times. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962**. Survivors include his beloved wife, Kathie Leigh (née Dickens) Youngerman of the home; two sons, Kelly Lynn Youngerman of Washington, DC and Matt Youngerman (Renee) of Aberdeen; a daughter, Jennifer Joan Thornton of Whitehouse, TN; a brother, Bill Youngerman (Sharon) of Boca Raton, FL, and;

several grandchildren. A military interment service was held at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Bragg at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD! AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM!  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE! AMEN! MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE!**