



DENNIS F. ALLARD - Died Monday, December 30, 2019 in Suamico, Wisconsin at the age of 70, surrounded by his loving family. He was formerly of Allouez, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin on August 16, 1948 to the late Gene and Alma (née Van Nelson) Allard. He graduated from Premontre High School and University of Wisconsin Green Bay. Dennis served his country during the Vietnam War as a Green Beret in the United States Army. On June 3, 1972, Dennis married Joanne Quever and were happily married for 27 years until her passing in 1999. When Dennis was well, he enjoyed being active, cycling Wisconsin with his son, Matt, many travel adventures with his close friends and his philanthropy. He was giving of himself, volunteering at the homeless shelter, the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his son, Matt (Holly) Allard, special friend, Cheryl Long, brothers, Berwyn, Curt (Sara Beernsten) and Scott (Cindy) Allard, sister, Sharon Biermann and many close friends and extended family. Preceding Dennis in death are his parents, his wife, Joanne, sister in law, Mary Allard and brother in law, Mark Biermann. Family and friends gathered on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the Cotter Funeral Home, 860 North Webster Avenue, De Pere, beginning at 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM when a memorial service was held. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff at Rennes Nursing Home for the care and compassion given to Dennis over the last few years.



FRANK J. APRIGLIANO, JR. – Died Saturday, September 17, 2005 in Jersey City, New Jersey at the age of 56. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 15, 1948 to the late Fran J. Aprigliano, Sr. and Mary (née Chiusano) Aprigliano. He was the beloved husband of Barbara Lynne; loving father of Frank J. III and Maria Corso; cherished grandfather of Vincent, and; dear brother of Donna Curtis and Michael. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Friday at 10:45 AM at Saint Barnabas Roman Catholic Church, Bellmore. The entombment was in the Long Island National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Vietnam Veterans of America or The American Cancer Society.

ROY H. ARNOLD - Died Friday, March 29, 2019 in Harker Heights, Texas at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 27, 1939 in Palestine, Texas to the late Claude and Fannie Mae Arnold. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1978, including three tours in Germany and Vietnam. During his service he earned the Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a *Life*

Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000. Mr. Arnold was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Fannie Mae Arnold; son, Roy Arnold, Jr.; and six siblings. He is survived by his beloved wife, Frieda E. Arnold; cherished children, Eveline Bermea (Ezechial), Anton Koller (Petra), and Michael Koller; precious grandchildren, Mark E. Bermea, Ezechial Bermea, Jr., Patricia A. Bermea, Manuela Koller, and Johnny Perez; 17 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Shirley Hooper and Connie Read; and numerous other family and friends. A Memorial Service was held at 9:30 AM on Friday, April 26th at the Heritage Funeral Home, Harker Heights. The interment was in the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at 11:00 AM.

MARY FRANCES AUFRICHT – Died recently in 2019 in Dallas, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. She was a *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.

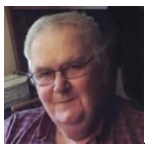


RAYMOND GARY BANAS, SR. (USAF, SGT-Ret.) - Died unexpectedly Wednesday, December 25, 2019 at his home on Honeoye Lake, Honeoye, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 1, 1945 in North Tonawanda, New York to the late Raymond and Mildred (née Staines) Banas. He was also predeceased by his wife of 29 years, Arlene (née Pera) Banas. He was the former husband of Kathleen R. O'Keefe of Hamburg, NY. He is survived by his children, Patricia Banas of Tonawanda, NY, R. Gary Banas, Jr. of Tonawanda, NY, Peggie Keener (John) of Grand Island, NY, Robert Banas (Sarah) of Tonawanda, NY, Aundrea Baker of Amherst, NY and Arlaina Janowski. He was the proud grandfather of 15 and the great-grandfather of 10. He lived in the City of Tonawanda for over 63 years and was a 1964 graduate of Tonawanda High School. He was proud to serve his community of the City of Tonawanda in his earlier years with the NY Auxiliary Police and for 30 years as a Group Leader for the City of Tonawanda Public Works Department. Gary was introduced to photography in high school and studied for three years in the New York State Photographic Apprenticeship Program. He later applied these talents in the United States Air Force as a Still Photo Journalistic Technician. He served in the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1971 and stationed at Udorn RTAFT. His duties included: PACAS Jungle Supervisor, Air Rescue and Combat Photographer over Southeast Asia and he continued his work with flight photography for Langley Field Air Force Base and at Patrick Air Force Base capturing history by photographing the Apollo 8 Launch in 1968. He remained in service with the New York Air National Guard NCOIC 107th fighter group at Niagara Falls, NY for another 14 years. Upon his retirement, he and his beloved wife Arlene, became permanent residents of the quiet lake town of Honeoye, NY that they had often visited during their marriage. He was an avid hunter and fisherman in Honeoye, NY. Gary enjoyed time outdoors in the Finger Lakes with his daughter Peggie as they would search for unique images that they could capture on camera. Gary also enjoyed summertime visits with all of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He spent many days with friends at the American Legion in Honeoye, visiting neighbors around the lake, and often joined his lifelong

friend, Dennis Hilburger, for an afternoon Manhattan, their favorite cocktail. He was an active member of many clubs in Tonawanda and Honeoye including: City of Tonawanda Elks Lodge, Tonawanda American Legion Post #264, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –North Tonawanda Chapter #77**, Honeoye Fish and Game Club, Honeoye American Legion Post #1278, life member of the Tonawanda VFW Post #7545 and the Hemlock Sportsman Club. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and fellow club members. Calling hours were held on Saturday, January 4, 2019 from 2:00–4:00 PM at the John O. Roth Funeral Home, 25 William Street, Tonawanda, NY, where a Memorial Service was at 4:00 PM with a presentation of military honors. He was joined with his late wife, Arlene, at private burial ceremony attended by immediate family only. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Vietnam Veterans Association North Tonawanda Chapter #77 or a charity of your choosing.



TROY ALVIN BARBER - Died Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at his residence in Tifton, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 26, 1951 in Moultrie, Georgia to the late Vernon Chester Barber and Mary Catherine (née Thomas) Barber. He received his Associate degree from ABAC and was self-employed as a timber buyer. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. He enjoyed volunteering at the Disabled American Veterans office and loved spending time with his family. Mr. Barber is survived by his wife, Diane (née Giddens) Barber of Tifton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jenifer and Stan Mercer of Tifton and Jacey and David Coffey of Bonaire; four grandchildren, Madison Newell, Ryan Mercer and Tyler Mercer, all of Tifton and Easton Coffey of Bonaire; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Vernon Barber and Coy and Ann Barber, all of Tifton; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Mary and Ray Walker of Tifton and Cathy Lott of Omega. His funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 10, 2019 in the Chapel of Bowen-Donaldson Home for Funerals with the Reverend Keith Norris officiating. Mr. Barber was laid to rest in the Oak Ridge Cemetery. Michael Walker, Wesley Barber, Troy Tapp, Bruce Giddens, Glynn Joiner and Ben Bass served as pallbearers. The honorary pallbearers were Jack Stone, the staff of the Tifton VA Clinic, the staff of the Anita Stewart Oncology Clinic and the staff of Hospice of Tift Area. You may offer condolences to the family at the online guest registry at www.bowen-donaldson.com. The services for the Barber family were under the care and direction of the Bowen-Donaldson Home for Funerals.



JOSEPH A. BARNES - Died Sunday, September 29, 2019 at Bryn Mawr Hospital at the age of 74. He was a resident of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ridley Park on December 24, 1944 to the late Francis James and Catherine Cecelia (née Hassiepen) Barnes. Joseph was a graduate of Saint James High School, class of 1962 and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed as an Elevator

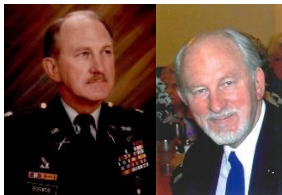
Constructor for United Elevator and was a member of the IUEC Local 5. Joseph was a member of the Church of Saint Madeline, American Legion, VFW, Knights of Columbus and Saint James Alumni. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. He enjoyed rides in the car, boating, shopping on QVC and telling stories, but most important was family, especially his grandchildren. Joseph was predeceased by three sisters and a brother. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Frances E. Galvin; his children, Mary Beth Barnes, Francis J. Barnes (Barbara) and Patty Barnes; his grandchildren, Joseph, Carolyn and Timothy Barnes; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were from 7:00-9:00 PM on Friday, October 4, 2019 at the White-Luttrell Funeral Home, 311 North Swarthmore Avenue, Ridley Park, PA and from 9:15-10:15 AM Saturday at the church. The Funeral Mass was at 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Church of Saint Madeline, 400 Morton Avenue, Ridley Park, PA. The burial was in the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the above church, Air Conditioning Fund, or the Bryn Mawr Hospital Foundation.

DONAT RAYMOND BINEAU, JR. - Died Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine at the age of 74. He was a resident of Saco, Maine. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Biddeford, Maine on December 24, 1945 to the late Donat Raymond Bineau, Sr. and Jeanne (née Fortier) Bineau. He graduated from Biddeford High School. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Donat was employed by Loranger Middle School in Old Orchard Beach for 36 years, retiring in 2012. His hobbies included working on his trucks, working outside and building with his son Carrot. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Veteran of Foreign War and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**. Mr. Bineau was a parishioner of Saint Joseph Church in Biddeford. He was predeceased by one son Ricky Bineau and his sister Murial Racine. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Metayer) Bineau, two sons Brian "Carrot" Bineau and Wayne Bineau and two brothers Leo Bineau and his wife Dot and Roger Bineau. He is also survived by three stepsons Michael Beaupre, Norman Beaupre and Brian Beaupre, a daughter-in-law, Delyse Beaupre, eight grandchildren, Stephen, Brayden, Kamryn, Madison, Baylee, Kalissa, Caitlyn and Michael Jr. and two great-grandchildren, Raelynn and Jojo, nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the Cote Funeral Home Chapel, Saco. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at Saint Joseph Church in Biddeford. The burial was in the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale.

JAMES S. "Jim" BLANTENO - Died Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in Ardmore, Alabama at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in West Fairview, Pennsylvania on October 29, 1941 to the late Joseph Robert and Dorothy (née Hawbaker) Blanteno. Mr. Blanteno served 21 years in the military in the United States Army with three tours in Vietnam. He then worked for NASA and was Past Master at Helion Lodge #1 F. & A. M. He was also a member of the Knights Templar and Woodmen of the World. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. Mr. Blanteno is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sylvia Blanteno and his son Scott Blanteno. The family received friends on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the Spry Funeral Home. A graveside service was held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 3:00 PM in the Maple Hill Cemetery.



HARVEY DANIEL "Danny" BOLES – Died Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 19, 1945 in Mascot, Tennessee to the late Ray and Margaret Boles. Harvey was a member of New Life United Methodist Church. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #1078**. Danny was a Railroad Engineer for 41 years. Preceded in death by parents, Ray and Margaret Boles; and brothers, Herbert and Michael Boles. Survived by wife of 50 years, Wanda Boles; sister, Debbie (Rell) Smith; brother-in-law, Frank (Sue) Mathews; niece, Suzanne Smith; great niece, Lily Coffey; nieces, Gina Newport, Melissa King, and Chanda Boles; great niece, Amber (Josh) Crabtree; nephews, James Newport and Ricky Boles; great nephew, Steven Posey; and grandson, River Crabtree; and several other great nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 2:00-3:00 PM on Saturday, January 4, 2020 followed by the service at 3:00 PM with Reverend Dr. Patrick Polis officiating. Graveside services were held at a later date at East Tennessee Veteran Cemetery-John Sevier. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to VVA Chapter #1078, PO Box 50054, Knoxville, TN 37950. The arrangements were made by the Bridges Funeral Home, 5430 Rutledge Pike.



GARY LEE BOUNDS (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Monday, December 2, 2019 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma on August 6, 1943 but grew up in Perry and Stillwater, Oklahoma. Gary had four brothers and two sisters. LTC Bounds married Louann Bounds. He attended Oklahoma State University and served in the United States Army after graduation. He was wounded while serving in Vietnam and retired from active duty after serving as a career soldier. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. A memorial/celebration of life service was at 12:30 PM on Monday, December 16, 2019 at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church in Lawton, Oklahoma. Full military honors were accorded at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma.



LEONARD H. "Lenny" BREWSTER - Died Saturday, January 4, 2020 in University Hospital at the age of 75. He was a resident of Elbridge, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Middletown, New York to the late John and Madge Brewster. Lenny spent 20 years in the United States Navy and several years in New Jersey before moving to

Auburn and later to Elbridge. He retired from the US Postal Service as a mail carrier. Lenny was an active member of the Skaneateles Falls American Legion Post #317 and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #704*. He was predeceased by his parents John and Madge Brewster and sister Cheryl Becker. Surviving are a daughter Lisa Marie Richards of NJ; a brother, Kenneth J. Brewster; two sisters, Joy Stockwell and Dawn Maricle, all of Elbridge, and; nine nieces and nephews. Calling hours were from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, January 11th at the Bush Funeral Home, 120 East Main Street (Route #5) Elbridge. A service was at 4:00 PM with Pastor Ben Johnson officiating. After the service, friends and family were invited to the Skaneateles Falls American Legion Post for a reception. A Spring burial with full military honors was in Weedsport Rural Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the American Legion Post #317, Skaneateles Falls.

WILLIAM JAMES “Bill” BRIZENDINE - Died Friday, October 18, 2019 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Beckley, West Virginia at the age of 75. He was a resident of Oak Hill, West Virginia. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 29, 1943 in Glen Jean, West Virginia to the late Edward Clemons and Anna Mae Brizendine. Bill was a proud United States Air Force veteran. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860*. He was a retired engineer for Domino Sugar. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Grace "Gracie" Hagan Brizendine and a daughter, Jeanette Brizendine. Survivors include daughter, Kathy Brown of Providence Forge, VA; son, Matthew Brizendine of Baltimore, MD; grandchildren, Logan Gaulin, Connor Gaulin, Miranda Brizendine, Emily Brizendine, Elly Brizendine, and Matthew Brizendine, Jr.; sisters, Kitty Farmer of California and Frances Farmer of Ohio. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Tyree Funeral Home in Oak Hill with Pastor Richard Allen officiating. The burial was in the High Lawn Memorial Park. Visitation hours for friends were on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the Tyree Funeral Home from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. The pallbearers were Rick Faust, Don Brown, Logan Gaulin, Connor Gaulin, Matt Brizendine, and Matt Brizendine, Jr. In lieu of flowers the family suggested memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, Post Office Box 42040, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Online condolences may be sent at www.tyreefuneralhome.com.



RONALD LEE “Ron” BROWN - Died Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at Hospice of Dayton, Ohio at the age of 72. He was a resident of Xenia, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 28, 1946 in Xenia, Ohio to the late Harold and Laura (née Anderson) Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister: Norma Brown Davis. Ron is survived by his wife of 49 years, Shelia Odom Brown; children, Nekia (Maurice) Jones of Xenia; Tyon (Marcie) Brown of Centerville and Dion (Marta') Brown of Pataskala, OH; his twin brother, Donald (Jackie) Brown of Xenia; grandchildren, Chandler, Jace and Arionna Jones, of Xenia; Briana Brown of Lansing, MI; Jacob Candy of Centerville; Dion Jr., Taylor and Lincoln

Brown of Pataskala, OH; brother-in-law, Rodney Davis; sister-in-law, Clarice Thomas; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Ron retired from Vernay Labs on June 30, 2000. He graduated from Xenia High School in 1964 and proudly served on the front lines with the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He enjoyed keeping his yard manicured and flower gardening. Ron was an avid Bengals and Michigan State Fan. He was a member of the Middle Run Baptist Church and member of their Vision and Compliance Team. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #95 and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Xenia Chapter #930**. Most importantly, Ron was a loving husband, father and grandfather. The family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Bruce Rank and his nurse, Elizabeth, and Dr. Jabulani Sidile for their care and compassion during Ronald's illness. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 3rd at the Middle Run Baptist Church, 1000 East Church Street, Xenia with Pastor Leroy Anthony officiating. He was buried in the Cherry Grove Cemetery. Friends visited on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 PM at the church. The services were in the care of the McColaugh Funeral Home, Inc. 826 North Detroit Street, Xenia, Ohio. Online condolences may be made to www.mccolaughfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAM C. BROWN – Died Tuesday, December 25, 2018 in Marble Hill, Georgia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 10, 1949 in Atlanta, Georgia. He served in the United States Army from January 21, 1970 to April 29, 1975 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from May 16, 1940 to February 22, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**.



WILLIE GEORGE BROWN – Died Tuesday, December 31, 2019 Dover, Delaware at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pachuta, Mississippi on November 21, 1948 to the late Willie and Lucille Brown. Willie, his mother and two sisters eventually landed in Dover, Delaware, where he later graduated from William Henry High School, as a member of the last segregated class. Willie joined the United States Navy and served two tours in Vietnam. After his time of military service, Willie served as one of the first five Black State Troopers in the State of Delaware. He retired as a Compliance Supervisor at the Delaware Solid Waste Authority. Willie was known for his strong presence, personality and willingness to help others. His faith in God was evident, whenever you had the opportunity to hear him pray. While he may not have been a trained orator, he could tell a fantastic tale and speak like few have ever heard. Willie had a passion for civil rights and the support of organizations that sought justice, tolerance and fairness for all. He was honored to be a 33rd Degree Freemason through Prudence Lodge No. 6, where he spent much of his life fulfilling various roles such as Grand Master, Lodge Master, and Grand Inspector General. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. In addition to his parents, Willie was preceded in death by his wife, Hope. Willie has left to mourn his absence, his beloved children, Rob Tuxward and his wife Kristy, Linda Schultz and her husband Dave, Rebecca Brown and Michael Brown and his wife Maureen. He was a greatly adored “Big Pop”

by his grandchildren, Meredith Parker, Brady, Riley, Emma Tuxward and Daniel and Josie Brown. Despite his best efforts to avoid them, he was a lover of cats and leaves behind his best pals, Fred, Tony and Mr. Brown. He is also survived and mourned by his "Little Sis" Joyce Wilson and his sister Mary Brown; nieces, April Wilson, Winter Wilson, Sherra Stanley and their families, along with a large extended family across the United States. His wisdom and friendship will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.



EDWARD FRANCIS CARROLL - Died Friday, October 11, 2019 at home in Oxford, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. He was formerly of Collingdale, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 13, 1944 to the late John and Marie (née Sheehan) Carroll. He was the husband of Mary Jane (née Sweney) Carroll. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. He was employed with Ace/Chubb, Wilmington, DE as an insurance claims manager retiring in 2010. Edward was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Oxford. Edward enjoyed donating his time driving a van for Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by his wife; three children, Michael Sweney (Maureen) of Denver, PA, Christine (Carroll) Graff (Jim) of Lincoln University and Steven Carroll of Oxford; six grandchildren, Laurie Witmer (Scott), Sharon Krawczun (Dan), Lisa Sweney, Benjamin Graff, Sarah Graff and Joshua Graff; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Raymond Carroll of FL. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Carroll and one sister, Cass Gephart. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church, 203 Church Street, Oxford, PA 19363, where friends and family visited from 10:00–10:45 AM. The interment was in the Oxford Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Sacred Heart Church. On-line condolences may be made at www.elcollinsfuneralhome.com.



BRUCE ROBERT CHASE - Died Thursday, February 8, 2018 at home in Staunton, Virginia at the age of 71, surrounded by his loved ones. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 3, 1947 in Morristown, New Jersey. Bruce was a loving husband of 44 years to his wife Nancy (née Ferguson) Chase, and is father to two daughters, Lori (Maloney) Snyder and Stephanie (Chase) Kellington. He is also survived by three wonderful granddaughters, Emily Chase Kellington, Molly Paige Kellington and Hannah Virginia (Kellington) Henrickson, two clever great-grandchildren, Lucia and Jaxson, and stalwart sons-in law, Daniel Snyder, Wesley Kellington, and grandson-in-law, Max Henrickson. Other survivors include a large extended family and dear friends Bucky and Anita Steele. Bruce was a lifelong enthusiast

and collector of Doo Wop and Blues music and was well-read in World religion and philosophy. Bruce's career included a number of years in law enforcement and distinguished military service during the Vietnam War having served in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia*. Bruce was originally from Morristown, New Jersey and has lived in Washington, D.C., New Orleans, LA, and, for the past 30 years, in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. A small gathering to celebrate his life was planned. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Remote Area Medical (ramusa.org). Arrangements were made by the Charlton and Groome Funeral Home, Fishersville, VA.



GERALD "Jerry" CHIANO - Died Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, New York at age of 68, after years of battling bile duct cancer called cholangiocarcinoma. He was a resident of Valley Stream, New York. on Nov. 19 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. He was a veterans' advocate. "I really will miss him," said his friend Anne Marie Allocca. "He fought so hard 'til the end." Since Chiano was diagnosed with the disease more than three years ago, he gained notoriety for his advocacy for research into the disease and its correlation with serving in the Vietnam War. Chiano served in the United States Navy Construction Battalion from 1968 to 1969, and said at a July news conference that he and many others who served often swam and bathed in the rivers, which may have contained water-borne parasites called liver flukes that can create tumors inside the bile ducts. He was an *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Hicksville Chapter #82*. When asked about Chiano's passing, Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), who attended the news conference alongside Chiano, said in an emailed statement to the Herald that his thoughts and prayers are with the family, and that he was impressed by Chiano's service. "On behalf of Jerry, the Chiano family, and all veterans suffering from Bile Duct Cancer, I will continue to fight tooth and nail to make sure our nation's heroes get the care they need and deserve today so they do not become tragic statistics tomorrow." When Chiano returned home to Valley Stream from Vietnam, he married his wife, Edie, and together they raised two daughters, Jennifer and Genine. He then took a job working as a mechanic for the New York City Fire Department, where he worked until recently when he became too ill. "Jerry Chiano was a true Valley Stream hero," said Mayor Ed Fare. For those who knew him, Chiano was more than just an advocate; he was part of the family. "Everybody called him Poppy," said his friend, Karen Garofalo. "That's how he was known." Garofalo danced with Chiano's wife, Edie, and now she sends her three daughters to Edie's dance studio, Ms. Edie's Dancin' Feet in Franklin Square. Garofalo said that Chiano built the props for the dance recitals and traveled with the company for any competitions. "No matter where we went, Poppy was with us," she said. She also said that he cared for everybody at the dance studio. In fact, when Garofalo was going through hard times recently, she said Chiano texted her every day to see how she was doing. "He was always there for everybody, all the time," Garofalo said. His daughter, Jennifer Paglino, described Chiano as a family-oriented jokester. "He was a very funny person," she said. "Always positive, always family oriented." She

said that one of her favorite memories is of a time when her father got out of a rowboat and was chased back into the water by a cow. "Really he was just your typical, funny dad." A memorial service for Chiano was held on November 22nd at the Edward Lieber Funeral Homes in Valley Stream. In lieu of flowers, the family requested a donation be made to The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation, a nonprofit that provides support and education for bile duct cancer. As of press time, Paglino's Facebook fundraiser for the nonprofit had raised \$3,990, more than doubling her Paglino's goal of \$1,500. "I want to continue as his advocate to share and make sure everyone is aware of this horrible disease and all vets have the information they need to go and get tested immediately," Paglino said in a text message to the Herald. Chiano is survived by his wife, Edie, and his daughters, Jennifer Paglino, and Genine Chiano.

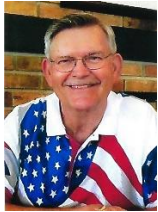
GIOVANNI L. CHIMENTO – Died Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in Northville, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death was diabetes and cardiovascular kidney failure. He was born in Dearborn, Michigan on July 9, 1944. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. He is survived by his wife, Josephine, and his children and grandchildren. Visitation hours were held on Friday, May 25th from 2:00-8:00 PM at the McFarland Foss Funeral Home, 5401 Schaefer Road, Dearborn with a VVA service a 6:30 PM followed by a Rosary. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 26th.



MICHAEL J. "Mike" COMO - Died peacefully Tuesday evening, December 24, 2019 in the comfort of his home in West Chesterfield, New Hampshire at the age of 78, surrounded by his family following an extended period of declining health. The cause of death was mesothelioma. Mike was born in East Liverpool, Ohio on April 29, 1941 to the late John and Edna (née Clendenning) Como. He was raised and educated in East Liverpool and was a graduate of East Liverpool High School, Class of 1960. A proud veteran, Mike served in the United States Navy (1960-1964) serving on board the USS Willis A. Lee, DW-4 during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. He was reinstated into the Navy in 1968 and served on board the USS Compton, DL705 and the USS Damato, DL 871. In 1976 Mike transferred to the U.S. Air Force serving two additional years until his honorable discharge in 1978. Mike had been employed at the former BookPress in Brattleboro until the plant closed and later worked for Bradley Labs in Brattleboro where he retired from in 2016. On a part-time basis he worked for the Chesterfield Recycling Center in a position he thoroughly enjoyed. He was a member of the VFW Carl M. Dessaint Post #1034 serving as post commander (1994-1995), was active within the post as a trustee, member of the color guard and chairman of the Americanism Committee. He also held membership in the VFW John Logan Post #6900 in Sommerville, MA where he also served a term as post commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brattleboro Chapter #843**. On the state level, Mike served as District Commander (1995-1996), State of Vermont. Additionally, he held membership in the American Legion Brattleboro Post #5, F.O. Eagles, Keene Aerie #1413, and was a member of the Bellows Falls Moose Club. On June 10,

1989 at the American Legion in Brattleboro he was married to Patricia L. Pollica who survives. Besides his faithful and devoted wife of 30 years he leaves: one daughter, Rhonda Manning (Shawn) of Attleboro, MA; two step-daughters, Robin McDurfee of Keene and Alicia Bleau (Robert) of St. Augustine, FL; a step-son, Robert Driscoll, Jr. of West Chesterfield; one brother, John Como of PA and a sister, Connie Mejia of CA. Additionally, he leaves eight grandchildren, Nicole, Jessica, Douglas, Dylan, Hanja, Hannah, Danielle and Gabrielle and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings, Betty, Sue and James. A Liturgy of the Word Service was held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the Atamaniuk Funeral Home on Terrace Street. A reception followed the services at the VFW on Black Mountain Road. The burial with military honors was held in the Chesterfield West Cemetery in the springtime. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mike's name may be made to The VFW Carl M. Dessaint Post #1034 General Fund or to the Post Auxiliary, P.O. Box 8233, Brattleboro, VT 05304. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the VA Medical Center and staff in White River Junction, Vermont and the VT/NH Visiting Nurse & Hospice, and the many others that were involved with and cared for Mike during his illness.

JERRY ALLAN CONLEY – Died Monday, July 29, 2019 in Prattsburgh, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 21, 1949 in Rochester, New York. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20*.



JACKIE L. COOPER, SR. – Died Thursday, November 14, 2019 at his home in Chesterfield, Missouri at the age of 75 years. The cause of death is unknown. 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 was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028*, in St. Louis, Missouri 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 Chesterfield, Missouri; by two sons, Jackie L. Cooper, Jr. 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 services were then conducted on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Kenneth Biggs officiating. The interment was in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military honors. Memorials may be made to the 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 the arrangements.



KENNETH D. "Ken" COSTLOW - Died Friday, December 14, 2018 at Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. He was a resident of Johnstown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 16, 1947 in Johnstown the first-born son of the late Kenneth T. and Dorothy (née Gradwohl) Costlow. He is survived by wife, Catherine (née Kawa) Costlow; his brothers, Joseph (Audrey), Gary (Debbie), Yale (Suzanne), Tim (Theresa), Greg; his sister, Debbie Richards, and; numerous nieces and nephews. Ken was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1966-1969. He served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged. He received the Combat Action Ribbon (Vietnam), Meritorious Unit Commendation with one Bronze Star, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Campaign Stars, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with palm and frame) Ribbon Bar, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Action Color with palm and frame) Ribbon Bar, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Ken retired from Bethlehem Steel Corporation's Wire Department and Johnstown Wire Technologies. He was Commander of the Johnstown Disabled American Veterans, member of the Conemaugh Valley Detachment #287, Marine Corps League, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Laurel Highlands (Johnstown) Chapter #364**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Turner Hall, member of Geistown Borough's Civil Service Commission, Daisytown Sportsmen's Club, and Flood City Corvette Club. Ken enjoyed working on antique and classic cars, particularly 1957 Chevys. He will be missed by close friends, Art Boring and Dave Fuller. At Ken's request, there will be no viewing. Burial at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Ken's name to Johnstown Chapter #2 of Disabled American Veterans, 3742 Graham Avenue, Windber, PA 15963 or Vietnam Veterans of America, Laurel Highlands Chapter #364, P.O. Box 5237, Johnstown, PA 15904. The family was served by the Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Richland. Online condolences may be posted at www.wharrisfuneralhome.com.



THOMAS A. COULTER - Died Sunday, December 29, 2019 in Stony Point, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Thomas was born on July 24, 1944 in Long Island City, New York to the late John and Mercedes (née Donnelly) Coulter. Thomas was a retired Sergeant for the New York State Park Police and owner and operator of Coulter's Creative Financial Planning for over 30 years. Thomas faithfully served his country in the United

States Marine Corps and was a proud Vietnam Combat Veteran. He was a member of the American Legion, the Free and Accepted Masons, the North Rockland Chamber of Commerce, and the Rockland County Emerald Society, the Rockland County Shields, Orange County Shields, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**, Stony Point Ambulance Corps Commissioner and a lifetime member to the Marine Corps League. He is survived by his sister Mary Carracino, brother Joseph (Lynda) Coulter, son John Coulter, daughters Tracy (Joseph) Cataldo, Mercedes Coulter, grandchildren Brandon Roberts, Jake Cataldo, Luke Cataldo, Katie Coulter & Aurelia Montanile Coulter as well as many precious nieces, nephews and dear friends. Thomas was pre-deceased by his parents, his beloved sister Anne (Coulter) Nigro, his daughter Diana Rogers. Visitation hours were held on Friday, January 3, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Michael J. Higgins Funeral Service, 73 North Liberty Drive, Stony Point, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 11:30 AM at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 26 John Street in Stony Point. The burial with full military honors was at the Frederick Loescher Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 220 Brick Church Road, New Hempstead, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's memory may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the National Museum of the Marine Corps, 2014 Anderson Avenue, Quantico, VA 22134-5002.



WAYNE CREASY - Died passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2019 in Madison Heights, Virginia at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Virginia on July 7, 1950 to the late Oscar J. Creasy and Mae O. Creasy. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Hall and brother, Cecil Creasy. Wayne worked for AMG and loved to hunt and fish. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was an active member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Lynchburg Chapter #1607 and was a *Director* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. He is survived by his wife, Donna D. Creasy to whom he had been married for forty-nine years; daughter, Tracey Dickerson; son, Brandon Creasy and wife Amy; sisters, Dorothy Watts and husband, Clyde, Cathy Irvan, and Phyllis Creasy; 4 grandchildren, Rebecca "Hotdog" Dickerson, MaKenna "Rocky" Dickerson, Olivia "Muffin" Creasy and Gabrielle Reichard. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews as well as a special niece, Christie Eubank. A celebration of life was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Whitten Monelison Chapel with Gary Witt officiating. Burial was in Briarwood Memorial Gardens with military honors by Lynchburg American Legion Post #16. The Patriot Guard Riders also be provided honors for Wayne's service. The family received friends from 5:00–8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Lynchburg American Legion Post #16, 1301 Greenview Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502 or the American Cancer Society, 2050 Langhorne Road #201, Lynchburg, VA 24501.

DONALD FLOYD CROWELL - Died Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Peak Resources Pinelake in Carthage, North Carolina at the age of 75. He was a resident of West End, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 22, 1944. Mr. Crowell was retired from the United States Army and was a disabled Vietnam veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. He also retired from the New York Dept. of Corrections and most recently worked for the Moore County landfill in West End. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bessie Crowell, his children: John Daniel Crowell (Cynthia), David Wayne Crowell (Mandy), Michael Donald Crowell (Ginny), Claude Jason Crowell (Tina), Sue Ann Middleton (Eric), 9 Siblings, 18, grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. A funeral Service was conducted at 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at the Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes. The Family received friends at the Funeral Home from 4:00-6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Services have been entrusted to Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

CARROLL DANIEL CUMMINGS – Died Saturday, November 7, 2015 in Orlando, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 12, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. Arrangements were under the direction of Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, Orlando, Florida.

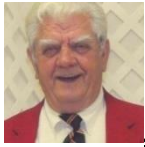
ALFRED M DORAN – Died recently in 2019 in Louisa, Virginia. He was a *Donor* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**.

GARY MICHAEL DOUGLAS (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Sunday, January 5, 2020 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 77. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related multiple cancers. He was born on September 18, 1942 in Portland. He served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1980 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portland Chapter #392**.



BERNARD E. "Bernie" DOYLE, JR. - Died Thursday, December 12, 2019 at his home in West Bend, Wisconsin at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on November 15, 1949 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Bernard and Cornelia (née Davids) Doyle. At 17 years old, he enlisted in the United States Army and served until retirement as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newbury Chapter #448**. Bernie was a devoted husband and father who loved spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed being outdoors hunting, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, golfing, bowling and traveling. Bernie is survived by the love of his life of 34 years, Brenda (née Faber); two adored sons, Jeremy and Nicholas; a half-sister Pat Fetterly; sister Lucy (Al) Zuelsdorf; parents-in-law Richard Faber and Karen Faber; sisters-in-law Deanna (Clint) Gerlach, Kim (Jeff) Moon, Julie Litzer-Doyle and brother-in-law Dan Rejch. He further survived by nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends. Bernie is preceded in death by his parents, brother John, half-brother Hank, sisters Helen Rejch

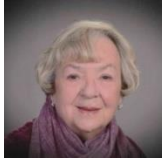
and Alice Eichstead, nephews Josh Wille and Zachary Schmoldt and his niece Audres DeLonay. The Visitation and Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church, 462 Meadowbrook Drive, West Bend, WI with Reverend Joseph Fisher presiding. Visitation was from 4:00 until 5:45 PM followed by the service at 6:00 PM. Full military honors were accorded after the service.



JACK PHILLIP DRESCH (USA, SSG-Ret.) - Died Monday, December 31, 2018 in Gloucester, Virginia at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Grand Fork, IL on September 20, 1939. He retired from the United States Army in 1986 as a Staff Sergeant after 25 years of service. Following his retirement, he worked Civil Service for Fort Eustis, Miller Meats and AB Vending. He was a member of the Gloucester Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #78** and the Gloucester Moose Lodge. He was preceded in death by his son, Richard Dresch. He is survived by his wife, Edith Marian Dresch, daughter-Rochelle Kyle (David) and son-Russell Dresch (Bona), grandchildren-Zachary, Lorraine, and Lily. The family received friends at the funeral home on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 12:30-2:00 PM with funeral services starting at 2:00 PM. Entombment was in Windsor Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gloucester VFW Post, 7439 John Clayton Memorial Highway, Gloucester, VA 23061. Andrews Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.



RAYMOND WAYNE DREXLER, SR. - Died Friday, October 25, 2019 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 29, 1946 in Slidell, Louisiana and a resident of Madison County since 2006. After serving honorably with the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam and then with the Army National Guard at home, he then served as a police officer for many years across the south. Finally retiring with the MS Department of Corrections as well as having retired prior from the military. He loved reconnecting with his past and was a member of the Old Cops of Gadsden. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter**. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Kay Drexler; five children, Kristina Lynn Rosamond, Margaret Ann Drexler, Raymond Wayne Drexler, Jr., Macey Drexler and Wendy Coates; three brothers, William Drexler, John Barry Drexler, and Bobby Drexler; two sisters, Gayle Drexler and Anna Drexler-Ravoli; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation hours were on Friday, November 1, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Berryhill Funeral Home followed by the Memorial service at 4:00 PM with Reverend Tim Cole officiating.



EULALIE LEE (née Leighton) MASTERSON9 DUFFILL - Died Wednesday, December 12, 2019 in Mobile, Alabama at the age of 85. She was a longtime resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The cause of death was a massive stroke. She was born on December 3, 1934 in Mobile, Alabama to the late Philip and Rella Leighton. She was also predeceased by her brother, James Glennon Leighton, of Fairhope, AL. She is survived by her husband, Brian Monroe Duffill of Fairhope, AL, and three children, Jason (Andrea) Masterson of Dahlonge, GA., Kevin (Maria) Masterson of Fairhope, AL., and Julia Masterson (Michael) Shea of Chapel Hill, N.C.; grandchildren, Tyler Glennon (Caitlin) Masterson, of Louisville, KY, Kevin Masterson II of Mobile, AL, Charles Leighton Masterson of Fairhope, AL, Carlos Michael Shea and Matthew Leighton Shea of Chapel Hill, N.C.; brother, Philip (Sandra) Leighton of Bedford, TX; niece, Sara (Greg) Ameringer of Cypress, TX, and nephew, Wayne (Elizabeth) Leighton of Alexandria, VA. Mrs. Duffill was a graduate of Bishop Toolen High School and attended Spring Hill College. She worked in real estate and the mortgage industry in Mobile and was a branch mortgage manager for Collateral Investment Co. in Mobile for 10 years. She was a charter member of the Mobile Mortgage Lenders Assn., and member of the Mobile County Board of Realtors. In 1970, she obtained her real estate broker's license and went to work for Wilson & Yeager in Fairhope. In 1985, the firm became Yeager and Masterson until it was purchased by Dauphin Realty of Mobile in 1992. During her career in real estate, Mrs. Duffill was an active member of the Baldwin County Assn. of Realtors, holding numerous offices, including president in 1980 and 1981. She was awarded the prestigious "Realtor of the Year" in 1980 and again in 1982. She retired from real estate in 1996. Mrs. Duffill was active in numerous civic and charitable organizations including the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association and was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter #864**, Joe Birindelli Chapter, and was a devoted volunteer at the Haven for Animals for several years where she helped with adoptions, fund raisers, and socializing animals. She and her husband, Brian, were the proud parents of 4 adopted dogs over the years. She was an avid gardener, and she and Brian traveled extensively and enjoyed spending time at their summer home in New Hampshire and their log cabin in Mentone, AL. Visitation hours were held from the Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Fairhope on Monday, December 16, 2019, from 5:00 until 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Daphne on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 10:00 AM. A private interment was held at a later date in Montrose Cemetery. The family request in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Haven for Animals, Christ the King Catholic Church Building Fund, Baldwin County Animal Shelters or a charity of your choice.

ALBERT EDWARDS – Died Friday, November 23, 2018 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 1, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannford Chapter #216**.

PHILLIP ELLISON – Died Wednesday, June 5, 2013 in Westbury, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 11, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**



GEORGE EDWARD EMERY - Died Monday, February 12, 2018 in Sonora, Texas at the age of 79. He was formerly of San Angelo, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1938. George graduated from Slippery Rock High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Angelo State University. George Emery had a career in United States Air Force for 21 years and GTE for 20 years. He was a ***Donor*** to **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. He was a member of Saint Paul Presbyterian Church and had a passion for fishing, woodworking, cooking, traveling and his family. He is survived by Tim and Janice Emery of Abilene, TX, Todd Emery of Sonora, Texas, Troy and Patricia Emery of Ranger, TX, and extended family. He also leaves to cherish his memories multiple grandchildren in which he loved dearly. A viewing was held on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. The burial was in Johnson's Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. To leave an online condolence to the family, please visit our website at www.johnsonsfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS J. "Tommy" FANTRY – Died Friday, April 13, 2018 in Little Neck, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**.

EDWARD FEIGHERY (USAF, Lt. Col.-Ret.) - Died Sunday, September 29, 2019 at his home in Oakland, Maryland at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 21, 1944 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Daniel Joseph Vincent and Mary Christine (née Cummiskey) Feighery. Edward served his country in the United States Air Force, where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He is survived by his wife, Elena D. (DeLacio) Feighery; one son, Daniel Antonio Feighery, Denver, CO; three brothers, Daniel Feighery, Fairfax, VA; James Feighery, Anderson, SC; John Feighery, El Paso, TX; one sister, Mary Christine Feighery, Philadelphia, PA. According to his wishes Edward will be cremated and a service was held at a later date. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery. Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 1100 Memorial Drive, Oakland was in charge of his arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the American Red Cross, 400 Cumberland Street, Cumberland, MD 21502. Condolences may be left for his family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.



JAMES EDWARD "Jim" FELLERSEN - Died Wednesday morning, January 2, 2019 at his home in Fairmont, Minnesota at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1951 in Fairmont to the late Clarence and Irene (née Hughes) Fellersen. He graduated from Fairmont Senior High School with the Class of 1969. Jim enlisted in the United States Army in July of 1969 and served in Vietnam and Germany until being honorably discharged in February of 1972. Jim was united in marriage to Debra Clark in Madison, WI. They were later divorced. Jim lived in Madison and then later moved to Fairmont. He worked at Gunthers Foods, Armour's (Fairmont Foods) and Fairmont Tamper. Jim was a member of the Martin County VFW Post #1222, Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunnell Chapter #832** and served on the VFW Honor Guard. He enjoyed hunting and fishing trips, Las Vegas Casino Trips, long walks and the outdoors. He is survived by his fiancée, Ruth Emery of Fairmont; son, Craig Fellersen of Fairmont; daughter, Jennifer Varnrobinson of Mesa, AZ; three grandchildren, Jaren, Jada and Hunter; two brothers, Owen (Sherry) Fellersen of Fairmont and Ken (Kathy) Fellersen of Monona, WI; sister-in-law, Barb Fellersen of Fairmont; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; twin sister, Jean Fellersen; and brother, Donald Fellersen. Memorial services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. The burial was at the Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Military honors were provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 of Fairmont. Visitation hours were held from 10:00-11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with the arrangements.



WILLIAM M. "Bill" FERGUSON - Died Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the Josie Harper Hospice House at the age of 69, with his loving wife by his side. He was a resident of Bennington, Nebraska. The cause of death is unknown. Bill was born in Oelwein, Iowa on October 22, 1949 to the late Bethon and Ruth Ferguson. He lived in Monroe, IA for most of his youth and enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping, and playing sports. He graduated from Monroe High School in 1967. After completing his Associate of Arts Degree at Marshalltown Community College, he volunteered to serve in the United States Army. He served in Vietnam during the war from 1969-1971 as a proud member of the First Infantry Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood (Iowa) Chapter #798**. Shortly after he returned from military service, he met Linda "Lin" Slack. They were married on June 26, 1971. After working at the VA hospital in Des Moines, IA, he and Lin moved to Waterloo, IA in August of 1972 so he could finish his collegiate studies at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). They were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Marta, in 1973. Bill earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in marketing from UNI in 1974. After graduation, he worked for Hawkeye Steel for one

year, moving between Peoria, IL and Springfield, MO. In January 1975, he began his career with John Deere in Waterloo, IA, which would last over 30 years. He and Lin welcomed their son, Matthew, in 1976. His career with John Deere included assignments at numerous locations including the Tractor Works, Seeding Division, and Harvester Group as well as at the corporate office of Deere and Company. His career led him and his family to move to Davenport, IA in 1982. Bill and Lin lived in Davenport until moving to the Omaha, NE area in 2009. He loved his family above all else, putting their needs before his own. Lin was his best friend and partner in life for 48 years. One of their favorite things to do was to take long walks and to appreciate nature together. They shared a love for their children, their grandchildren, and dogs. His love and pride for his children and grandchildren was unwavering. He was an avid fisherman who loved to collect old fishing tackle. He was notorious for buying and selling stuff he collected at garage sales. He always on the lookout for new places and new ways to catch crappies and bass. Later in life, he took up fly tying as a hobby and delighted in catching trout and smallmouth bass on flies he'd created himself. He loved to teach others how to fish, how to tie flies, and how to garden. He never hesitated to help someone in need, often going the extra mile to lend a helping hand. Bringing a smile to someone's face or making them laugh was something he delighted in doing. Those left to honor Bill's memory are his loving wife of 48 years, Lin; daughter Marta Ferguson, son-in-law David Drum, granddaughter Clara; son Matthew, daughter-in-law Holly, grandchildren Benjamin, Hannah, and Mallory; brother Spencer of Pinole, CA; sister-in-law Sharon Longhorn of Gilbertville, IA; and countless other friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents. A visitation was held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 3:00-5:00 PM at the Roeder Mortuaries, 2727 North 108th Street, Omaha, NE. The funeral was held on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Roeder Mortuaries with some time prior to the service to greet the family starting at 12:00 PM. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 12:30 PM at the Iowa Veterans' Cemetery near Van Meter, IA (South of Exit 113 on I-80), with a brief reception following the service at the nearby Veterans' Community Center. Memorials may be made to Josie Harper Hospice House, Living Grace Lutheran Church, or VNA Hospice.

RAYMOND CLIFFORD FISHER – Died Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in Akron, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lackawanna, New York on November 4, 1948. He was the husband of Donna G. (née Reigle) Fisher; father of Sally G. (Todd) Fraker and Jeremi (Amanda Sawicki) Fisher; brother of Robert (Marcia) Fisher, Russell Fisher, Beverly Morgan, Sharon Lowe, Judy (David) Kennedy and Shirley (John) Drummond, and; grandfather of Harlee Rose Winstel, Hannah Grace Fisher and Madison Faith Fisher. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was also a member of the Newstead Memorial VFW Post #3180, the D.A.V. and the American Legion. Visitation hours were held on Friday from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Bernhardt Funeral Home, LLC., 130 Main Street, Akron, NY. Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Akron, 122 Main Street, Akron on Saturday at 1:00 PM. The burial was in the Evergreen Lawn Cemetery.



PATRICK W. "Pat" FITZGERALD - Died Thursday, November 28, 2019 in Mendota Heights at the age of 75. Pat passed away after a 16-month battle with leukemia. He received amazing care at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, especially from his nurses in Oncology – we are truly grateful to everyone. He was born on January 5, 1944 to the late Robert and Agnes Fitzgerald in Saint Paul, Minnesota. After living in Duluth and Minneapolis as a child, Pat graduated from Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis and attended trade school to become a welder. Drafted into military service, Pat honorably served in the United States Army in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**. Upon returning home, he continued working as a welder at American Hoist and Derrick Bros Division for 22 years and then went on to work at the VA Hospital in environmental 22 years before retiring. Preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Colleen Hansen and Kathleen Miner; brother-in-law, Keith Hansen and his wife Sandy Hansen. Survived by his wife of 48 years, Maria; son, Charles and daughter-in-law, Katie and their sons, Owen Patrick and Charlie Gerard. His brother, Michael Fitzgerald (Marion); brother-in-law, William Miner; six nieces and nephews; 12 great-nieces and nephews, a great-great-niece and nephew and many cousins. Pat loved life, made friends easily and cherished them. He worshiped his family and was beloved by them. He will forever be in our hearts. Visitation hours were from 4:00-6:00 PM on Thursday, December 5th, at the Roberts Funeral Home, 818 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights. The Graveside Service was at 10:30 AM on Friday, December 6th, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials to Cottonwood County Historical Society, cchsmn1901.org.



THOMAS K. "Tom" GARCAR – Died Thursday, October 10, 2019 in Campbell, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. Tom was born on December 26, 1950 in Youngstown, Ohio to the late Steve and Mary L. (née Simkovic) Garcar. He was a 1968 graduate of Campbell Memorial High School. Thomas proudly served in the United States Army Artillery Division during the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1972. He was a specialist second class with the rating of Sharpshooter on the rifle range. Thomas then returned to work at Youngstown Sheet and Tube and LTV Steel until their closing. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canfield Chapter #135**. Tom enjoyed hobbies of fishing and watching football. Thomas will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his brother, Stephen (Carol) of Livonia, Michigan; his sister, Ruth Garcar of Youngstown; his nieces and nephews, Stephen (Lori), Christopher, and Susan (Leonard) Minor; his great niece, Lauren and great nephews, Ryan and Jack. The family would like to especially thank his caregivers, Bob and Jewel Pluchinsky, also, friends Monty and wife, Nicholas, Jimmy and Sammy Fitch, and Frank, Tina and Josh. The family also sends many thanks to all of Tommy's doctors and nurses at the

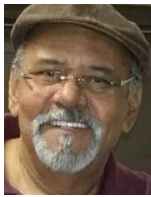
Hope Cancer Center, Saint Elizabeth Hospital and Saint Elizabeth Select Specialty Hospital on Belmont Ave. and St. Elizabeth Mercy Health Hospital of Boardman. The Garchar family has entrusted their loved one to the care of the Wasko Funeral Home and received family and friends on Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the funeral home and again Thursday morning from 9:30 to 10:00 AM at the Church prior to the 10:00 AM Funeral Mass. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish at Saint Joseph the Provider Catholic Church with Reverend Father Michael Swierz officiating.



DANNY DWIGHT GAST - Died Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin at the age of 70, following a short battle with cancer. He was a resident of Friendship, Wisconsin. Danny was born on July 7, 1949 in Belleville, Illinois to the late Gaylord (Fern) Gast and Betty (née Clyde) Mill-Gast. He graduated from Carrollton High School in 1967. Danny served our country in the United States Army, as a Combat Engineer and was a Bronze Star recipient from the Vietnam War. He worked at several places in the Milwaukee area such as Saint Cecilia's Catholic church and school and also Alto-Shaam. Danny loved his family and spending time with them more than anything. He loved to do anything and everything mechanical. Danny will be missed by many family and friends. Danny was a *Life Member* of the Castle Rock **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston Chapter #729**. Danny is survived by son, Dion J. Gast of Friendship, Wisconsin; daughter, Dana R. Gast (Terry Neufeld) of Westfield, Wisconsin; daughter, Becky (George) Henning- Schultz of Fredonia, Wisconsin; daughter, Cindy Anderson (Stan) Reynolds of Pelzer South Carolina; Grandchildren: Ridge Gast of Adams, Wisconsin; Keagen Gast (Cody Fredrick) of Arkdale, Wisconsin; Derik Verhasselt of Westfield, Wisconsin; Makinlea Gast (Jaylin Dumas) of Reedsburg, Wisconsin; Riley Verhasselt of Westfield, Wisconsin; Cambell Neufeld of Westfield, Wisconsin; Jessica (Trevor) Reynolds of Fountain Inn, South Carolina; Kaitlin (Brandon) White of Cowpens, South Carolina; Cheyenne Reynolds-Schmidt of Pelzer, South Carolina; Great-grandchildren: Berklee Fredrick of Arkdale, Wisconsin; Tristan Dumas of Reedsburg, Wisconsin; Noah Tyler of Fountain Inn, South Carolina; Sariah and Elainie White of Cowpens, South Carolina; and Maddie Taylor of Pelzer, South Carolina; siblings: Lilah Hammond of Adams, Wisconsin; Helen (Jerry) Sayre of Yulee, Florida; Mollie Varn of Adams, Wisconsin; Blake Babcock of Houghton, Louisiana; Cheryl (Dave) Carrothers of Anchorage, Alaska; and Joyce (Len) Cuillerier of Marysville, Washington; and Gaylord (Lois) Gast of Livingston, Texas; and his loving dog, Chylow. Danny is further survived by many, many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews in Wisconsin and across the United States of America. Danny was preceded in death by his father, Gaylord (Fern) Gast; mother, Betty (Clyde) Miller; brother-in-law, Vernon Hammond; sister and brother-in-law: Linda (Kurt) Ehler; and great-grandson Wesley Gast. The graveside service was at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at the White Creek Cemetery and Pastor Sam Downey officiated.

DUANE PASQUALE GATTO - Died Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in Cumming, Georgia at the age 88. The cause of death was dementia. He was born on April 30, 1931 in Woodbury, New Jersey

to the late Peter and Catherine Gatto. He attended Bethelview United Methodist Church in Cumming, GA. He was a Vietnam war veteran and retired as a Commander from the United States Coast Guard after 30 years of service. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030*. He loved his family and enjoyed spending his time with them. He will be missed dearly. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Geraldine Marie Gatto; children, Denise (William) Loveland, Sharon (Walter) Bonds, and Dana Gatto; grandchildren, Reid Loveland, Brian (Michelle) Bonds, Shana Chrisco Morris, Kelly Chrisco, and Ryon Chrisco; great grandchildren, Hendrix Bonds, Halen Bonds, Abbott Bonds, Kimber Morris, and Quinn Morris; along with many other loving relatives and friends. Ingram Funeral Home and Crematory, 210 Ingram Avenue, Cumming, GA 30040 was in charge of arrangements.



PEDRO “Pete” GONZALEZ, JR. - Died Thursday, December 26, 2019 in Trenton, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death was cardiovascular and kidney failure. He was born on January 2, 1947 in Ecorse, Michigan. He was the loving husband of Irene; dear father of Andrea (James) Blow and Carlos Gonzalez; proud grandfather of Hunter, Zachary, and Mateo, and; great-grandfather of Isabella. Pete was a 37-year employee at Chrysler and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War receiving 2 Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267*.



LARRY JAMES GOETTE - Died Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 70. He was a resident of Rosholt. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 3, 1949 in Saint Paul, Minnesota, to the late Willard William-Carl and Rose Ann (née Hills) Goette of Sisseton, North Dakota. He was the oldest of five children. Dad attended school in Watertown and at the age of seventeen, joined the United States Army where he would serve eight years. He served almost three years in Vietnam (67-68, 68-69, 70-71) turning 18 and 21 in country. Dad’s childhood was anything but easy, learning to become a man at an early age and experiencing the world at its worst, war. These experiences, however, were never to be Dad’s defining qualities or characteristics. After his honorable discharge from service in 1974, he explored the United States working with big cats in Florida, a theme park in Ohio, and several other fascinating adventures. By the late ‘70s, Dad found himself in Watertown being invited to a church service that a pretty young lady was about to attend as well. As Mom would retell the story, Dad said (when he first laid eyes on her) “She will be my wife someday.” And so, in March of 1982, Larry James and Susan Marie Stowe were married. While Dad and Mom were busy with three small children - Jessica, Aaron, and Jason, Dad worked at the Bramble Park Zoo in Watertown (loved his big cats) and studied late at night for nursing school. (Mom earned the honorary degree too as she stayed up all the late nights helping Dad study.) Dad graduated top of his class from Lake Area Technical Institute as an LPN.

He worked in geriatrics at Ft. Meade Hospital in the Black Hills, as well as the Rosholt Nursing Home and Tekakwitha Nursing Home in Sisseton. Dad felt that his calling for nursing had concluded, and he opened another chapter in his life as the Roberts County Veterans Service Officer (VSO). At this post, he would spend the next 19 years dedicating his time and energy to ensure ALL veterans were recognized, honored, respected, and given their due benefits and rewards. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Dad never wanted recognition, praise, or reward for his service or the efforts he gave for others. He truly loved people and humbly cared for them, whether it be in nursing, as a VSO, or as a friend. Retiring from the courthouse was truly heartbreaking for Dad. He treasured the “Courthouse Crew,” but knew this was another chapter to his story. After retirement, Dad looked forward to making Ma’s lunches when she came home from the Post Office and “puttsin” around the house. He was so proud of their camper, his little boat, and his newly elected position, Roberts County Commissioner. Dad just had to stay busy. Although there was always something to do, nothing compared in this world to his wife, kids, and those grandkids. It was always Grandpa’s boy or Grandpa’s girl. I don’t think we can ever understand how much dad loved his grandkids, or any little kid for that matter, especially babies. I do know this though, from the bottom of my heart, Dad loved the Lord God Almighty and was so thankful for his Grace. He knew that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who died for his sins, arose from the grave—defeating death, and is the only one who shall bring him to the Father. Dad leaves behind his loving wife and best friend, Susan of Rosholt; daughter Jessica (Blaine) of Reading, PA, son Aaron (Kendra) of Fargo, ND, and son Jason (Lisa) of Aberdeen, SD; grandkids, Augustus, Charlie, Ethan, Ava, Gabriella, Torey, Abrams, and Jalissa; sister, Debbie (Larry) Fox of Iowa; and brother, Richard (Cindy) Goette of Watertown. Larry is preceded in death by his father, Willard Goette; mother, Rose Goette Larson; stepfather, Francis Larson; brother, Kenny; and sister, Marlene. Funeral services were on Friday, June 14th at 2:00 PM at Bethania Lutheran Church in Rosholt with Reverend Nancy Quatier officiating. Music was provided by pianist Todd Quatier. The burial was in the New Effington Community Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America Northeast South Dakota Chapter #1054. The honorary pallbearers were the Read-Veflin American Legion Post #180 of New Effington, the Fort Sisseton VFW Post #3342, DAV, and the Courthouse Crew. The active pallbearers were Mike Goette, Keith Bostrom, Mark Schaunaman, Chad Ballhagen, Larry Fox, and Scott Mayou. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM followed by a prayer service at 7:00 PM at the Eggers Funeral Home in Rosholt. Visitation continued Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the church.

JERRY LEE GREENUP – Died Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in Orting, Washington at the age of 74. The cause of death was severe sepsis and acute cholecystitis (gallbladder infection). He was born in Salem, Oregon on August 9, 1945 to the late Marjorie Maxine (née Timme) Greenup and George Robert Greenup. He grew up in Oregon and graduated from Heppner High School. He joined the United States Army when he was 20 years old where he served in Vietnam receiving a National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Seattle Chapter #102**. He spent a majority of his life on his property by Waitts Lake in Stevens County. He was a phenomenal storyteller, and most remembered for his love of fast cars, good beer and plentiful fishing. He will be dearly

missed. The family is so very thankful to the staff at the Washington State Soldiers Home in Orting, Washington for taking such good care of him in his final years. He is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Joanne; daughter, Marjorie; son, Everett; stepdaughter, Renee; stepson, James; sisters Samantha, Sharon, Tanna and Janet. The services were held at Tahoma National Cemetery on May 1, 2020 at 3:00 PM where he was buried with military honors.

LAWRENCE "Larry" GROHOLSKI - Died Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Menominee Falls, Wisconsin at the age of 70. The cause of death was lung cancer and heart disease. He was born on April 26, 1949. He was the loving husband of Susan (née Kreckel) for 50 years; loving dad of Dawn (Randy) Ziarek and Kevin (Jennifer); proud grandpa of Kenzie "Buddy" Ziarek and Katelyn and Leah Groholski; dear brother of Bruce (Ellen), Wayne (Kathy), Matthew (Maureen) Groholski and Christine (Bob) Loesl; dear brother-in-law of Donald (Tammy) Kreckel and Dorothy (the late Ricardo) Maldonado. Further survived by other relatives and friends. Larry was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam and he was a 33-year employee of Harley Davidson. Hwas a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Newbury Chapter #448*. Visitation for Larry was held on Saturday, November 16th at the Schmidt and Bartelt Funeral Home in Sussex from 1:00 PM until the time of the Funeral Service at 4:00 PM. On Sunday, November 17th the procession left from the Funeral Home at 10:30 AM to the Wisconsin Memorial Park for the Committal Service with full Military Honors at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight are appreciated.



ROBERT A. "Bob" GUERTAL (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Friday, February 20, 2015 in Naples, Florida at the age of 68. He was a resident of Massillon, Ohio and Canton, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 2, 1946 in Victoria, Texas to the late Clarence and Mary (née Lieber) Gual. Bob lived most of his life in the Canton, Massillon area. He attended Canton Lincoln High School. He entered the United States Army in January 1964 and retired at Sgt. 1st. Class in August 1984, after proudly and honorably serving his Country 20 years, 6 months and 1 day. Specialties: Medical Specialist and (Secret Clearance). Military Education: Medical Specialist 1964. Basic Leadership Course 1973, NCO Primary Academy 1975. Advanced NCO Academy 1981 and Honorable discharge 1984. Awarded National Defense Service Medal. Two Army Commendation Medals. Vietnam Service Medal with one Silver Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Good Conduct Medal awarded six times, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon awarded five times, N.C.O. Professional Development Ribbon awarded three times. Also, the Presidential Unit Citation awarded three times from the Second Infantry Division. (Korea). Served in Germany twice, three tours in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio*. Bob formerly was proudly employed at Elum Music Co. Bob is survived by his son, Robert M. Guertal and brothers, Greg (Sharon) Guertal, Stan (Diane) Guertal, Doug Adkins, and Rick Delp. Four stepsons and one stepdaughter, special friends, Mary, Ginger and Tony and Lucy M. Flory. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma who

passed away in January 2014, his parents, Clarence and Mary (Lieber) Guertal and grandfather, Robert Lieber. Calling Hours were held on Friday, February 27, 2015 at Heitger Funeral Home-Massillon Chapel, 639 First Street NE, from 6:00-8:00 PM with an Eagles Aerie #190 service at 5:45 PM. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Heitger Funeral Home-Massillon Chapel with Reverend Leslie Peine officiating. The burial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Canton with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a Military organization of your choice.

DOUGLAS J. "Doug" HAMILTON - Died Wednesday, November 27, 2019 in Haverstraw, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 7, 1942 in Suffern, New York to the late John and Anna (née Curtis) Hamilton. Doug graduated from the Haverstraw High School. He worked for the County of Rockland Highway Dept. for 45 years. Doug proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War (ARTY232) and he was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. He was a parishioner of Saint Peter Church in Haverstraw. Doug was an avid Greenbay Packers and NY Mets fan. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, baking and hosting family gatherings. He loved animals especially his late fur friend the Bert Dog. He is predeceased by his parents. Doug is survived by his two loving sons Stephen D. Hamilton (Sarah V. Northshield) of Garnerville, NY, Michael D. Hamilton (PJ Tankard) of Ledgewood, NJ., his caring brother & sister Robert Hamilton (Janet Hamilton) of New City, NY, Anne Sulinski (William Sulinski) of Hernando, FL, as well as numerous nieces, Nephews and cousins. The family received friends and family on Tuesday, December 3rd from 4:00-8:00 PM at the TJ McGowan Sons Funeral Home, 71 North Central Highway Garnerville, NY. A Prayer service was held on Wednesday, December 4th at the Funeral Home at 10:30 AM with the burial with Military Honor at the F. Loescher Veterans Cemetery in New Hempstead NY. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made in Doug's memory to either the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or the High-Tor Animal Shelter, 65 Fireman's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY 10970

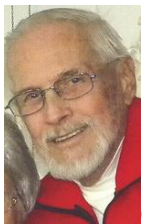


PAUL EDWARD HAMPSTEAD - Died Tuesday, December 24, 2019 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. After several days in the hospital, Paul passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. Paul was born on November 26, 1948 in Knoxville to the late Iris Lee (née Woods) and Emerson Freels Hampstead. He graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Taylor, MI in 1966 and attended Northern Michigan University and The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Paul was a Vietnam Era Veteran, serving in the United States Army from 1968-1970 where he was especially recognized for marksmanship. He was married in 1971 and blessed with two daughters, Erika and Heather. Paul was a Master Carpenter and partner with his brother Bob in Hampstead Construction. He was also employed with Blount Construction for many years. His community service centered on his *Life Membership* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078** and volunteering with friends from Messiah Lutheran Church at KARM. His interests included rugby, golf, camping,

hunting and a love of several styles of music. A few favorites included Roy Orbison, Chicago and classic Motown. Paul was known for his exceptional grilling and barbeque prowess. He led his team, the Saturday Night Supper Club, to several Knoxville Riverfeast awards at World's Fair Park. His Papa Paul persona was well known at the event. Paul was preceded in death by his mother Iris Hampstead Philleo, his father Emerson Hampstead, brothers Emerson (Emmie), Jr. and John Philleo, sister Diane Carlini, niece Jamie Carlini and nephew Gabriel (Gabe) Paul Benson, Sr. He is survived by daughters Erika and Heather Hampstead, grandson Preston Edward Hampstead, siblings Robert (Bob) Hampstead (Debbie), Michael Hampstead, Janet Pack (Tom), Laura Van Gelder (David), Mary Sweeney and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 2:00 until 3:00 PM in the chapel of Berry Highland West, 9913 Sherrill Boulevard, Knoxville, TN with a memorial service to follow at 3:00 PM with the Reverend Dr. Pat Polis officiating. Family and friends met on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 11:15 AM at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, 2200 East Governor John Sevier Highway, Knoxville, TN for an 11:30 AM for the inurnment service. Full military honors were accorded by the Tennessee Army National Guard and East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to Big Heads Big Hearts - The Gabe Benson Foundation at bigheadsbighearts.org. Click on the word 'Donate' next to the picture of Gabe and his family. Condolences may be offered at www.berryhighlandwest.com.

ROBERT JAMES HARRIS - Died Sunday, July 21, 2019 at his residence in Radcliff, Kentucky at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 30, 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cecilia Chapter #1051**. A graveside service with military honors was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY.

JOHN FRANCIS “Jack” HEALY - Died Monday, November 25, 2019 Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 25, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. A private family service was held on Saturday, November 30, 2019. The Wilmington Funeral & Cremation, 1535 South 41st Street, Wilmington NC was in charge of the arrangements.



CHARLES EUGENE “Gene” HELMICK (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, February 26, 2012 in Moses Lake, Washington at the age of 74. He was a resident of Ephrata, Washington. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 1, 1937 at River Falls, Wisconsin to the late Dorothy and Charles Helmick. He was raised in Yakima, Washington and graduated with the last class of Yakima High School in 1957. Gene married Cleta B. Grissom on May 1, 1957 in Coeur d’Alene, ID; he entered the United States Army that same year where he became one of the first paramedics to serve in the Vietnam War, he retired from the Army as a Sergeant First Class (E-7). Following his retirement, he returned to school attending Beulah Bible College, Atlanta, GA

graduating with honors as Valedictorian. He loved fishing and was an avid bowler at both Minda Lanes and Nob Hill Lanes in Yakima and at the Lake Bowl in Moses Lake. Gene was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Washington*, he was also a member of the Yakima Eagles. Gene is survived by his wife, Cleta Helmick, of Ephrata; his children, Charles E. and Lisa Helmick, Christine Ann and Mark Medina, of Yakima, Earl Dean and Denise Helmick, of Ephrata and Christa Marie and Tomario Miles, of Las Vegas, NV; fourteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and; one brother, Gerald Eugene Michals of Rancho Cucamonga, CA. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the Scharbach's Columbia Funeral Chapel, 300 G Street SE, Quincy, WA. The burial with Military Honors was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 1:15 PM at the Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA. Please leave a memory for the family or sign their online guest book at www.scharbachs.com. Service arrangements are under the direction of Scharbach's Columbia Funeral Chapel, Quincy, WA.



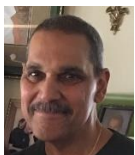
BRADFORD L. "Brad" HOFFMAN - Died Monday, January 14, 2020 at home in Shapleigh, Maine at the age of 68, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer; his fiancé and his sister Deb were by his side. He was born on May 19, 1951 in Portland, Maine to the late Clifford and Yvonne (née Martineau) Hoffman where he grew up and attended the Cathedral School where he was a member of the choir, Jack Junior High, and graduated from Portland High School in 1970. He enlisted in the United States Army in September of 1970 where he was trained as a radio mechanic and stationed in Germany guarding the Persian missiles. Brad was employed by the Portland Press Herald in the distribution department, Palco Air Freight, was self-employed as a painter and carpenter, and the Massachusetts Laborers Local 12 from where he retired. In 1978, Brad married his former wife, Charlene McLaughlin and together they had two sons. Brad was a strong and involved advocate of the veteran community. He was Vice-President of Patriot Riders of America Maine Chapter One, *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044*, past member of Sanford Maine Veterans Memorial Committee, Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery Association, and founder of the Honor in Stone Ride. He was also Boy Scout Master in South Portland while his boys were young. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His family all have great memories of him teaching them to fish and how kind and patient he was with them. Brad was a most gentle and compassionate man, a wonderful father, and role model who found his contentment and joy in helping others. He leaves behind the love of his life, Linda Smilie and her son Eric; his two sons, Alexander B. and Nathaniel C. Hoffman, both of South Portland; a grandson, Milo B. Johnson-Hoffman; and his siblings, Rose Seger, Linda Grant Thom Hoffman, Bob Hoffman, Debbie Young and Cathy Hoffman; and several nieces and nephews. Friends and relatives were invited to a time of visitation on Friday, January 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Carll-Heald and Black Funeral Home, 580 Main Street, Springvale, Maine. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 AM at Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Parish-Holy Family Church, 66 North

Avenue, Sanford. The burial was held at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale. The arrangements were under the direction of Black Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Sanford-Springvale. To leave a message of condolence visit www.blackfuneralhomes.com. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a donation to the Bob Smilie Pancreatic Cancer Fund, 305 Nason Road, Shapleigh, ME 04076.



GARY D. HUBER - Died Saturday, August 3, 2019 in Huber Heights, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 6, 1942 in Lima, Ohio to the late Donovan and Betty Huber. In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy Huber. Gary is survived by his sister, Doni Gordon; children: Gary Dean Huber, Jr., David Huber, Michaelle Sovik and Angelia Sanders; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Gary was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served 3 tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. A graveside service with military honors was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 20, 2019 at Willow View Cemetery, 2500 Neff Road, Dayton, Ohio. Arrangements were entrusted to the Newcomer Funeral Home, 4104 Needmore Road.

BRION LYNN HUNT - Died Monday, August 26, 2019 at his home in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Ithaca, New York on March 31, 1951. He joined the United States Army on January 30, 1969 and served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. He retired from Gulfstream after 26 years. He enjoyed serving the Lord, spending time with his family, playing guitar, flying, boating, fishing, and riding his Harley. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Marsha L. Hunt; his daughters, Misty (Geoffrey) Wilson, Kimberly (Jonathan) Roy and Christina Hunt; his son, Brion (Amara) Hunt; nine grandchildren, Billy, Nathan, Autumn, Noah, Carson, Tyler, Abby, Emily and Brice; his brother, Donnie (Linda) Hunt; his sister, Nancy (Vince) Kotmel, and; a large extended family and dear friends. A memorial service was held at the Lake Mayer Church of Christ at 6:00 PM on Friday, August 30, 2019 with the Reverend Gene Clay officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: American Cancer Society or to the DAV Chapter #8.



KIRK EDWARD HUNTER – Died Monday, April 9, 2018 in Uniondale, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 14, 1951, He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Visitation hours were from 6:00-9:00 PM on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Perry Funeral Home, Inc., 118 Union Avenue, Lynbrook, New York. The funeral service was

at 8:00 PM on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Perry Funeral Home, Inc., 118 Union Avenue, Lynbrook, New York.

NORMAND REGINO IDENCIO – Died Monday, September 30, 2019 in Alum Bank, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 7, 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was interred in the Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Avenue, Riverside, California on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 12:30 PM. The Funerales Santana, 1798 North D Street, San Bernardino, California handled all the arrangements.



RALPH DAVID JENKINS, JR. - Died Sunday, November 3, 2019 in Gastonia, North Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 31, 1942 in Haywood County, North Carolina to the late Ralph David Jenkins, Sr. and Mary (née Mull) Jenkins. Ralph was a graduate of the University of Kentucky at Louisville and worked as a sales representative in insurance. Ralph served as a Green Beret in the United States Army and was a part of 3 tours in Vietnam and was a Wounded Warrior. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton (West Virginia) Chapter #628**. Survivors of Ralph include his wife of 13 years, Doris Cox and other loving family members. The family received friends at McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 7, 2019. The funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Thursday in the Founders Chapel with Pastor Ken Jenkins officiating. The committal was in the Cherryville City Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, vva.org/donate. Condolence messages may be sent online at www.mcleanfuneral.com. McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia served the Jenkins family.

GORDON C. "Gordy" JOHNSON – Died recently in 2019 in Plano, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 13, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.

MICHEL H. JOHNSON, SR. – Died recently in 2019 in Ball Ground, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**.



HUBERT JOHN "Hub" JOSKI - Died Saturday, December 14, 2019 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Green Bay on November 2, 1948, to the late Walter and Bertha (née Conard) Joski. Hubert was a graduate of Premontre High School. He initially enrolled in college, but answered the call for his country

enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam from July 26, 1967 until his Honorable Discharge on February 5, 1969, during his time he was exposed to Agent Orange, which was a major contributor to his health complications later in life. Hubert earned a Purple Heart and his unit received the Presidential Unit Citation for their bravery during the 77-day siege at Khe Sanh, during the Tet Offensive. Following his service to our country, Hub met Nancy Vande Hei and they were married at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church in Green Bay on February 7, 1970. They were just under two months away from celebrating 50 loving years together. Hub was a proud veteran and was involved with many local groups and events such and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**, AMVETS, and the Bikeathon. He drove his '67 Kaiser Jeep in parades to honor Vietnam Veterans. In 1988, he was a part of the groundbreaking at The Highground Veteran's Memorial Park in Neillsville, WI, and following he was also instrumental in the placing of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial at the Neville Museum in Green Bay. From 1972-2016, Hub was part owner and operator at three different sewer contracting companies, his latest venture being the owner at Northern Pipe Equipment. He was the type of person who would help anyone who asked him, whether it be plowing snow, making meals, or transportation. In his free time, he enjoyed making booyah, hunting, RVing with the family, and tailgating at Lambeau Field. He took pride in sponsoring and attending races for his nephew, Brian. He was a proud lifetime member at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, he enjoyed serving at the Church Picnic and attending the Holy Name retreats. His greatest joy in life was watching his grandchildren grow and spending time with them. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy Joski; daughters, Joelle (Keith) Hocutt, Zebulon, NC, Angela (Gary Harrast) Joski, Williams Bay, WI, Theresa (Joseph) Munoz, Green Bay, Janee (Vincent) Zawlocki III, Green Bay; grandchildren, Jonathan, Vinnie, Montana, Alec, Makayla, Sienna, Jack, Nolan, Fiona, Tony, Dylan, and Naudia; brothers, Glenn (Jan) Joski, Greg (Joey) Joski, Dan (Linda) Joski; sister, Anna Mae (Larry) Phillips; sisters-in-law, Ethel Gross, Carolyn Joski, and Karen Joski; along with many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Hubert was preceded in death by his brothers, Kenneth, Wayne, and Timothy; mother and father-in-law, Earl and Dorothy Vande Hei; sisters-in-law, Janice Vande Hei, Carol Brown, and Lisa Vande Hei; along with his good friend, Ron Horkman. Friends gathered at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 East Mason Street on Thursday, December 19th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The Wake Service was at 7:00 PM. The visitation continued on Friday morning at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 3425 Willow Road from 9:30 AM until the Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prokowall.com. In lieu of floral expressions, please donate to the VVA Chapter #224, or any Veteran organization in memory of Hub. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Unity Hospice, especially Cindy, for all the care and compassion they have shown to Hub and his family.



BRUCE A. KASPARI - Died Friday, August 9, 2019 in Sacramento, California at the age of 75, surrounded by family and loved ones and is now with his loving wife Jan in Heaven. Bruce was born in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho on August 16, 1944 and his family later moved to Sacramento. Preceded in death by parents Jay and Shirley Kaspari; survived by brother Greg Kaspari, son Todd (Pamela) Kaspari, stepdaughter Tammy Morgan, grandchildren Kyle (Janey), Avery, Brooke (Matthew), and Lauren, as well as great-grandchildren Brooks, Barrett, and Aubrey.

Bruce was truly a remarkable man, and while there are far too many accomplishments to list, here are a few: Bruce served his country in Vietnam as a United States Marine Corps M60 gun team leader from 1966 to 1968. He was an accomplished Executive Administrator for the State of California Department of Justice for over 30 years, having served on numerous Boards of Directors for National Child Support programs. He was founding member of the Elk Grove Marine Corps League Detachment #1238. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sun City (Arizona) Chapter #1043**. Bruce was a loving and proud Brother, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather, and perhaps most importantly, a person who touched many lives with his generosity and true concern for others. Both Bruce and Jan were interred together in a memorial service to be held Friday, October 11, 2019, at 11:30 AM at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road in Dixon, CA. There was a gathering after the service at Elk Grove Park in the Pavilion Building from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Elk Grove Marine Corps League Detachment #1238.



DONALD JOHN “Don” KENNEDY – Died Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in Secaucus, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late William and Martha Kennedy. Donald was a proud United States Marine. He joined the United States Marine Corps and served 13 months in Vietnam. He always anticipated Memorial Day services to honor fallen brothers and Veteran’s Day to speak to students at school about the meaning of serving his country each of these days and the sacrifices veterans made. In May of 2016 the Mayor and Town Council honored Don as the Outstanding Veteran-of-the-Year from the town of Secaucus. He was also honored as one of the Grand Marshalls during the Memorial Day Parade in 2015. Don would always have a smile on his face, when he was wearing either a baseball cap, tee-shirt or jacket with the Marine Corps emblem on it. Donald retired from the Secaucus Police Department as a Sergeant in 1995. He was a *Life Member* of the Secaucus PBA Local #84, American Legion Post #118, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3776, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bergen County (Rutherford) Chapter #800** and the Disabled Veterans of New Jersey. He was also a devoted Met fan. After retirement, he enjoyed cooking, traveling, his friends, and loved to spend time in the country. Don was blessed to have a loving family, and supportive friends. He was predeceased by his parents Martha and William Kennedy. Survived by his beloved wife of 48 years Barbara, nee Baumann, and their two sons, Stephen of San Jose, CA and Brian, wife Melissa, of Marlboro NJ and his adorable granddaughter Paige. Donald also leaves behind his brother William C., wife Marie Kennedy, of Rockaway, NJ, and his childhood friend Russel Potts of Lake Worth, FL. He was also blessed to have many nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were held at the Mack Memorial Home, 1245 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, November 1st. The funeral service was held at 9:30 AM on Saturday, November 2nd at the funeral home. The burial took place immediately after the service at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to

Secaucus VFW Post #3776, 1400 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094 or Vietnam Veterans of America Bergen County Chapter #800, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ.



PAUL RICHARD KLENKE – Died Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Oaklawn Rehabilitation Center in Mankato, Minnesota at the age of 70. He was a resident of Welcome, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 28, 1948 in Lake City, Minnesota to the late Glen and Sophie (née Schlichting) Klenke. Paul attended country school and later Lake City Public Schools, graduating in 1966. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1968, served a tour of duty in Vietnam, and received an honorable discharge in 1971. On April 28, 1973, Paul united in marriage to Judith Holst at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake City, Minnesota. The couple made their home in Welcome, Minnesota, where they were blessed with four children, Heidi Jo (deceased), Heather, Amy and Paula. Paul attended Jackson Vocational Technical School following his marriage and graduated with a degree in Construction Electrician. He worked for local contractors until he obtained his Master License and started his own business, Klenke Electric in Welcome, Minnesota. He remained in business until his health forced him to retire and close his business in 2002. Paul was a charter member of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Fairmont, Minnesota, where he held many offices throughout his life. He was also a *Lifetime Member* of the Lake City VFW, Welcome Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunnell Chapter #832**, and Disabled American Veterans. Paul enjoyed camping with his family along with fishing and hunting. Even as his health deteriorated, he obtained a special license to allow him to continue his sport. His spare time was filled with helping his children and spending time with his grandchildren. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Judith; daughters, Heather of Cresco, Iowa, Amy (Jem) Hamilton of Slayton, Minnesota, and Paula (Michael) Braaten of Butterfield, Minnesota; as well as his dog, Sandy. Six grandchildren, Sophie, Henry, and Oliver Hamilton; Bristol, Logan and Parker Braaten. Brothers, Dale (Margaret) Klenke of Lebanon, Tennessee, Leon (Lydia) Klenke of Red Wing, Minnesota, Randy (Rita) Klenke of Cadott, Wisconsin, Neil (Pamela) Klenke of Lake City, Minnesota, Faye Conway of Lake City, Minnesota, and Joyce Klenke of Rochester, Minnesota; as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Paul was preceded in death by his daughter, Heidi Jo; parents, Glen and Sophie Klenke; grandparents, Claus and Henrietta (née Dohrn) Klenke, and Diedrich and Friedericka (née Quell) Schlichting; aunts and uncles. The funeral service was at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Fairmont, MN. The burial was held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Saint John Cemetery in Lake City, MN with full military graveside honors by the Minnesota National Guard. Visitation hours were held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, March 15, 2019 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and continued one hour prior to the time of service at the church. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont was in charge of the arrangements.



PAUL A. KNOCK - Died Wednesday afternoon, January 8, 2020 in the Sanford University of South Dakota Medical Center at the age of 71, after a brief illness. He was a resident of Willow Lake, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Friday, February 13, 1948 in Lennox, South Dakota to the late Arthur and Inez (née Hassebroek) Knock. He was the oldest of seven children. They moved to a family farm south west of Willow Lake in the spring of 1957. Paul attended country school for a short while where they walked up hill both ways, east of their home. He then attended and proudly graduated from Willow Lake High School in 1966. After a semester at Northern State University in Aberdeen, he joined the United States Marine Corps. He went to boot camp in San Diego, CA and soon after was shipped off to Vietnam where he did two tours before being discharged in 1971. He spent some time in California and Arizona doing odd jobs until he hitchhiked home to help on the family farm. On May 27, 1979 he married his "Fancy" Laurie Halvorsen. During the 40 years of marriage he proudly watched their daughters Arrin and Rorie grow up, get married and start their families. He also enjoyed any time he could get spending with his 6 grandchildren and watching their activities. They formed the Knock Brothers Dairy with siblings, Wally and Richard. In the early 2000's the partnership was dissolved. He spent the summer after that working for Jamie Hohm Construction and then began employment with DAVISCO until January 4, 2019. He spent the last year enjoying the good life and retirement with family and friends. He'll be long remembered for dressing as a Pirate, being the voice of the "Pirates" announcing football games and famous quotes such as, "Lordy, Lordy" amongst others! He loved good ole Rock 'n Roll music, his family, friends, sports especially the Raiders and the Kentucky Wildcats. His love for his country never died- once a Marine always a Marine. He was the American Legion commander for Johnny Fonken Post #113 for over 25 years, a duty he was honored to do. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother-in-law, Bruce (Doc) Westling. Survivors include his wife Laurie, a daughter, Arrin (Lane) Wirtjes all of Willow Lake, Rorie (Tyler) Gregor of Black Hawk, SD and grandchildren, Braeden, Masyn, Drake, Charlee, Natasha, and McKinley. He also leaves siblings, Roger (Sharry) Knock of DeSmet, Ruth Westling of Alcester, Tebbo Knock of Brookings, Richard (Crystal) Knock of Bryant, Wallace (Kathy) Knock of Willow Lake, and Ardy (Marty) Conway of Arroyo Grande, CA, and; also aunts, uncles, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were announced by the Furness Funeral Home at Clark where there is an on-line registry at www.furnessfuneralhome.com.



ANTHONY RAY "Tony" KROETER - Died Sunday, June 2, 2019 in Union, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Tony was born on August 25, 1947 in Washington, Missouri to the late Gilbert Kroeter and Margaret (née Jones) Kroeter. Tony

received his education in Union and graduated from Union High School in 1965. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, from April 16, 1968, until March 21, 1970. Tony went on to attend Ranken Technical School. He was united in marriage to Linda Koelling May 22, 1971 at the Zion United Church of Christ in Union and the couple made their home in Union. Tony worked with his father for many years at Kroeter Construction. He most recently was employed at Contech Construction. Tony enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing golf. He was a member of Zion United Church of Christ and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028** in Fenton. He had previously been the Booster Club president and a member of the Union RXI Foundation. Tony also was a baseball coach for his sons' little league teams. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Tony is survived by his wife, Linda Kroeter, Union; one son, Matthew Kroeter and wife Jennifer, Washington; two grandchildren, Luke and Ella Kroeter; his parents, Gilbert and Margaret Kroeter, Union; his father- and mother-in-law, Edgar and Gladys Koelling, both of Union; three brothers-in-law, Eddie Koelling and wife Debbie, Union, Dennis Koelling and wife Michelle, Washington, and Kevin Koelling and wife Lori, Union; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one son, Bradley Kroeter on November 16, 1996. A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 6th at 11:00 AM at the Zion United Church of Christ, Union, with the Reverend Dr. David Beebe and the Reverend Devin Jones co-officiating. The burial, with full military honors, was in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Zion U.C.C., Union, Franklin County Honor Flight or the Vietnam Veterans of America. The Kroeter family was served by the Oltmann Funeral Home, Union.

JAMES MICHAEL KROSLOWITZ - Died Saturday, December 28, 2019 of West Babylon, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 26, 1950 to the late Michael and Marion Kroslowitz. He was also predeceased by his brother, John. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a daughter, Shannon; and his siblings, Patricia, Robert, and Michael. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Visiting hours were conducted at the Nolan Funeral Home, 5 Laurel Avenue, Northport on Friday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. The committal service was in the Calverton National Cemetery at 1:30 PM with US Air Force Military Honors.



WILLIAM A. "Uncle Billy" KRUSE JR. - Died Monday, July 29, 2019 in Cliffside Park, New Jersey at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 21, 1945. Billy was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Edward Kane and his niece, Catherine Rauchle. Surviving is his beloved sister Helen Kane and cherished nephews, Edward Kane, Jr. (his wife Erika A. Bautista Kane) of Metuchen, NJ. and Brian Kane of Gualala, Ca. Billy was a

proud United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War serving his country from 1965-1971 during its most troubled time. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. Uncle Billy will always be remembered as a good guy who was loved by all. He was an avid collector of memorabilia and a fan of the Yankees and Giants. He would always have his iPad with him to fuel another interest, talking about anything. Uncle Billy lived life to the fullest and with his many friends enjoyed “the thrill of victory, and the agony of defeat.” He will especially be missed by all his friends at Rudy’s Restaurant in Cliffside Park. Visiting hours were held on Friday, August 2, 2019 from 4:00-9:00 PM at the McCorry Brothers, 780 Anderson Avenue, Cliffside Park. A prayer service was held at the funeral home at 6:30 PM.



ROGER MITCHELL KRZEMINSKI - Died Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in Macomb, Michigan at the age of 78, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. Roger was born on April 28, 1941 in Hamtramck, Michigan to the late Mitchell and Mary Krzeminski. He married Gloria Brzezinski on May 13, 1967 at Saint Ladislaus Catholic Church in Hamtramck, MI. They spent many wonderful years together until her passing in 2013. Roger served in the United States Navy and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He received an Associates of Science Degree in Engineering from the Chrysler School of Engineering and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Central Michigan University. Roger retired in 2001 as a Project Controller after 36 years working for Chrysler. He was a member of Saint Isidore Catholic Church. Roger served as a Macomb Township board member for 32 years and also served as the Macomb Township Treasurer. He also volunteered for the Macomb Township Parks and Rec. Roger was a devoted Lions fan. He was an all-around good man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Roger is survived by his children Erica Jean (Greg) Dickerson and Roger Douglas (Marianne) Krzeminski; grandchildren Ezra Cash Dickerson, Dow Lincoln Dickerson, Camden Roger Krzeminski and Jase Douglas Krzeminski; sister Dolores Garbacz. He is predeceased by his parents Mitchell and Mary Krzeminski; wife Gloria Krzeminski and siblings Gabriella Smith and Mitchell Krzeminski. Visitation hours were held on Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM and on Sunday, December 22, 2019 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM with a Pass in Review at 5:30 PM and Rosary Service at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Mass took place on Monday, December 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM with 9:30 AM in-state at Saint Isidore Catholic Church, Macomb, MI. Military Honors took place immediately following Mass.



STEVEN P. "Doc" LAKERNICK - Died Wednesday, December 11, 2019 in his home in Macungie Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Fritz and Rose (née Felstein) Lakernick and was of the Jewish faith. He and his wife, Donna J. (née Mathias) Pfost, celebrated their 14th

anniversary. "Once a Marine, always a Marine", he was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allentown Chapter #468**. He served as the District III Director of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (*Pennsylvania State Council*). A former Wisconsin state police officer, Doc was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an investigator prior to retiring in 2005. His memberships included Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #190 (Allentown), Liberty Bell Chapter of Marine Corps Division, Marine Corps League (RM Butterweck Detachment #465), American Legion Post #308 (Willow Grove), VFW Post #6150 (Sinking Spring), DVA, First Marine Division Association, and F. & A. M. Lehigh Lodge No. 326 (Macungie). He volunteered as a driver for Berks County Meals on Wheels through Berks Encore. A Green Bay Packers fan and lover of Disney, he will be missed by all, including by his canine companion, Buddy. He is survived by his wife, Donna; his stepson, Daniel T. Pfost; his stepdaughters, Rebecca E. Malato and husband, Andy, Rachel E. Moore and husband, Michael; his sister, Kathy Vitullo; his grandchildren, Levi, Maria, Micah, Deanna. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Monday at the Stephens Funeral Home, Inc., 274 North Krocks Road, Allentown. Visitation hours were from 12:00 Noon until service time. The interment was in Arlington National Cemetery. Contributions in lieu of flowers please be made to the First Marine Division Association, PO Box 9000, Box #902, Oceanside, CA 92051.



DONALD JOSEPH "Don" LANE - Died Friday, July 26, 2019 at Medical City Hospital-Plano, Texas at the age of 82, with his family by his side. He was a resident of Denton, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 24, 1937 in the Bronx, New York to the late Daniel and Mary (née Reide) Lane. Catholic school educated in the Bronx, Don served in the United States Air Force from 1955-1959, serving two of those years in Okinawa, Japan. Upon returning to New York, he began a long career as an IBMer, beginning as a service tech for giant mainframe computers in midtown Manhattan office buildings, and ultimately working as a Systems Analyst at IBM's headquarters in Las Colinas. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. After 27 years at IBM, Don continued working into retirement as a Contract Programmer, lending his expertise to projects at General Dynamics and the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, and spearheading Y2K preparations at Sabre. He always found time to volunteer as well, from DJing school dances at Saint Helena's in the Bronx and becoming a volunteer fireman in Endwell, New York, to greeting visitors at the Boy Scout Museum in Las Colinas and joining the Ambassador program at DFW International Airport. His favorite duty as an Ambassador was helping welcome active military men and women home and tearfully watching them reunite with loved ones. A loving husband of nearly 52 years, Don is survived by his wife Margaret Mary (née Gortych) Lane of Denton. A leader by example and a proud father and grandfather, he is also survived by daughter Maria Lawson, husband Matt and children Macy, Abby and Sadie, daughter Ann Marie Hutton and children Daniel and Arianna, and son David, fiancée Marissa and child Clara. His immediate family, parents Daniel and Mary Lane and sister Mary McKiernan, all preceded him in death. Don was a

gentle, generous man who never met a stranger he didn't meet. He leaves behind friends and admirers everywhere he's been, touched by his kind eyes, jovial soul and infectious laugh. Don will always be one of a kind and will truly be missed. A Funeral Mass was held at Saint Mark Catholic Church in Argyle with Reverend Father George officiating on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 2:00 PM. He was laid to rest at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the building fund for Saint Mark Catholic Church are suggested.

HAROLD G. LANG, JR. – Died Wednesday, November 27, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 23, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**.



CLARENCE LeCLAIR - Died Saturday, March 2, 2019 in Fort Kent, Maine at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 30, 1945 to the late Philip and Marie Jeanne (née Ouellette) LeClair. Clarence was a Vietnam Veteran who proudly served his country. He was a member of the local American Legion Post #133, serving as Commander for many years and countless volunteer hours for the community. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine**. Clarence was a jack-of-all trades, who never stopped and was always willing to help anybody in need. He was a kind man who was always willing to go without to make sure that everyone else was taken care of. He always enjoyed being the life of the party and will be remembered for his infectious laugh. He enjoyed putting a smile on someone's face and took pride in making everyone happy. He loved being outside either fishing, building, or tending to his flowers. He was a proud family man who truly adored his wife, children and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Louise (née Deschaine) LeClair of Fort Kent; two children, April Leighton and her husband Russell of Madawaska, and Scott LeClair and his wife Amber of Fort Kent; two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Samuel Dufresne, two step-grandchildren, Rylee and Shannon Leighton; two sisters; and five brothers; along with many nieces and nephews; grandnieces and nephews, and amazing friends. Clarence is predeceased by one sister; and two brothers. In keeping with Clarence's wishes a private funeral ceremony was held at the convenience of the family, with a celebration of life ceremony held at the Senior Citizens Center on March 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Clarence's name may be made to the Travis Mills Foundation, 89 Water Street, Hallowell, Maine 04347. foundation@travismillsfoundation.org. For online condolences or to donate, please visit www.lajoiefuneralhome.com



ROBERT LEE “Bob” LINDBLOM - Died Sunday, July 16, 2017 at the Baptist Health Care Center in Bismarck, North Dakota at the age of 71. He was a resident of Lisbon, North Dakota and formerly of Drake, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 20, 1946 in Minot, North Dakota to the late Lynn and Ruth (née Borg) Lindblom. He grew up on the family farm near Kief, North Dakota and received his early education at a nearby country school. He later attended Butte High School graduating in 1964. Bob entered the United States Navy in 1964 and served his country until receiving his honorable discharge in 1967. In 1968 he began working for the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, primarily in the Devils Lake area, and continued until November of 1971. He then worked for the North Dakota Department of Transportation as a gravel prospector until his retirement. In his later years, Bob resided in Drake and in 2014 he moved to the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon due to ill health. He was a member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, a life member of the American Legion and a past commander of the Lawrence E. Meidl American Legion Post #270 of Butte. He was an *At-Large* member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Dakota**. He is survived by his special friend, Sarah Soderberg of Drake; his twin brother, Russell (Coletta) Lindblom of Bismarck; 2 sisters, Linda (Gary) Knodel of Minot and Julie (Rick) Bucholz of Bismarck; his sister-in-law, Marcy Lindblom of Bismarck and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Marlow. His funeral was held on Saturday, July 29th at 11:00 AM at the Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Butte. The burial was held at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery at Mandan on Monday, July 31st at 11:00 AM. The arrangements were made with the Bethke-Nelson Funeral Home of Drake.



LOREN ROBERT “Bob” LOLESS, SR. - Died suddenly Monday, January 7, 2019 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on October 9, 1937 to the late Dorothy and Dowe Loless. He was also predeceased by his brother, Jim Loless and grandson, Stone Robert Huml. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Phyllis Loless; his children, Diana (Nick) Anderson, Donna (Chuck Anderson) Loless, Loren R. (Rhonda) Loless, Jr., Linda A. (Bill Nickison) Loless and Tina (Howie) Huml; his grandchildren, Alexandra, Christina, Anne-Marie (Taylor), Thomas, Tasha, Mallory (Michael), Elliott, Cindy, (Gregg), Rachel (Sam), Jarred, Forrest and Hunter; ten great-grandchildren, and; many loving extended family and friends. After high school graduation, Bob served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Bob worked for many years for Westinghouse as a Pipe Fitter and later retired from General Motors. After retirement Bob remained very active in many groups, including VFW Post #7005 and American Legion, West Jefferson, NAUS, American Auto Worker Union and a lifetime member of the NRA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter**

#746. Bob was an avid gardener and loved to share with friends and neighbors. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Homeless Veterans Program, www.buildinghomesforheroes.org. Friends and family visited on Friday January 11, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 PM at Newcomer Southwest Chapel, 3393 Broadway, Grove City Ohio where a funeral service took place on Saturday, January 12th at 10:00 AM.



KENNETH L. "Ken" LOWMILLER, JR. (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, December 22, 2019 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 17, 1937 in Millersburg, Kentucky to the late Kenneth and Ethel (née Plummer) Lowmiller. Kenneth married Dorothy England on July 20, 1970; she preceded him in death. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army; he enlisted in 1955 and having served in the Vietnam War, retired from active duty in 1980 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Ken was a member and Past Worshipful Master of Lawton Masonic Lodge #183, A.F.& A.M., and was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Guthrie, Orient of Oklahoma. Ken also was a member of the Fort Sill Chapter #129 of the National Sojourner's Inc. and had served as the National President of the Sojourner's from 1994-1995, as well as Camp Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp, Heroes of '76. His many Masonic affiliations include the Oklahoma Knights Templar, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and served as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1991, and Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, Past Illustrious Master of the Tipton, OK Council. He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, India Temple in 1977 and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter #514. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. He is survived by his daughter, Tracey L. Lowmiller, of San Rafael, California. Graveside Farewell Services and Inurnment was at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 21st at the committal shelter, Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma. Mr. Lowmiller was a member of Missouri Cremation Services. Online guestbook and obituary at www.missouricremation.com.



FRANCISCO MANUEL LOYA – Died Sunday, January 19, 2020 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born and raised in El Paso on May 13, 1947 to the late Manuel Loya and Hortencia (née Gardea) Loya. He is survived by his wife Dolores D. Loya, his children, Debra L. Fourzan, Francisco M. Loya, Jr, Denise Loya, and Matthew P. Loya, his grand-children, Miguel G. Fourzan, Andres C. Fourzan, Isabella V. Loya, Janelle V. Loya, Easton V. Loya, and Avery V. Loya, and great grand-children Amalina S. Fourzan and Gabriel C. Fourzan. In his early years he enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the Vietnam War as a Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class with the Patrol Boat River 512th Division. Soon

after, he worked with the El Paso Police Department, and retired after 20 years. His second career was working with U.S. Customs for 10 years. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #36, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #812 and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter 844**, where he served as Secretary/Treasurer. Services were on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at the Crestview East Funeral Home from 5:00-9:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM and a Funeral Mass on Friday at Cristo Rey Church at 9:00 AM and the interment was in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery at 10:30 AM.



DENNIS EDWARD LUND - Died Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the Sanford University of South Dakota Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 76. He was a resident of Castlewood, South Dakota. Dennis was born on May 27, 1942 in Madison, Minnesota to the late Theodore and Alice (née Shelstad) Lund. He received his education in country school in District #101 near Madison, MN and also Madison Public School. He was a graduate of Strandburg High School in 1960, in Strandburg, SD. For several years he worked for area farmers. In 1964, he entered the United States Army and received his honorable discharge in 1966. From there, he was employed at various places in Wisconsin and South Dakota. Dennis was united in marriage to Karen Aronson on September 7, 1968, in Castlewood. He attended LAVTI (Lake Area Vocational Technical Institute) and graduated in 1969. While there he began working at Minnesota Rubber Company. He retired from there in 2007 after 38½ years. Dennis was an active member of the American Lutheran Church and served as a Board Member, where he was president, Sunday School Teacher, and Luther League Advisor. He was also a VFW Life Member, *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**, Life Member of the American Legion Post #250 where he served as Commander, County Commander, Athletic Americanism Officer, Officer and Chaplain. He enjoyed coaching women's fastpitch softball, watching his children and grandchildren in their various activities, golfing, gardening, playing cards and games of all kinds. Dennis is survived by his wife, Karen of Castlewood, SD; his children, Kristy (Lynn) Borer of Castlewood, David (Stephanie) Lund of Pollock, SD, Daniel (Jenny) Lund of Watertown, SD; his grandchildren, Carson Borer, Sydney Borer, Jade Lund, Kodi Lund, Allison Lund, Levi Lund and Karina Lund; one brother LeRoy (Peggy) Lund of Madison, MN; one sister Doris Black of Castlewood, SD; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law Gene Black. The funeral service was held at 10:30 AM on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the American Lutheran Church in Castlewood, SD. Visitation hours will be from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Sunday, at the American Lutheran Church in Castlewood.

RICHARD ALBERT MATTO - Died Thursday, January 17, 2019 of New Bern, North Carolina at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 10, 1932. He is predeceased by his wife, Theresa Matto. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran of Korea and Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886**.

Surviving is his daughter, Mary Ann Hall and husband Robert of New Bern; grandchildren, Christina Best and husband Timmy, Walt Hall and wife April; great grandchildren, Tristen Best and Bladen Hall. A Funeral Mass was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 22, 2018 at Saint Paul Catholic Church. The burial was in Saint Joseph Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Fund or Shriners Crippled Children Hospital. Arrangements were made by the Cotten Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made to the Matto family at www.cottenfuneralhome.com.



WILLIAM J. "Bill" MAY - Died Friday, September 14, 2018 in Pasadena, California at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. Bill was born on November 28, 1946 (Thanksgiving Day) in Newark, New Jersey to the late Helen and William May. He received his BA in Accounting from Cal State Los Angeles and became a Certified Public Accountant. He opened his own firm, May Consulting Group, Inc. in 1978 in Pasadena, CA. On July 22, 1972 he married Patricia Ann Guiltinan; they were married for 46 fun and exciting years. They raised two children, Scott and Lynn. Bill also had three grandchildren, Samantha, Ethan and Aiden Harris. Bill was passionate about the Pasadena community. Some of the organizations he gave himself to were: Tournament of Roses, Honorary Life Member of the Pasadena Jaycees, Past President of the Pasadena Exchange Club, Member of the Quarterbacks Club, Member of the Pasadena and Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, Business Network International, Member of The University Club, Member of Monrovia BIZness Breakfast Club, Board of Directors for Non-Profits such as: The SEALove Foundation, Project Cuddle, and Present Now. Bill was also a Veteran of the United States Army from 1965-1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pasadena Chapter #446**. A Celebration of Life was held on September 30th with services beginning at 10:00 AM and lunch following, at The University Club in Pasadena. Please RSVP to The May Consulting Group, come in Hawaiian attire. Please sign the guestbook at legacy.com/obituaries/pasadenastarnews.



JIMMY McCoy, SR. (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Montgomery, Alabama on July 10, 1940 to the late Thomas and Annie Ruth McCoy. When Jimmy was seventeen years old, he paid his eldest sister \$5.00 to sign for him to join the United States Army due to the fact he was underage, and his parents refused to give their permission. He did two tours in Vietnam, two tours in Korea and five tours in Germany. During this time, he

married his childhood sweetheart Eva Mae Love and raised four children. After 32 years "In this man's Army," (His words.) Jimmy retired with the rank of Command Sergeant Major. With his military career behind him, Jimmy started a second career as a civil servant. He was very active in the community he was a member of The Buffalo Soldiers, Lifetime member of the DAV, and countless other organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He is predeceased by his parents, five brothers and two sisters. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Eva Mae McCoy (nee Love;) of 58 years his children Sharon Ann McCoy, Jimmy McCoy Jr, Sandra Ann McCoy, and Thomas Daniel McCoy. His sisters, Annie Lee McCoy, Dorothy Ruth McCoy, Savannah Wills (Gus), Betty Jo McCoy, Hazel Willis (Gene), Christine McCoy and Margaret McCoy. His in laws Kim (Thomas) McCoy, Essie Mae McCoy, Hal (Brenda) Love, Joe (Gentha) Love, Clint Love, Clanvis (Jessie) Love, Mae Bessie Owens (Daniel) and Wilma Love. He will be truly missed by his five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and all who knew him. Funeral service for Jimmy McCoy with full military honors were held on January 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Frontier Chapel in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The burial was in Post Cemetery, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma under the direction of Whinery Huddleston Funeral Service.



EDDIE EUDELL McCRARY - Died Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at his residence in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 2, 1947 in Lebanon to the late Otho and Essie McCrary. He is survived by wife of 38 years, Judy (née Newman) McCrary; son, Todd (Cindy) McCrary; daughter, Belinda (Jimmy) Haynes; grandchildren, Will (Caroline) Haynes, Aubrey McCrary, Joshua Haynes, and Ali McCrary; sister, Kaffie McCrary Hockaday; brother, Larry (Lois) McCrary; his 96 year old grandmother, Katherine McCrary; and numerous other loving family and friends. Mr. McCrary was a United States Vietnam Army Veteran, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004** and a member of Rocky Valley Baptist Church. He was self-employed in the construction business and a horse trainer. Visitation was held on Friday, January 24, 2020 from 2:00-8:00 PM in the Partlow Funeral Chapel. The funeral service was on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the Partlow Funeral Chapel with visitation from 11:00 M until the service. The interment with military honors was in the Lannom Cemetery. Bro. Jason Mull, Bro. Robert Spickard, Bro. Bruce Grubbs, and Terry Ashe were co-officiants. The pallbearers were Jimmy, Will and Joshua Haynes, James Hicks, David Baskin, Michael Ballinger, Toby McCrary, Randy Lane, Terry Ashe, and Howard Riggan. The honorary pallbearers were Roger Wilee, Freddie Weston, Brad Foster, Danny Bledsoe, Randy Frierson, Paul Crockett, George, Kolby, and Tristen Ramsey, Phillip Lannom and James Martin Edwards. The family would like to thank Alive Hospice for their special care during his illness. The Partlow Funeral Chapel was in care of the arrangements.

VERLE ALONZO McDANIEL, JR. - Died Thursday, September 26, 2019 in Jamestown, North Dakota at the age of 77, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on April 11, 1942 in

Jamestown to the Verle Alonzo McDaniel, Sr. and Mary (née Dindwoodie) McDaniel. He touched many lives and left the world a better place than he found it. Verle attended school in Jamestown. He began to learn to play the clarinet in the 8th grade and later took up saxophone, a musical journey that would last the rest of his life. He attended Jamestown High School before joining the United States Air Force in 1959 where he completed his General Education Degree. Verle served in the US Air Force from 1959 to 1964. He served in Special Forces during the Vietnam Conflict, an experience which affected him deeply. The brotherhood and kinship he felt with fellow veterans was one of the hallmarks of his life. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Dakota**. Upon returning from the Vietnam War, Verle attended Jamestown College where he earned a Bachelor of the Arts in Music Education. He taught in the public-school systems in both North and South Dakota. When not teaching, Verle was a professional musician who widely toured the US and Canada. Saxophone was his greatest love. He also played keyboards, guitar, and would frequently program his own music for performances. In his later years, Verle maintained a private studio in Jamestown where he taught music lessons. Verle was a charismatic advocate of Alcoholics Anonymous. He was very active in AA, serving as a sponsor, role model, and leader, helping others to improve their lives. The friendships he cultivated in AA were among his strongest affiliations in life. Verle is survived by his wife, Ginger (née Holm) McDaniel (Jamestown ND); older brother Gary McDaniel (Bismarck ND); five children Scott McDaniel (Scottsdale AZ), Robyn Holm (Atlanta GA), Brooke Bauman (Spokane WA), John McDaniel (Mitchell SD), Dennis McDaniel (Mitchell SD); six grandchildren Isaac McDaniel, Elijah McDaniel, Stephen Fettig, Austin Bauman, Alissa Bauman, Jordan McDaniel, and Jackson McDaniel; and his many beloved cats. He is preceded in death by his father, Verle Sr, mother, Mary, and two infant brothers.



STEVEN J. "Mac" McDONALD – Died Tuesday, December 24, 2019 in Taylor, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is cardiovascular and larynx cancer. He was born on August 11, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. He was the beloved husband of Barbara McDonald; loving father of Michelle (Michael) Cantu, Steven (Susan) McDonald, Scott (Matthew) Cantu, and Manuel (Jennifer) McDonald; dear brother of Victoria (Michael) Harper, and Charlene (Edward) Sarzin; dearest grandfather of Ashley, Katelin, Michael, Alex, Dominic, Adrian, Gabby, Bella, Stephen, Kaylynn, and Harmony, and; loving great-grandfather of Giovanni, Fabian, and Araceli. Mac will be deeply missed by family and friends. Visitation was on Monday, December 30, 2019 from 2:30-8 PM at the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Road. The funeral service was on Monday at 6:00 PM at the funeral home.



MARSHALL B. McPEEK – Died Sunday, October 7, 2018 at Saint Luke Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg, New Jersey at the age of 73. He was a resident of Alexandria Township, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 11, 1943 in Doylestown, Pennsylvania to the late Donald and Leona (née Mills) McPeek. He grew up in Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania, before moving to Alexandria Township, NJ, in 1969. He graduated from Palisades High School. While working at Penn Engineering in Perkasiel, PA, Marshall enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and was the recipient of two Purple Hearts. Marshall worked at Riegel Paper Corp. in Milford, NJ, for 35 years before his retirement. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and was an avid NASCAR fan. Later in life, Marshall enjoyed going to Marine Corps reunions around the country. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Marshall was a life member of the Milford Vol. Fire. Company, an exempt member of the NJ State Fireman's Association, and a life member of the Milford VFW. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. Marshall is survived by his beloved wife, Betty Lou, with whom he would have celebrated 50 years of marriage in April 2019, his two sons, Craig W. McPeek and his wife, April, and Todd M. McPeek and his wife, Nicole; his daughter, Christina Spitler and her husband, Brian; his sister, Edith McPeek, his eight grandchildren, Dylan, Morgan, Marshall, Domonique, Anthony, Skylar, Emily, and Faith, and his faithful Cocker Spaniel Kallie Ann. He was predeceased by his three brothers, Donald McPeek, Harold McPeek, and Lee McPeek. The family received relatives and friends on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Johnson-Walton Funeral Home, 24 Church Road, Holland Township, NJ. Funeral services were held on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home with Reverend William "Tex" Culton officiating. The interment was at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Alexandria Township, NJ. Memorial contributions may be made to the Milford Voluntary Fire Company, PO Box 25, Milford, NJ 08848 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. For more information or to send online condolences, please visit JohnsonWalton.com.



JAMES V. "Jim" MEYL, PH.D. - Died Sunday evening, December 29, 2019 in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina on January 28, 1944 to the late Vananda James and Margaret Pugh (née Woods) Meyl. He is survived by his devoted wife, the former Mary M. Tolan. The couple celebrated 48 years of marriage. Jim's educational background consisted of an Associate in Arts degree from Keystone Junior College, a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Finance from Wilkes University, a Master of Business Administration from the

University of Scranton, a Doctor of Public Administration from Nova University, Florida. He also attended the Department of the Army, Army Management Staff College. He was a member of the Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society in Business Administration. Jim was a true patriot, who loved his country, and voluntarily joined the United States Army. His first assignment in combat was Vietnam. Jim considered it an honor and a privilege to serve his country with his fellow servicemen and women. He was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Pennsylvania**. For many years he proudly served as President for the Tobyhanna Chapter of The Association of the United States Army and received the Award for Distinguished Service from this organization. Prior to his retirement, Jim was employed by Tobyhanna Army Depot, where he held various management positions. In addition to his beloved wife, he is survived by his brother-in-law, Thomas Tolan and his wife, Mary Ann, of Scranton and fourteen beloved nieces and nephews, eighteen great nieces and nephews and eight great-great nieces and nephews whom he and his wife cherished. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lois Meyl. Jim was a parishioner of Our Lady of the Snows parish. Family and friends were invited to attend Jim's funeral which began on Saturday, January 4th at 9:15 AM from the Semian Funeral Home, 704 Union Street, Taylor, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Our Lady of Snows Church, 301 South State Street, Clarks Summit, celebrated by Reverend Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, Pastor. Friends visited the family on Friday, January 3, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the funeral home. The interment, with military honors was in the Saint Catherine Cemetery, Moscow, Pennsylvania.



PETER F. "Pete" MIESBURGER (USAF, M/Sgt.-Ret.) - 82, husband of Jean (Wyatt) Miesburger Died Wednesday, November 21, 2018 in Bangor, Maine at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. Peter was born on October 3, 1936 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the fifth child of eight children born to the late Henry and Elva (née Sykes) Miesburger. Pete married his loving wife Jean, originally from Colchester, Essex, England in Philadelphia, PA. He retired from the United States Air Force, with many years of active duty service in aircraft crash rescue/firefighting to chief, Fire Protection Branch at several air bases in France, England and Alaska. During the early 1960's, he was a member of a task force, tasked to upgrade aircraft fire-fighting vehicles, to meet the need of modern aircraft fire-fighting procedures, and was deployed nation-wide, to test bare bone air base operations, supporting and up-grading needs to meet current U.S. Air Force field operations. Peter attended many firefighting seminars, which included Arson/Fire Investigation, Missile Fire Protection and attended SAC NCO Academy, Class 69-D. During the build-up of military forces in South Korea in the early 1970's, Peter was assigned to Headquarters, Republic of Korea Air Force, as a Fire Protection Advisor. During his military career, he received numerous military awards for his dedicated service. Upon his military retirement, Pete was employed by the U.S. Air Force as Fire Chief at Loring AFB and Hanscom AFB, as well as Fire Station Attendant for the Town of

Limestone. During the 1990's, Pete had a successful Fire Prevention and Safety business throughout all of Aroostook County. The highlight of Pete's firefighting career was when he was made an "Honorary Member" of the Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department. In 1975 he received a B.S. Degree in Business Management from Ricker College using the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) GI Bill. Pete was a Life Member of Lister-Knowlton VFW Post 9389, Life Member of American Legion Post 15, Life Member of VFW National Home, Life Member of the Air Force Association, Military Order of Cooties, Korean Service Veterans' Association, as well as an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Maine** and DAV, past Commander of the Department of Maine VFW 1978-1988, National VW Chief of Staff 1992-1999, past Commander District One, Department of Maine VFW 1980-1881, 2007-2008, Post Commander VFW Post #9389 for five terms, and Quartermaster of VFW Post #9389. Mr. Miesburger was a founding father of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Caribou and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Maine Veterans' Home. He was known as an advocate for Veterans Rights and Entitlements, not only throughout the State of Maine, but nationwide as well. He was known as the "God Father" of the County. Pete was selected as the City of Caribou Citizen of the Year for 1974, and the Red Cross "Hero Award" in 2015. Surviving in addition to his loving wife Jean of over 50 years, is one daughter and son-in-law Julie and her husband Gilbert Merchant of Veazie and one son Michael and daughter-in-law Pam of Lakewood Ranch, FL. He also leaves behind four grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild. Friends may call Sunday, November 25, 2018 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou. Funeral services were held at the chapel of the funeral home, Monday, November 26, 2018 at 12:00 PM. A time of continued fellowship with refreshments will be held at the VFW Post #9389 following the funeral service. Spring interment was held at the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery.

ROBERT GORDON MILLAR – Died Thursday, January 2, 2020 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Montréal, Quebec, Canada on January 23, 1942. He served in the United States Navy from December 7, 1967 to October 9, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**.



JOHN R. MITCHELL, SR. - Died Sunday, November 3, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 2, 1948 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late William and Virginia (née Bell) Mitchell. He was also preceded in death by 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 *1st 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 DAV. 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 was from 4:00-8:00 PM on Monday, November 11, 2019 at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and 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 at the Kentucky State Veterans Cemetery (Central) in Radcliff, Kentucky.



JOHN A. MOEDE - Died Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Saint Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 76. He was a resident of Shawano, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. John was born on November 3, 1943 in Shawano to the late Arlow and Isabell (née Bartz) Moede. He was raised on the family farm in the Town of Richmond near Thornton, where he attended rural grade school at Stony Hill. He then went to Lincoln School in Shawano and graduated from Shawano High School with the Class of 1961. John worked numerous jobs, including on the family farm, for several years before volunteering for the United States Army. He was inducted in January of 1964 and saw duty at the start of the Vietnam War in the Central Highlands with the 70th Engineers, a combat unit attached to the 101st Airborne and the 1st Cavalry Division. John was released from active duty in January of 1966 and served in the reserves until being honorably discharged in 1970. Following his service John worked construction for several years, and later became an over-the road truck driver logging over 3.5 million accident free miles before retiring in 2006. He was active in various Veteran's organizations. He was a *Life Member* and *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Shawano Chapter #206**; a life member, Past Commander, and Quartermaster/Adjutant of the VFW Post #2723; a life member of American Legion Post #117, AMVETS Post #10, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #22 where he served as President for one year. John also served as the Financial Secretary of St. Paul Lutheran Church Stony Hill and was on the Shawano County Thrivent Financial Board of Directors where he helped organize many benefits for people, including his fellow Veteran comrades. John loved the outdoors and also loved to travel and “see the world”, which he accomplished between the service and his truck driving days. He always said he sailed and flew across the Pacific Ocean, sailed under, and flew and drove over the Golden Gate Bridge. While a truck driver he traveled in all 48 U.S. mainland states, and several provinces of Canada. Survivors include his wife, Theresa, who he married in Las Vegas in 2004; his daughters, Jennifer Quinn and Carmen Kramer, both of Shawano, and Lori Weitz of Appleton; seven grandchildren; his step-son, William Nelson, and his step-daughter, Tracy Nelson; four step-grandchildren; his sister, Kathy (John) Koepke of Appleton; his brother Michael Moede of Clintonville; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Moede, and his sister Carolyn Braatz. A funeral service for John A. Moede was held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Stony Hill in the Town of Richmond. Pastor John Eyer officiated. Full Military Honors were conducted by the AMVEST Post #10 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #206 at the church following the funeral. Burial will take place in the church cemetery. Visitation was held at the church beginning at 9:00 AM and continuing until the time of service. In lieu of flowers and plants,

memorials are preferred in John's name to Saint Paul Lutheran Church Stony Hill or the Wolf River Lutheran High School. "The family would like to thank the staff at Shawano Health Services, Saint Vincent Hospital, and Unity Hospice for the loving care they provided John."

JAMES J. MOGLIA – Died recently in 2019 in Franklin Square, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 5, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**.



EDWARD ARNOLD "Ed" MOORE – Died Friday, November 29, 2019 at his home on the AuTrain River in Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on February 3, 1947 in Munising, Michigan to the late Donald and Ellen (née McCollum) Moore. He grew up in AuTrain and graduated from William. G. Mather High School in 1965. Ed was quieter when he was young. He was at his best when he was helping the young and especially the elderly. The outdoors was very special to him. He joined the United States Marine Corps when he was eighteen. In the Corps, Ed learned to speak out more, to laugh more, to always persevere, to always have courage, and to never take no for an answer. A Marine, active or inactive, he always will be. After his time in Vietnam where he earned many medals, badges, and ribbons including the Combat Action Presidential Citation, Ed returned home to marry Muriel Swajanen on October 5, 1968 and together they moved to Beaufort, SC where he finished his time with the Marines. Ed pushed forward going to Manpower Institute in Milwaukee to study computer programming. He would go on to work many years with computers. During this time, his first daughter, Tracy, was born. Moving back to AuTrain, their family grew with the birth of their second daughter, Chris. Ed worked nineteen years as a computer programmer and department manager for Bunny Bread. He and Muriel moved to Menominee, MI where Ed was the Information Systems Manager for Lloyd Flanders Furniture. In August of 2006, he retired on a Friday and was back in AuTrain on Saturday morning. In his younger years, Ed played guitar, played cards, did card tricks, and liked hunting, trapping, and fishing. Fishing was always his favorite and he went on a fishing trip to Canada in 2018. Along the way, Ed built a house, remodeled a house, and did woodworking projects like the crib for his grandchildren and a little table. Ed was a member of Sion Lutheran Church, a member of the Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a life member of the USMC League, DAV, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**, American Legion, and was member of the Masonic Lodge in Munising and Menominee. He and Muriel enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, California, and Alaska, but the best trip was in 2012 when the ten family members went to Disney World together. Ed was happiest when he was sitting outside of his AuTrain home, smiling and waving to people he knew or visiting when someone stopped by. Ed will be missed. He is survived by his wife of over fifty-one years – Muriel Moore of AuTrain; their daughters and sons-in-law – Tracy and Bob Wing and Chris and Bob Marinoff all of AuTrain; grandchildren – Macalah Marinoff, Amanda Marinoff, T.J. Wing, and Elizabeth Wing; sister – Mary (Andy) Shepley; brother – Ralph

Moore; in-laws – DeeDee (Greg) Janiszewski, Milly (Larry) Johnson, Phyllis (Scott) Hillier, Tim (Heidi) Swajanen, Sheryl (Paul Cromell) Revord, Carol (Vern) Ehle, and Jim Moulds; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ed was preceded in death by his parents Don Moore and Ellen Moore, grandparents on the McCollum side, grandparents William and Jesse Moore, siblings Bruce, Bill, and Frances; baby grandson Robert Wing, Jr., niece Michelle Shepley, parents in law Willie and Dorothy Swajanen, in-laws Greg Revord and Sandy Moulds, and nephews Adam Revord and Justin Swajanen. Visitation was held at the Bowerman Funeral Home on Wednesday evening. The public visitation began at 5:00 PM with military honors being conducted by the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard and continues until 8:00. There was also a visitation at the Sion Lutheran Church in Chatham from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon on Thursday. Pastor Paul Kelto conducted Ed's funeral service at Sion Lutheran Church in Chatham on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 12:00 Noon. The interment was in the Serenity Pines Cemetery in AuTrain. Donations in Ed's memory may be made to Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice, 914 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855 or the George "Toogs" Saint Martin Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 233, Munising, MI 49862.



DAVID EARL MORAN – Died Saturday, November 16, 2019 in Meriden, Kansas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. David was born on October 10, 1948 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka, Kansas to the late Kenneth Wesley Moran and Delyte Dae (née Mellies) Moran. David grew up in Topeka attending local schools. Upon graduating from Topeka West High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was sent to Vietnam. There, he was wounded and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He left the Marines but still felt the pull to serve his country. He enlisted in the United States Army Reserves and served in the first Iraq War, Desert Storm. David had a profound love of his country and needed to serve, protect and defend it. He was proud to say that he was a soldier and he attended many military functions and events. He retired from the Reserves in 2004. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. David also worked for the State of Kansas, Department of Transportation, retiring from there in 2003. He was a lifelong resident to Topeka. David was also a true lover of animals especially cats who seemed to know where to find him. He never turned a cat away; he always took them in, cared for them and they never left. His best buddy was a black lab, named Spook. He was predeceased by his parents. He leaves a brother, Brian Lee Moran and his wife, Barbara of Florida, a nephew, Kevin Michael Moran and his wife, Alina, also of Florida and his grandniece, Alexandra Moran and his best friends and caregivers, Karen and Scott Kiefat whom he depended on and shared many of life's moments. He was loved by his family and friends and will be truly missed for his smile, laugh and nickname, Pepsi. Rest in peace, David, you will always be in our hearts. A Memorial Service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Penwell-Gabel, 1321 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka. The interment took place at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial

contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society, 5720 SW 21st, Topeka, KS 66604-3720.

REVEREND ROY DANIEL MORGAN - Died early Saturday morning, October 10, 2019 at his residence in Blackshear, Georgia at the age of 77, following an extended illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 21, 1942 in Gainesville, Florida to the late Ernest E. and Geraldine (née Johnson) Morgan. He lived many years in Hampton, Florida before moving to Blackshear in the late 1990s. He was a graduate of Bradford County High School Class of 1960 and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida (UF). He served 10 years in the United States Army in the Vietnam War as a Medical Supply Specialist. He was awarded several decorations and medals, but most importantly, he was the recipient of a Purple Heart. Following his military career, he worked many years as a Mental Health Counselor, retiring from Satilla Mental Health in Waycross. He was also an ordained Independent Baptist Minister and was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Blackshear. He was also a member of the Exchange Club of Waycross, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070**, and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Rebecca Morgan. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Helen Altman (née Groover) Morgan of Blackshear; 5 children, Sandra Osborne of Madison, Wisconsin, Christi Morgan Wilson (husband Curtis) of Middleburg, FL, Lucas Morgan (wife Leah) of Gainesville, FL, Aaron Morgan (wife Rachel) of Waldo, FL, and Paul Morgan (wife Jessica) of Starke, FL; 2 step children, Lillian Hodge Wagner and Ricky Hodge (wife Stacy), both of Blackshear; 15 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sister, Patricia Morgan McGahee of Starke, FL; and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. A graveside funeral service took place on Tuesday morning, October 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church Cemetery, 6289 Mary Dot Lane, Starke, Florida 32091. The family received friends at the cemetery one hour prior to the service. Sympathy may be expressed online at www.hartfh.com. The Hart Funeral Home of Blackshear was in charge of the arrangements.



LARRY PALMER MORK – Died Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in Madison, Minnesota at the age of 72. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on December 4, 1947 in Madison to the late Palmer O. and Doris (née Kunde) Mork. He was baptized on December 28, 1947 and confirmed on April 9, 1961 by Reverend Ernst Willie at Saint Peter Lutheran Church, Bellingham, MN. His confirmation verse was Matt 6:33 - "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Larry attended country school through 6th grade and then attended Madison High School graduating in 1965. He then attended Canby Vocational Technical School and graduated with the first class of the Farm Diesel Mechanics in 1967. In July of 1967, he entered the United States Army and trained to be a helicopter engine mechanic. He spent one year in Vietnam working on CH-47 Chinook Helicopters and becoming head of the engine shop and earning the Army Commendation Medal. Larry married Eunice Hanson on August 21, 1971 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in

Bellingham, MN. To this union three children were born. Larry was a grain and dairy farmer before moving into Madison in December 1984. He was an AAL District Representative for a short time before going back to Canby Vo-Tech and graduating from the Diesel Fuel Injection Class. He worked in a diesel shop in Rochester, MN for a short time before working at Lund Implement in Madison, Kibble Equipment in Montevideo, Midwest Machinery of Madison, formerly Amundson-Peterson. He retired in June 2011 after 22 years as a partsman. After moving to Madison, Larry and Eunice attended Saint John Lutheran Church where Larry held the positions of Sunday School teacher, Elder and Chairman of the congregation. Family and his church were very important to him and he strived to set a good example for his children and grandchildren. He especially enjoyed time at the lake with the whole family. A day in the boat with children and grandchildren and an evening sitting around a campfire were some of his best times. He also enjoyed going to his Vietnam Veteran military reunions. He was a member of the Bellingham American Legion Kanthak-Matthies Post #441, the Madison VFW Post #1656, the Disabled American Veterans and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1054**. He is survived by Eunice, his wife of 48 ½ years, two sons Jason (Kim) Mork of Ortonville, MN and Kyle (Dana) Mork of St. Cloud, MN and daughter Laura (Peter) Woyen of Moorhead, MN, four grandchildren Rachel, Ethan, Emily and Addison. Five brothers Wayne Mork of Madison, MN, David (Cathy) Mork of Bellingham, MN, Glenn (Sherry) Mork of Buffalo, MN, Charles (Addie) Mork of Bellingham, Kevin (Melody) Mork of Alexandria and two sisters Marlene (Mike) Miller of Louisville, KY and Lori (Martin) Dietmeier of Milbank, SD, one brother-in-law Glen Klefsaas of Bellingham, MN and a half-sister Ann Marie Durjan of Portland, OR and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Palmer and Doris, his brother Donn in 2013 and sister Cheryl in 2019. Blessed be his memory. Funeral services were on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 1:30 PM in Saint John Lutheran Church in Madison, MN. Visitation was on Sunday afternoon, February 9, 2020 until 5:00 PM in the Chapel of the Zahrbock Funeral Home, Madison, MN. Visitation continued at Saint John Lutheran Church with a public prayer service at 7:00 PM. Visitation continued on Monday before the services at the church. Concluding service and burial with full Military Honors took place in the Madison Cemetery. Memorials were preferred to Saint John Church and to the Lac qui Parle Hope Network.



JOHN DAVID “Jack” MORLEY (USAF, SMSGT-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 9, 2020 in Fernandina Beach, Florida at the age of 66, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on March 2, 1953 to the late John Joseph Morley and Nancy (née Sheehan) Morley. He leaves his loving wife, Cynthia “Cindy” of 42 years, his brother Steven (and wife Carole) of Mendon, MA and his sister Tracy (and husband Michael) of Cincinnati, OH. He was predeceased by his sister Valerie Morley Mesch, his mother Nancy Sheehan Morley and his father John Joseph Morley. Jack served as Senior Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force for 22 years and was active during Vietnam and Desert Storm. Since retirement, he was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America- Yulee Chapter #1088**. Jack will be remembered for his love of sailing and the sea. He will also be remembered for his intelligence, great sense of humor and

fierce love and loyalty to family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. There was a memorial service at 10:00 AM on February 19, 2020 at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, FL with full military honors. The family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA Chapter #1088) 463688 SR200, Suite #1-412, Yulee, FL 32097 or Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, 8130 Baymeadows Way West, Suite #201, Jacksonville, FL 32256.



HAROLD K. "Hal" MOSES - Died Sunday morning, January 5, 2020 in Manchester, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1943. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. He loved all children and animals, especially dogs. Hal was proud to be an American and loved everything about being Jewish. He was a veteran of the United States Army, he recently served as Senior Vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Ocean County Post #178 and he served for two years as Chief of Staff/Adjutant General for the Jewish War Veterans of New Jersey. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey*. He was a big fan of football and soccer, and he enjoyed the music of Kenny Rogers and marching songs, Mickey Katz and Jackie Mason. Hal had a career as an engineer in manufacturing management, and he was a long-time resident of Lakewood, New Jersey. Hal is predeceased by his son Michael (2003) and survived by his wife of 57 years, Irene Moses and his daughters, Candice Snyder and Shauna Moses. He also has two nieces, three great-nephews, a great-niece, and numerous grandchildren, several of whom are "adopted" along with their parents, which is a profound testament to how much Hal was loved by people whose lives he inspired. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Beth Am Shalom, 1235 NJ-70, Lakewood, with interment in the Beth Olam Memorial Park, Lakewood. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Disabled American Veterans, 171 Jersey Street, Trenton, NJ 08611, or Jewish War Veterans of Ocean County, Post #178, P.O. Box 1447, Lakewood, NJ 08701, in his memory. The arrangements were under the direction of Belkoff Goldstein Funeral Chapel, Lakewood.



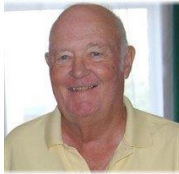
DONALD WARREN "Don" "Donnie" MURPHY, JR. - Died Sunday, January 5, 2020 at Russell Regional Hospital, Russell, Kansas at the age of 69. He was a resident of Russell. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born on July 25, 1950 in Russell, Kansas to the late Donald "Don" Murphy and Isetta (née Tittel) Murphy. He was a member of the 1968 graduating class of Russell High School, Russell, Kansas. Donnie was proud and honored to have served his country in the United States Army stationed in Vietnam early March 1970, through early October 1971. After returning from Vietnam he worked at his parents' business Don's Excavating. On April 22, 1977, he married Sue McKown at Cupid's Wedding Chapel, Las Vegas, NV. The ceremony was a double ceremony with Sue's grandmother Jane Andrews and Carl

Cantwell. This was something Donnie and Sue were very proud of and loved sharing all of the stories associated with it. With this marriage Donnie became stepfather to daughter Megan McKown. Later Donnie worked for the City of Russell retiring November 1, 2012, with 25 years of service. Donnie enjoyed spending time at his farm. There was always a huge garden that was more than several families could use. So, there was a free zucchini sign in the yard in town. And believe it not the boxes were always emptied. When his health worsened his friends and family made sure that the garden was planted. He also enjoyed his role as Papa to granddaughter Casey and most recently the addition of great-granddaughter Sadie Grace. He was a life member of the DAV, 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939* and the VFW post #6240, Russell, KS. He also was a member of the American Legion post #0099, Russell, KS. He was also a tribal member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Donnie was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Sue of the home, Russell, KS, his sister Tenna Rae Bangert (Dennis) Derby, KS, his stepdaughter Megan Tolle (Stacy), Sedgwick, KS, granddaughter Casey Blevins, Sedgwick, KS, and great granddaughter Sadie Grace Blevins, Sedgwick, KS. A memorial service to celebrate Donnie's life was held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell, Kansas. A Fort Riley and Russell VFW military honor guard ceremony followed at the Russell County Veterans Memorial. The family greeted guests the day of the service. Memorials may be given to the Russell County Veterans Memorial and sent in care of the mortuary. Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary of Russell, Kansas was in charge of the funeral service arrangements.



ROBERT SMITH "Smitty" NORTH CUTT - Died Monday, December 2, 2019 in Lee's Summit, Missouri at the age of 77, after a lengthy battle with cancer and Parkinson's. Robert was born on September 1, 1942 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Robert E. and Betty S. Northcutt. He attended Center High School and then enrolled in Kansas City, Missouri Junior College, where he earned an Associate of Arts Degree. His enrollment and studies at the University of Missouri at Kansas City resulted in a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology, a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling and Psychology and Educational Specialist Degree in Counseling Psychology. After serving in Vietnam with the United States Army during the Vietnam War, he returned to teach History and English in Shawnee Mission for 3 years. In 1970, Robert was hired as a School Counselor at Maple Park Middle School in the North Kansas City School District, where he remained for 34 years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee's Summit Chapter #243*. Robert is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary; son, James (Jennifer); grandchildren, Eloise and Ambrose; and his brother, Douglas (Jeanette), of Las Vegas, NV. Robert enjoyed being active in his son's activities which included Boy Scouts, baseball, basketball, football, and Tae Kwon Do. He will be missed by his loving family, friends, and the many students he helped as a School Counselor at Maple Park Middle School. Memorial services were on Friday, January 3, 2020 at the John Knox Chapel, 400 Northwest

Murray Road, Lee's Summit, MO at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.



TERRENCE MICHAEL "Terry" O'KEEFE - Died Friday, January 25, 2019 in Conway, South Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 11, 1943 in Cuero, Texas, to the late General Timothy F. O'Keefe, USAF (Ret) and Eileen P. O'Keefe. Terry was a police officer and detective from Alexandria, VA, for fourteen years. One of four sons of an Air Force 4-star General, he traveled much of the world as part of a proud military family heritage. After attending The Citadel in Charleston, SC, Terry served his country in the United States Air Force National Guard, himself an honored Vietnam War veteran. He followed military service with a career in law enforcement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Surfside Beach Chapter #925**. Upon retirement in Virginia, Terry worked in real estate and held positions in private security, once completely retired in Conway he honed his golf game that included a rare hole-in-one. Terry enjoyed history of all kinds, as a child often reading the encyclopedia for enjoyment; as a result, he had a wealth of knowledge on many subjects that made him a go to authority and an entertaining storyteller. A friend to all that crossed his path, Terry greeted everyone with a smile and twinkle in his eye. He cherished his devoted wife, Arlene, and loved his children, grands and great - grands in all of whom he was so very proud. Terry was preceded in death by a brother Richard W. O'Keefe. Terry is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Arlene, of Conway, and his children Chris (Debbie) O'Keefe, Greg (Trac) O'Keefe, and Shannon (Mike) Phillips, all of Northern Virginia; along with grandchildren, Sean O'Keefe, Caitlin O'Keefe, Daisy Smith, Kevin Phillips; and great grandchildren (Lilly Beckett and Aria O'Keefe). Also surviving are his brothers Col. Timothy (Linda) O'Keefe, Jr. USAF (Ret) and Vince (Karen) O'Keefe, all of North Florida; and many extended family members. A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Reverend Bob Taylor officiating. The family received friends on Monday, January 28, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at the Funeral Home. The family thanks the many medical professionals and caregivers that assisted especially in the past year. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to First Baptist Church of Conway, 603 Elm St. Conway, SC 29526 or Embrace Hospice of Conway, 1318 3rd Ave. Conway, SC 29579. The Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.



FRANCIS MICHAEL "Mike" O'MEARA - Died Thursday, December 26, 2019 in Clearwater, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Queens, New York to the late Frank and Elizabeth O'Meara. He came to Clearwater with his wife, Susan in 2002 from Jackson Heights, New York. He worked as a New York State Corrections Officer

and also a bartender, which he loved. He served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as an Intelligence Assistant and was a rifle marksman. He was born and raised a Catholic, receiving his education in Catholic schools. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**, the American Legion, AMVETS and was a Past President of the Pinellas County Veterans Council. Mike was married to his beloved wife, Susan, from 1989 until her passing in 2009. They were very active in charitable organizations while living in Florida. He is survived by his sister, Jackie (née O'Meara) Iuliucci, Wantagh, NY; his friend, Dianne Magee, Largo, FL; his cousin, Eileen Giorgetti, Lutz, FL, and; many loved cousins and friends. He was buried with his wife and his parents in Flushing, New York. Memorial services were held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the AMVETS Post #67, 512 South Lincoln Avenue, Clearwater, FL. Contributions can be made in his memory to "Operation Toy Soldier" which provides toys for Tampa Bay military families at MacDill and local Coast Guard stations.

MARIANE ORAM – Died recently in 2019 in Port Charlotte, Florida. Her husband served in Vietnam in the 60's and died from an Agent Orange-related disease. She was a *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



STEPHEN FREDERICK PARSONS - Died Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 72. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death was a massive stroke. He was born on August 16, 1947 in Cumberland to the late Van Howard Parsons, Sr. and Anna Catherine (née Geatz) Parsons. A graduate of LaSalle High School, Class of 1966, Steve was a United States Marine Corps Veteran of Vietnam serving from 1967 to 1971. He was the former owner of Shaw's Café. Steve was a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** where he was first to serve as President and continued to hold positions in the VVA and devoted his life to helping other veterans often receiving rewards and citations for his efforts. He was also a member of the Our Lady of the Mountains Parish, the Good Fellowship Club, the VFW #1541, the DAV, and former senator Barbara Mikulski's Veterans Commission. Stephen is survived by his wife of 48 years, Edith Parsons; his daughters, Amber Parsons-St. Germain and husband, Michael and Sarah Parsons and partner, David Simmons; his sister, Cyndee Sticher and husband, Michael; his brother, Van Parsons, Jr., and wife, Charlene; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, on Sunday, December 22, 2019 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish, Saints Peter and Paul Shrine, on Monday, December 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM. The interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the DAV (www.dav.org), or to Patriot Paws for Service Dogs (www.patriotpaws.org).

THOMAS R. "Tom" PEASLAND – Died Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 67, while under the care of hospice. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 23, 1952 in Albany, New York to the late Theodore and Ruth (née Robinson) Peasland. He was the beloved husband of 45 years of Arvilla G. (née Miltner) Peasland; loving father of Scott (Lisa) Mulder Peasland and Jennifer Peasland; brother of Becky (Jack) Fike, Suzanne (David) Landers, and the late Terry Peasland and Debra Paffie; also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family was present to receive relatives and friends on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the John O. Roth Funeral Home, Inc., 25 William Street (between Morgan and Broad Streets) City of Tonawanda, where a Funeral Service was held at 3:00 PM following the visitation. A private burial was in the White Chapel Memorial Park, Amherst, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, P.O. Box 631 Buffalo, NY 14240. Thomas was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He had been employed as a Maintenance Electrician for W.S.F. Industries in the City of Tonawanda for over 45 years. Thomas was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77** in the City of Tonawanda. He enjoyed woodcarving, WWII military history, and family genealogy. Tom's family would like to say a special thank you to Dr. Hillengass, Dr. Ross, Dr. McCarthy, and Dr. Griffiths at Roswell Park Cancer Institute for all of their care and support. Please share online condolences at www.rothfuneral.com.



AMOS GARCIA PEREZ, JR. - Died Tuesday March 12, 2019 at his residence in Baytown, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 10, 1939 in Galveston, Texas to the late Amos and Margaret (née Gayton) Perez. He entered the United States Army in 1956, attended "Airborne" Jump School and Raider-Recondo School during his first stint in the Armed Services. He was Honorably Discharged in August of 1959 and then 3 months later he re-enlisted in the Army. He went on to complete his master's Jump School Training in 1964. He did three tours in Vietnam, 1965, 1968 with the 82nd Airborne Division and in 1970 with MACV as an Advisor to the Vietnamese Army Mountain Division. While in Vietnam, he was wounded in action twice and received 2 Purple Hearts with Oak Leaf Cluster. His other military awards included the Bronze Star, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Expert Infantry Combat Badge, Masters Jump Wings, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal and many other recognitions for his outstanding service to the United States Armed Services. He retired from the military in 1976 but was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beach City Chapter #922** and the American Legion. He was also a member of a Non-Profit group in Baytown called Christmas Para Los Ninos which provided disadvantaged children in the GCCISD with a Christmas to Remember. Preceded in death by his parents, brothers Danny Perez, Eugene Perez, Lawrence Perez, Joe Perez and Israel Perez and sisters Helen Daly and Theresa Orejon. He is survived by his devoted wife of 36 years Lilly Alcorta Perez of Baytown; sons Troy Perez of Henderson, NV and Todd Perez and wife Tammy of Carmichael, CA; daughter Yvonne Perez Lemos of Henderson, NV; step-children Victor Hernandez and wife Karen of Angleton, Tx and Debbie Rodriguez and husband Marc of Baytown, Tx; sisters Evangelina Jeffress and husband Morris of Tenaha, Tx;

Patricia Starnes and husband Donald of San Antonio, Tx; Minnie Sergery of Phoenix, AZ; Diane Gonzales of Galveston, Tx; brother Richard Perez and wife Gwen of Maybank, Tx; numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Amos was a true "Hero" and a very humbled man dedicated to his wife, family, friends and veterans. He loved to dance, fish, piddle in his garage and read his Sunday paper. He had a heart of gold and was loved by many. He will be dearly missed and loved by all. His family would like to extend a special thank you to Village Home Health Care, Heart to Heart Hospice and Methodist Saint John's Hospital. Memorial services were held at 4:00 - 6:00 PM on Thursday March 28, 2019 at Carnes Brothers Funeral Home in Galveston. The burial with Military Honors was at 1:45 PM on Friday, March 29, 2019 at Houston National Cemetery. A Celebration of Life was held at a later date. www.carnesbrothers.com. Amos requested, in lieu of flowers all donations be made to Disabled Veterans, Wounded Warrior and your local VFW.



GREGORY CLARK "Greg" POQUET - Died Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at his home in Moline, Illinois at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. Greg was born on May 27, 1949 in Rock Island, Illinois to the late Royal and Kathleen (née Osler) Poquet. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. He married Karen Cone December 2, 1980 in Aledo, IL. He retired from John Deere Harvester, East Moline. Greg enjoyed spending time with family and friends and never passed up a chance to go out to eat. Survivors include his wife, Karen; children, Bryan Poquet (Traci Southard), Moline, and Spencer Poquet (Matt Speidel) Moline; grandchildren, James Speidel, Paige Southard, and Autumn Southard; sisters, Marsha (Floyd) Roberts, Lanark, IL, and Sharon (Bill) Rottman, Steamboat, CO. Graveside services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 11, 2020 in the Greenview Memorial Gardens, East Moline. Visitation hours were held between 4:00-7:00 PM on Thursday at the Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline. Memorials may be made to the Walcott American Legion and the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #299.

WILLIAM G. PORTER – Died Friday, August 16, 2019 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 10, 1944. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**.

KENDALL LEE "Ken" RAGSDALE - Died Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the Talladega Health and Rehabilitation Center in Talladega, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 15, 1950 to the late Homer Lee and Louise (née Taylor) Ragsdale. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anniston Chapter #502**. A celebration of Life service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 17th at the Golden Springs Baptist Church in Anniston with Dr. Roland Brown officiating. The family received friends from Noon until service time. Survivors include his son, Ken Lee Ragsdale; his daughter, Danielle Evans (Danny); his brother, Ronnie Ragsdale (Connie); five grandchildren, and; by his special cousin, Fred and Beverly Hollingsworth. Ken was a Vietnam

Veteran who loved his country. He will be entombed at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama. The arrangements were made by the Cremation Services of East Alabama.



MATTHEW HERBERT RAIBLE - Died Monday, October 21, 2019 in the New York State Veterans Home in Jamaica, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 16, 1948 in Ridgewood, New York. He was a talented accordionist and played the oboe in his high school band. After graduating Brooklyn Technical High School in June 1966, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Besides his military training, he was taught and became fluent in Vietnamese. Subsequently he was shipped off to Vietnam where he was severely injured in combat in May 1968, eleven days after his twentieth birthday. He spent ten years recuperating at the Bronx Veterans Hospital where he learned to drive and live independently. He went on to find an apartment in Flushing, Queens, where he lived until he died. He lived a full life as a quadriplegic graduating from Saint John University cum laude and then obtaining a position with the Social Security Administration where he worked as a Benefits Authorizer for eighteen years. He retired after his twenty years of combined military service and government employment. He unfortunately spent his retirement years fighting multiple myeloma which eventually took his life. He was, as he liked to say, "never bored." He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone Chapter #32**. He was a deeply religious man who found great comfort in his faith. He loved and cared for his three service dogs, Agatha, Tenny and Jason. During his lifetime he traveled to Israel and England as well as throughout the United States where he attended reunions with his Marine Corp brothers. Always up for a challenge he participated in handicapped events like downhill skiing and scuba diving. Not many people knew he was also a gifted artist. He was stubborn, strong-willed and fought until his last dying breath to live life his way. He is survived by his sister, Siegrid Raible, and his service dog, Jason. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory should be made to Canine Companions for Independence, Northeast Region, 286 Middle Island Road, Medford, NY 11763.



ROWDY ROD L. RAFFERTY – Died Friday, March 1, 2019 in the Omaha VA Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 68. He was a resident of Barnard, Kansas and a former resident of Goehner, Nebraska. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Concordia, Kansas on July 1, 1950 to the late Lyle and Ella (née Baker) Rafferty. He was raised in Mankato, Kansas and graduated with the class of 1968. During high school he enjoyed playing drums with the local band. After graduation Rod enlisted in the United States Army at age 19 on April 17, 1970. He served in Vietnam for one year. Receiving an honorable discharge; he returned to Jewell County where he worked for Young and Cooper Trucking Company, and Dubuque Packing Company. He then moved to Columbus, Nebraska to work for Land of Lakes for several years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bee (Nebraska) Chapter #727**. Rowdy became an OTR driver for Seward Motor Freight Company and later

leased on with Crete Carriers, retiring in 2004. He was preceded in death by his father Lyle E. Rafferty, brother Marty Shane Rafferty, paternal grandparents Peter John Rafferty and Martha Grace Clemons Rafferty Marshall; maternal grandparents Reuben L. Baker and Virginia L. Baker; step grandfather George Eli Marshall, brother-in-law Forrest Wayne Dewey. He leaves to mourn his mother Ella Rae Rafferty of Beloit, Kansas; three sisters Lynda (Lyne) Dewey of Mankato, Kansas; Rhonda Rae Rafferty of Barnard, Kansas; and Jami Underwood of Jewell, Kansas. Nephews: Steven Michael Rafferty of Clarks, Nebraska, Jon Wayne Hajny (Sadie Hayden) of Jewell, Kansas, and Waude Lyle Underwood of Lewis, Kansas. Great nephews: Merritt Blain of Cawker City, Kansas, Bailey Dean Hajny and Cameron Wayne Hajny of Jewell, Kansas. Nieces: Shawna Lyne Blain (Lenny) of Cawker City, Kansas, Tisha Renae Dewey of Superior, Nebraska, Jaci Dewey of Overland Park, Kansas, Jasmin Grace Dauner (Tanner) of Salina, Kansas, Jayde Blain of Cawker City, Kansas and Alyssa Sue Hajny of Jewell, Kansas. Great nephew: William Kellan Dauner of Salina, Kansas; many friends, cousins, and lifetime cherished Vietnam Brothers. Medals awarded to Rowdy are Bronze Star Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with 3 bronze service stars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon W/Device (1960); Expert Badge with Grenade Bar; and the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar.

JOHN KEITH REESE – Died Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in Canton, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Canton on March 28, 1949. He is survived by his fiancée, Nancy Leasure, of Canton, OH. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canton Chapter #199**.

JAMES PAUL REMILLARD – Died recently in 2019 in Clio, California at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.



MICHAEL MCKAY RHINEHART - Died Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Autumn Care Nursing Home in Waynesville, North Carolina at the age of 72. He was a resident of Waynesville. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Haywood County, North Carolina on January 18, 1947 to the late McKay and Vivian (née McDowell) Rhinehart. He was a 1965 graduate of Canton High School and a 1966 graduate of A-B Tech. Afterward he began work at Newport News Ship Building where he worked until he enlisted in the United States Army and served as a helicopter door gunner and in maintenance. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cullowhee Chapter #980**. After proudly serving his country, Michael began a 36-year career with Champion International and retired in 2011. He was a compassionate, loving and caring man. His happy place was Panama City Beach. Michael enjoyed golfing, fishing and was an excellent cook. He was fun-loving and an awesome storyteller often times making you laugh until your sides hurt with his antics. Michael's family and friends were a very important part of his life. He is survived by his wife, of eight years,

Sharon (née Shook) Rhinehart; three sons, Evan Rhinehart (Gina) of Canton, Alan Rhinehart of Waynesville and David Rhinehart of Canton; a sister, Kathy Peek (Bob) of Waynesville; two stepdaughters, Holly Kelley of Houston, Texas and Cynthia Soesbee of Sharpsburg, Georgia; and nine grandchildren. A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 18, 2020 in the Canton Chapel of Wells Funeral Home with the Reverend Eric Hill officiating. The family received friends following the service at the funeral home. Military honors were conducted by the United States Army. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 154 Milestone Way, Greenville, SC 29615 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. The care of Michael was entrusted to the Wells Funeral Homes and an online memorial register is available at "Obituaries" at www.wellsfuneralhome.com.



DONALD F. "Don" ROSS, SR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, November 10, 2019 at Valley View Senior Life in Junction City, Kansas at the age of 80. He was a resident of White City, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born on May 2, 1939 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Francis and Delores (née Nauer) Ross. Don attended schools in Milwaukee and joined the United States Army in 1958. Don spent over 20 years in the U.S. Army, retiring SFC in 1982 at Fort Riley, Kansas. He served in the Vietnam War during 1967-1968. During his assignment in Hawaii, he attended the University of Hawaii for 2 years. After his honorable discharge from the military, Don owned and operated the White City Trading Post for 19 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Salina Chapter #809**. Don married Charlene Wampler on September 12, 1981 in Merriam, Kansas. Charlene survives of the home. Other survivors include: four sons, Donald Ross, Jr., Minneapolis, MN, Duane Miller-Suchey and his wife Mary, Oneonta, AL, David Ross and his wife JeNeil, Quinton, AL, and Chris Wampler and his wife Asia, Kansas City, KS; four daughters, Kelly Grooms and her husband, Greg, Rubicon, WI, Dawn Miramontes and her husband Sigfried, Orange Grove, CA, Debbie Victory, Hayden, AL, and Amber Davis and her husband Jacob, White City; a brother, Francis Ross, Jr., The Villages, FL; nineteen grandchildren, Justin, Jacob, and Jason Grooms, Alejandro Miramontes, Carrie and Alex Victory, Casey, Damiane, Hannah, Amanda, and Michael Miller-Suchey, Andrew, Jessica, and Tobias Ross, Dana, Kimberly and Ryan Davis, Kirtis Rithmixay, and Landen Wampler; and five great-grandchildren, Ember, Ava, Jonathan, Makaela, and Dean Grooms. Don was preceded in death by a two brothers, Richard and Thomas Ross; a sister, Delores (Dolly) Schmidt; a niece, Kristin Martens. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 18, 2019 at Saint Xavier Catholic Church. A committal service was at 1:00 PM on Monday at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort. Riley, Manhattan. Military Honors were provided by the U.S. Army Honor Guard from Fort Riley. The family greeted friends on Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Johnson Funeral Home. A Parish Rosary was recited at 5:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given in Don's name to Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #809, P.O. Box 1644, Salina, Kansas, 67402-1644.



RICHARD CARLETT ROSS - Died Saturday, December 7, 2019, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 11, 1949 in Piedmont, West Virginia to the late Delores (née Ross) Waites and was raised by his aunt, Mary Elizabeth Ross Bush. In addition to his mother, Richard was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles "Chuck" and Jeffrey R. Waites; his stepfather, Othellus "Bay" Waites; and his niece, Shylese Waites. Richard is survived by his best friend, soulmate and devoted wife of 30 years: Rebecca "Jody" Ross; and his children: Jazmine Rothe and husband, Josh; Daniel Ross and wife, Mandi; and their daughters: Sophia, Madison, and son, Jayven; Michael Ross "Music Mic" and son, Quincy; Douglas Clay and wife, Flo and Children: Tonya Richardson and husband and children, Richard Ross, Jr., children and grandchildren and great grandson. He also leaves behind his sister: Deidre Waites and son, Travis Waites and special friend Patty. His brothers: James "Petie" Ross and wife, Cathy and family, Rodney (Tyson) Ross and wife Laura and children. Special sister-in-law: June Cooper and daughter, Alicia, son, Chad and wife, Lily and son Garrick, Regina Waites and sons, Chachi and Cody and family. Richard has a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews who are too numerous to list. Richard was a graduate of Beall High School, Class of 1967 where he participated and excelled in football and track. Richard served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force. Richard also was a former Staff Sergeant with the Maryland National Guards and former Retention NCO at the National Guard from 1983 to 2009. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Richard studied at Frostburg State University, class of 1981 and studied at Allegany College of Maryland. Richard held several jobs, never really retiring. He always had a calling to help people and dedicated his life to helping and supporting people in recovery. He retired from the State of Maryland as a Counselor at the Jackson Unit in 2011. Within a week he returned to work as a Counselor at the Western Maryland Treatment Center, until his retirement in 2017. With his commitment as an Addiction Counselor and Clinical Supervisor he started working for Acadia Healthcare at the Cumberland Treatment Center in 2017 to present. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD on Thursday, December 12, 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 Friday, December 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Bernadette Ross officiating. The interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard.



BILLY C. ROWAN (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Monday, May 13, 2019 at his residence in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 26, 1941 in Nashville, Georgia to the late William Henry and Lula (née Hill) Rowan. He served his country honorably in the United States Army for 26 years. He began his military career as a mechanic, then became a teacher, and finally retired as a First Sergeant. He was a member and past Commander of the American Legion, Mars McDonald Post #99 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. Following his retirement, he worked at NAPA Auto Parts for 10 years then worked for Advance Auto Parts for 21 years. He was a member of Crossview Baptist Church where he was an usher and was active in the Golden Believers and the Brotherhood. He always enjoyed helping with Vacation Bible School, making sure everyone was kept safe and well fed. He is survived by three children: Darlene Courtiade of Fitzgerald, Billy Rowan, Jr. of Owasa, Oklahoma, and Lisa & Al Mattos of Fitzgerald; grandchildren that he dearly loved: Sheay & Adam Grant of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Casey Rowan & Katie Horn of Owasa, Oklahoma, Wylee Dean of Fitzgerald, Mikey Rowan of Owasa, Oklahoma, Billie Marie Rowan of Fitzgerald, Evan Courtiade of Leavenworth, Kansas, Andrew Mattos of Fitzgerald, Erin Courtiade of Fitzgerald, Ella Mattos of Fitzgerald, and Nic Mattos of Fitzgerald; three great-grandchildren: Christopher Rigdon of Fitzgerald, Patrick Grant of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Gregory Grimes of Fitzgerald; and one brother, Joe Rowan of Nashville, Georgia. He was loved and will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife of 50 years, Shelby Jean Rowan in 2012. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Crossview Baptist Church in Fitzgerald, with the Reverend Jeff Parmer officiating. The interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery with full military honors. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday evening at the funeral home in Fitzgerald.

JAMES J. "Jim" RYAN - Died Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in Brainerd, Minnesota at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 23, 1946 to the late Bill and Dotty Ryan. He was also predeceased by his brother, Thomas and his sister, Mary Greeley. He is survived by his son, Dan; former wife and life-long friend, Linda; siblings, Patricia McGrath (Jim), Kathleen Prokop (Randy), Margaret, Billy (Karen), Richard (Janel), and many nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopkins Chapter #62**. Visitation hours were from 2:00-5:00 PM on Sunday, December 15th at the O'Halloran and Murphy Funeral Home, 575 Snelling Avenue South, Saint Paul with a prayer vigil beginning at 4:30 PM. There was a private interment at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



JOE CLARK SHEPHERD - Died Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the Dorminy Medical Center in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Chauncey, Georgia and formerly of Helena, Georgia. The cause of death was a heart attack. Joe was a native of Dodge County, Georgia born on July 17, 1942 to the late Lennis Clark Shepherd and Bernice (née Kirkley) Shepherd. He was retired from the State of Georgia DNR where he repaired Historical Sights. During his career Joe built many Stuckey stores around the country. He served in the United States Air Force as a Supply Technician. Joe was instrumental in establishing the Telfair American Legion Post #80, where he held the position of Adjutant. He was passionate about helping anyone but especially veterans. He was a member of the VFW Post #4742 in Cordele, Georgia, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082** and a member of DAV of Macon, Georgia. A Memorial Service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 20, 2019 in Lowe's Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to Telfair American Legion Post #80, 15 7th Avenue, McRae Helena, Georgia 31055. Survivors include is his wife, Toyoko Shepherd of Chauncey; daughter, Tanya Shepherd of Dallas, Texas; son, Carl Shepherd of Chauncey and his wife Karen; three grandchildren, Dallas , Christopher, Alyssa; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Katherine English of South Carolina, Mary Nell Bailey of Florida; one brother, Phillip Shepherd of Alabama. Please express your condolences online at lowesfuneralhome.net. Lowe's Funeral Home of Helena has charge of the arrangements.

MORGAN JOSEPH "Butch" SINCOCK - Died suddenly on Saturday, August 31, 2019 in Key West, Florida at age of 71. He was formerly of Flourtown, Pennsylvania, Dresher, Pennsylvania and Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. Butch was born in 1948 in Springfield, Massachusetts and lived in Natick, MA until college, but he dropped out of Boston University after one year, in 1966, to enlist in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He attended Officers' Training School at Fort Benning and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation. He was sent to Vietnam as a member of the 25th Infantry Division, based in Hawaii, serving in Tay Ninh and Cu Chi, among other areas, where he was awarded the Combat Infantry's Badge and 2 Bronze Stars for Valor. After his tour in Vietnam her returned to the states and was assigned to Fort Belvoir, VA. He left the Army as a Captain. He returned to school, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg VA and a Master of Arts in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond VA. Butch worked as a social worker in the Spinal Cord Injury section of the Richmond (VA) VAMC and then as Administrative Officer of the Medical Service at the same facility, where he met his future wife, Judith. Butch moved to Philadelphia to marry Judith, who had taken a position at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. He joined the staff at the VA Regional Office in Germantown, from which he retired in 1997. He then joined the Travel Industry leading tours of veterans and their families first to Vietnam, and later he took veterans from WWII and the Korean War, with their families, to battle sites in Asia and Europe. Butch also was active in the 25th Infantry Division Association, a group of veterans who

served in the 25th Infantry Division, serving as their President from 1996-1998, and then as Executive Director from 1998 until he retired in 2016. Butch volunteered on the Board of the Philadelphia Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, helping to oversee the recent redesign of the Memorial. Butch lived in Chestnut Hill until he and Judith moved to a retirement community in Dresher, PA in 2018. In 2000 Butch and Judith bought their "piece of heaven" in Key West, FL, visiting there as often as work allowed, and finally realizing their dream of the "endless summer"—summering in Dresher and wintering in Key West, this last year. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**. He is survived by Judith Murphy, MD, his beloved wife of 31 years, his son, Robert (Bree) of New York City, his brother Thomas (Connie) Sincok of Macon, GA, his brother-in-law Lester J "Jay" (Tina) Murphy of E Dennis, MA, and sisters-in-law Janice (Norman) Gallagher of Holliston MA, and Joan (Michael) Dignan of S. Dennis, MA. Butch is also survived by nieces Liz (Kevin) Young, Lindsay (Brian) Delano, Brittany Murphy, and Kerry (Jay) Medoff, and nephews Christopher (Martha) Sincok, Stephen Congdon, and Luke Dignan, several great-nieces and nephews, and his former wife Margaret Felton. He is pre-deceased by his parents Robert and Joanne Sincok, late of Yarmouthport, MA, his in-laws, Barbara and Lester J. (Joe) Murphy of Brewster, MA, and brothers Robert and Andrew Sincok. Friends were invited to pay respects to the family at the Jacob F. Ruth Funeral Home, 8413 Germantown Avenue, Chestnut Hill on Wednesday, September 4th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, and a Funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Mother of Consolation Church, 9 East Chestnut Hill Avenue, Chestnut Hill on Thursday, September 5th at 9:30 AM. The burial was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the 25th Infantry Division Association Memorial or Scholarship Fund, PO Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031.



RAY MITCHELL SKINNER - Died peacefully Thursday, December 19, 2019 in Avon, New York at the age of 73, while surrounded by his children at home, following 12 months of treatment for cancer. He was born in North Hornell, New York on April 6, 1946 to the late Merritt "Matt" Skinner and Frances (née Spink) Skinner. Ray graduated from Hornell High school in 1964. After his college graduation from Brockport State College, he was drafted into the United States Army. Upon his return from overseas, he studied his post graduate work at both Brockport and other surrounding Rochester-area colleges. He married in 1975 and moved to Avon the following year. Ray was recently predeceased by his beloved brother John M. Skinner (Diane Walsh) Hornell, NY and niece Shaun Bellitto (Robert Bellitto) Hamburg, NY. Previously predeceased by his father Merritt (Matt) Skinner and mother, Frances (Spink) Skinner; nephew John (Jay) Skinner; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Galley. Ray is survived by his wife, Marcia (née Bannister) Skinner, of Dansville, NY; son, Aaron Skinner (Lauren Skinner) of Bel Air, MD; daughter, Arianne Skinner of Richmond, VA; grandsons Augustus Ray Skinner and Justus John Skinner; sister Marla Galley (Allan Bergeson) of Jamestown, NY; brother Lee Skinner of Allenspark, CO; as well as two sisters-in-law and four brothers-in-law, and their spouses; and 70+ special nieces and nephews. Ray was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War; having served with the 9th Infantry Division, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 101st Airmobile Division.

Following his service, he worked for the New York State Government, with the last several years working at the Office of Medicaid Inspector General. He retired in 2009 after 37 years of service. Over the years, Ray found numerous opportunities to give back to the community through various organizations and activities. He was a member of Avon VFW Post #5292, the American Legion Post #294, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. To his children, Ray was their rock, their guide, and their hero. He lived his life like he taught his children; “Leave things better than you found it,” for which the world is better than he found it because of his kindness, compassion, service, and love he so generously gave everyone. Family and friends were invited to call Friday, December 27, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Stephenson-Dougherty Funeral Home, 350 Genesee Street, Avon. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Noon with food/beverages to follow until 4:00 PM at the Avon Inn. A private burial service was held at a later date for close family and friends in the Avon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to any reputable organization involved in cancer research and/or treatment, or the Avon Veterans group.



DANIEL G. “Dan” SMITH - Died Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Einstein Medical Center, Montgomery, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. He was a resident of Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 23, 1949 in Norristown, Pennsylvania to the late Maurice and Mary (née Cunningham) Smith. He was the loving husband of Jeannine (née Clementi) Smith for 47 years. Dan graduated from Norristown High School in 1968 and proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After his time in the military, he became a football coach for Bishop Kenrick, Bishop McDevitt, and Plymouth Whitemarsh High Schools. He retired from Stroehmann Bread in 2014 and worked for Caramenico Funeral Home for more than 40 years. He was also a member of the Reilly Raiders Drum & Bugle Corps, Catholic War Vets and VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – East Norriton Chapter #349**. In his spare time, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he will be dearly missed by his daughter, Jessalynn Walsh; son, Daniel G. Smith, Jr. (Jaime), seven grandchildren, Daniel, Carmelena, Clodia, Brennalynn, Luke, Thomas, and Stephen; two brothers, Tom Smith and Jay Smith (Cathy); sister-in-law, Carol Smith; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Paul Smith, and sister-in-law, Andrea Smith. Relatives and friends were invited to a viewing on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM in Holy Saviour Church, 407 East Main Street, Norristown, PA and on Monday, December 2, 2019 from 9:30-10:45 AM in Caramenico Funeral Home, 403 East Main Street, Norristown, PA (Corner of Main and Walnut Streets). A Funeral Mass was on Monday at 11:00 AM in Holy Saviour Church. The interment was in Saint Patrick Cemetery, East Norriton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Dan's name to the Wounded Warrior Project: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Caramenico Funeral Home, Inc.



CHARLES P. "Charlie" SMYTH - Died peacefully Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York at the age of 78. He was a resident of Patterson, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 15, 1941 in Manhattan, New York to the late Michael Francis and Mary (née McNamara) Smyth. Charlie was a graduate of Saint Simon Stock High School in the Bronx and the Iron Worker Apprentice Program. On April 25, 1970 he married the love of his life and best friend Eileen Callahan at the Good Shepherd Church in Manhattan, NY. Charlie was an accomplished Iron Worker and Welder for the Iron Workers Local 40 out of Manhattan, NY for 45 years, retiring in 2011. He had lived in Patterson, NY since 1974, the Bronx prior. Charlie was past president and member of the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department since 1975, a member of the Charles Bajart, Jr. Post #1122 of the American Legion in Yonkers, NY, a member of the Purple Heart Association, and the Fr. Breen Council of the Knights of Columbus in Putnam Lake, NY. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49*. Charlie had a passion for Golf and played as often as he could. Charlie is not only survived by his loving wife Eileen of 49 years but also his sons; Michael Smyth of New Rochelle, NY and Timothy Smyth (Antoinette) of Bronx, NY; his sister, Rosemary Ward (William) of Haworth, NJ; his grandson Kieran and his great granddaughter Alejandra (Ale). Also, he is survived by the extended family of the Callahan's, Dugan's, Brannigan's, and many nieces, nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, December 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1 Doherty Drive, Lake Carmel, NY. A private cremation followed. Friends visited the family on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at the Beecher Funeral Home, 1 Putnam Avenue, Brewster, NY from 4:00-8:00 PM. In Charlie's memory and by request of his family, please consider a contribution to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910. www.vva.org.

JOSH A. STEWART – Died Tuesday, March 15, 2005 in Trenton, New Jersey at the age of 58. 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 (New York) Chapter #82*.

DANA STOBIN – Died Thursday, January 9, 2020 in Lancaster, California at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 15, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Canyon Country Chapter #355*.



LYLE G. STRONG - Died Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Cambridge Medical Center, Cambridge, Minnesota at the age of 75. He was a resident of Braham, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. Lyle was born on August 20, 1944 in Greeley, Colorado to the late Kenneth "Key" and Marie (née Koberlein) Strong. He lived on the family farm in Chetek, Wisconsin and graduated from Chetek High School in 1962. After high school, Lyle joined the

United States Army, serving in both the U.S. and Germany. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684**. Upon returning home, Lyle married Marie Niceswanger on December 1965, and their daughter, Stacy, was born the following year. They lived on the family farm until Marie's death from cystic fibrosis in 1972. Lyle's lifelong hobbies included fishing, hunting, trapping, and antiquing (a love he picked up from his father), in addition to his more recent hobbies of daily crosswords, reading mysteries, word puzzles, and telling jokes. Lyle's passion was collecting—both large and small—from bear traps to antique buttons and marbles. It was common to see him at local flea markets, antique shows, and garage sales, always searching for that next treasure to add to his numerous collections. Lyle is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie; and stepmother, Thelma Claire Strong. Lyle is survived by his daughter Stacy Winjum of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; older sister Patricia Bison of New Port Richey, Florida; and younger sister Judy K. (Mike) Davis of Chetek, Wisconsin. Also surviving are his stepbrothers, Jim (Jan) Claire, Tom (Iva) Claire, Richard (Marie) Claire, and stepsister Donna (Mike) Suth; as well as other relatives and friends. Per Lyle's request, no memorial service was held. Lyle was a living donor, and we ask that you also consider this generous gift to others. Visit www.life-source.org for additional information. The arrangements were made by the Rock Ingebrand Funeral Home of Braham. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com. The family wishes to thank the staff at Elim Care Center, University of Minnesota Medical Center, CentraCare/ Cambridge Dialysis Team, and Medi-Van for your care and support of Lyle over the past year. Special thanks as well to Lyle's friends in the Braham area who welcomed him into their community and made him feel at home there. In keeping with Lyle's wishes, no services will be held.



JERRY J. STYRSKY (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Monday, April 29, 2019 in Oak Forest, Illinois at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1941. He served in the United States Army and served for 28 years (1964-1992) retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was the beloved husband for 55 years to Michele "Mickey", née Rasmussen; loving father of Jerry David (Melissa) Styrsky and Krista (Tony) Smerz; cherished grandfather of Alex and Abby Smerz and Ty, Jace and Cade Styrsky, and; dear brother of the late Dennis Styrsky. Vast and varied career ranging from printing management to computer technology. Proud veteran who never stopped serving his country. Active member of Tinley Park VFW and lifetime member of American Legion. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. Jerry was in charge of the Family Readiness Group for the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade in Homewood, IL and also director of AVMRA (American Veterans Motorcycle Riding Association). Visitation was held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at the Colonial Chapel, 15525 South 73rd Avenue (155th/Wheeler Drive and Harlem), Orland Park, IL from 4:00-8:00 PM. The visitation continued on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the United Methodist Church, 15101 South 80th Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462 from 10:00 AM until time of Funeral Service at 11:00 AM. The interment with Military Honors took place on May 24, 2019 at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: Faith United Methodist Church

or 15101 South 80th Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462 or the Jerry Styrsky Memorial Fund, c/o Tinley Park VFW Post #2791, 17147 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477.



KENNETH A. TASSLER - Died Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the hospital in Britton, South Dakota at the age of 64. He was a resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and formerly of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. Kenneth was born on October 16, 1954 in Watertown to the late Forrest “Bud” and Valesta (née Purintun) Tassler. He received his GED while stationed in the United States Navy. After his honorable discharge Kenneth married Amanda’s mother, Audrey Weber. His grandson, Bronx, was the light of his life. Kenneth was a gentle giant. He loved hunting and fishing with his brother, Gene and all of his family. Kenneth and his family were written in an article in the National Magazine about him and his father and brother’s trap shooting team with a traveling trophy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Kenneth is survived by his daughter, Amanda (Chris) Piechocniski of Denver, CO; one grandson, Bronx; his brother, William “Bill” Tassler of Tacoma, WA; two sisters: Virginia (Jim) Burdick of St. Charles, MO and Sandi Ward of Reno, NV; and two sisters-in-law, Wendy Tassler of Sioux Falls, SD, and Joyce Tassler of Red Bluff, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Gene and Randy. A private family graveside service was held.



FLOYD THOMAS TAYLOR - Died Friday January 3, 2020 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 1, 1948 in Winchester, Tennessee to the late Ruffus and Annie Taylor. He was also predeceased by his wife, Carolyn Faye Taylor and his brother, J. B. “Skip” Taylor. He leaves to cherish his memories sons, William (Linetra) Taylor, Daquiri Taylor, Cardiss Taylor, Thomas (Sheena) Davis, Shiro Price; daughter, Waytana Taylor; brothers, Randy Taylor, Wallace Taylor; sisters, Francis Taylor, Gloria Taylor; grandchildren, Taynesha, Quinnetra, Jordan, Dylan, Trescha and Natalia; great grandchildren, Torrianna, D. J., Dalon, Tariq, Trinity, Totianna, Tatumn and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from June 22, 1968 to June 21, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Visitation hours were held from 8:30 until 10:30 AM on Friday, January 10, 2020 at the funeral home, followed by a graveside service at 11:00 AM at Chattanooga National Cemetery. The arrangements were made by the John P. Franklin Funeral Home, 1101 Dodds Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee.



PATRICK B. "Pat" THELEN - Died Sunday morning, December 1, 2019 at home in Saukville, Wisconsin at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. Patrick was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin on March 12, 1947 to the late Bernard and Amanda (née Esselman) Thelen. He attended local schools and served in the Vietnam War with the United States Army. On July 24, 1982, Pat was united in marriage with Mary Dondero at Saint Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Cedarburg. The couple settled in Saukville. Mr. Thelen worked as an architectural sheet metal worker for Sheetmetal Local 18 in Milwaukee for over 30 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newbury Chapter #448**. Pat was an active member of Landt-Thiel American Legion Post #470. He was inducted into the Port Washington High School Wall of Honor in 2015, was named Legionnaire of the Year in 2017, and went on the Stars & Stripe Honor Flight on May 11, 2019. He enjoyed hunting, playing cribbage and sheephead, shooting trap, bowling, camping and shooting pool. He also played on the Saukville Men's softball league. Pat was an avid fan of the Bucks, Brewers, Badgers and Packers. He and Mary enjoyed traveling with friends to many sporting events. Every day he enjoyed walks with his dog, Maxi. Pat will be remembered for his witty humor, willingness to always help, and his love for his family. He is survived by his wife Mary, five sisters: Marilyn (the late Leroy) Averill, Rita (Clete) Schneider, Kathy (Don) Harmeling, Maryann (Dave) Schowalter, and Erla (Ron) Schneider, three brothers: Gerald (Kay) Thelen, Charles "Bud" (Joan) Thelen, Richard (Barb) Thelen, brothers-in-law Andy Dieringer and Dan Tedesco, brother-in-law Paul (Sue) Dondero, as well as numerous other family and friends. He is preceded in death by sisters Audrey Dieringer, Lois (the late Marvin) Anzia, Ruth Tedesco, and brothers Danny (the late Nancy), Cliff (the late Marty) and Bill Thelen. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 12th at Saint John XXIII – Immaculate Conception Church, 145 Church Street in Saukville, followed by Military Honors. The family received visitors at the church on Thursday from 3:00-6:00 PM. There was an American Legion walk-through at 5:00 PM. Pat was laid to rest at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King. Memorials, if desired, may go to a military organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.eernissefuneralhome.com. The Eernisse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



LARRY DEAN TOERING – Died Saturday, December 9, 2017 in Somerset, Kentucky at the age 67 years. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 22, 1950 in Watertown, South Dakota to the late son of the late Samuel and Janet (née Saathoff) Toering. He was united in marriage to Sue (née Duncan) Toering, she preceded him in death. Survivors include; five children, Yvonne (and James) Smith of Somerset, KY, Tamara (and Phil) Richardson of Wapak, OH, Shawn Amanda Toering of Missoula, MT, Justin Toering of Spokane, WA, and Maurissa (and Christopher) Erickson of Watertown, SD; 21 grandchildren, Dustin, Charles, Nicholas, Cami, Ben, Sandy, Joshua, Cody, Jodi, Phillip, Joey, Treyton, Tyrone, Takaya, Taylee, Stephen, Jessica, Lloyd, Bree, Blake and Nacona; 29 great grandchildren; 4 sisters, Connie (and

Larry) Meseberg, Vicky (and Tim) Jackan, Wanda (and Dale) Claymore, and Lori Nygaard; and a host of nephews, nieces cousins and other relatives that he loved. Other than his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by; one son, Gregory Denney, and a brother and sister that died in infancy. Larry was a Vietnam veteran, and an avid NASCAR fan. He belonged to and was active in the American Legion Post #38 and the Somerset Vietnam Group sponsored by the Lexington Veterans Center. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He was also a member of the New Life Church of God and loved to hunt and fish. He was a kind person who had a big heart and always placed others ahead of himself. He leaves a vast host of relatives, friends and church family who mourn his passing. A funeral service for Larry Dean Toering was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Pulaski Funeral Home with Brother Nick Tomilson and Brother Jaime Couch officiating. The burial was in the Mill Springs National Cemetery with military honors conducted by the American Legion Post # 38. The family of Mr. Larry Dean Toering received friends at the Pulaski Funeral Home after 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The Pulaski Funeral Home was honored to be assisting the family of Mr. Larry Dean Toering at this time.



DANIEL RAY “Mr. T” TOWNSEND – Died Tuesday, July 30, 2019 in Algonquin, Illinois at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 21, 1948 in Harriman, Tennessee to the late William Verline and Frances Linda (née Branson) Townsend. He was also predeceased by the love of his life, Beverly Jean (née Lund) Townsend. He loved his country and served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1972. During his time in the military, he served in Vietnam as a Medic in the 44th Medical Brigade. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with five Bronze Service Stars, and Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device. He was a proud life member of the American Legion Post #2910 of Bloomington, Illinois, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Illinois** and the National Rifle Association. He is survived by his five children: Daniel Ray Townsend, Jr.; Tammy L. Anderson (Kent); Donna A. Tonovitz (Carey); Lana M. Stanley (Joseph); Dawn E. Townsend (Kyle); his sister, Sandra McDaniel (Teddy “aka Uncle Toad”); three grandchildren: Jessica R. Townsend, Caleb M. Tonovitz, and Kase D. Stanley, and many family and friends. He was preceded in death by his spouse, Beverly; his parents, grandparents, and siblings: Billy, Rhonda and Cheryl. He loved spending time with his family, telling stories, and playing practical jokes. His greatest joy was his grandchildren. He was an honorable man with the kindest of hearts and a wicked sense of humor. There was a Celebration of Life Service on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM, along with a Military Funeral Honors tribute to be conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Army at the Willow Funeral Home and Cremation Care, 1415 West Algonquin Road (one mile east of Randall Road) Algonquin/Lake in the Hills. Family and friends gathered for a memorial visitation that same evening prior to the service from 4:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment was held privately with the family. In lieu of flowers, please make

donations to two charities that were very close to his and Beverly's hearts: Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Saint Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, South Dakota.



GEORGE A. TUCKER - Died Monday, November 18, 2019 at his residence in Shavertown, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky to the late John O. and Faustyne (née Myles) Tucker and was a graduate of Central High School, Louisville. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. George was a corrections officer with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections retiring from Chase in Dallas, PA. He had earlier worked with GAFC Wagman Construction and was instrumental in the construction of bridges on the Cross-Valley Expressway in Wyoming Valley. George was a member of Masonic Lodge #664, F & AM, Moosic, Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post #672, Dallas. He was very active with the American Legion, holding offices including Adjutant, Secretary, and President of the Home Association. George was also very active with The Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department. Some of his favorite hobbies was bowling, going to the casino, traveling and card playing. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Thornhurst Chapter #1035**. He was preceded in death by his brothers, John O. Tucker, Jr., Robert A. Tucker, and Michael Tucker; his sisters, Gloria Jean Tucker and Rebecca Shashu Tucker. He is survived by his companion Sandy Dzury, his partner in crime for the past 35 years; his daughters, Felicia Williams and her husband Willie, Shavertown, Shannon Dawson and her husband Paul, Belleville, IL; his sons, Anthony Tucker and his wife Daenel, Alexandria, LA. Scott Dzury, Shavertown.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his sisters, Brenda Rucker, Johnette "Bonnie" Barber; his brother, Arvine Tucker, and; countless numbers of nieces and nephews. The funeral with Military Honors was held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM at The Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Inc., 2940 Memorial Highway, Dallas with the Reverend Dr. William Lewis, officiating. Interment will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas. Friends visited on Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 and from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post #672, c/o 2974 Memorial Highway, Dallas, PA or SPCA c/o 523 East Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, or Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department, c/o 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, PA 18708. George's family would like to thank Dr. Bruce Saidman and the staff at Medical Oncology, Kingston for the wonderful care given to him.



EDWARD M. "Ed" "Buzz" TUGGLE – Died Friday, November 22, 2019 in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer of the throat, lungs and liver. He was born in Detroit on February 27, 1951. He served in the United States Army from 1971 to 1991

with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1972 to 1973. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**.



JOE VANBOXEL - Died on Pearl Harbor Day, Saturday, December 7, 2019 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 69, after a short illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 13, 1950 in Green Bay to the late Donald and Phyllis (née Winiecki) VanBoxel. Joe enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam stationed at Marble Mountain near Da Nang. After his honorable discharge, Joe travelled the United States while working in the construction industry, living in California, Colorado and Florida. He returned to Green Bay in 1975 and worked for Track Specialist before retiring from Gauthier Construction. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**. Joe loved the time he spent with his buddies at the “Deer Shack” up north where he could be found trout fishing the Pine River or waiting for a big buck deer hunting. A talented athlete in his youth and high school days, Joe’s passion for sports continued throughout his life. He enjoyed playing softball, football, golf and weightlifting as well as cheering on his favorite teams. He is survived by his four brothers, Gary (Peggy) of Dyckesville; Glenn, Mike (special friend, Mary Walker), and Steve (Lynn) VanBoxel, all of Green Bay; nephews and nieces, Derek VanBoxel, Dylan VanBoxel, Maria (Nate) Przybelski, Breckin (fiancé, Josh Bergner) VanBoxel, Jenae VanBoxel, Erica (Mike) McCormick, Trevor (Elly) VanBoxel and Tearanie VanBoxel; great-nieces and great-nephews, Brailyn and Lyndin Przybelski, Kyler VanBoxel, Lucy McCormick, Brynn and Carter VanBoxel; three longtime friends, Tom Zenz, Ron Umentum and Jim Schroeder; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul VanBoxel. It was Joe’s wish that no formal services be held. To honor his memory, please thank a veteran. Proko-Wall Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



RICHARD L. VANDERLEEST (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Manor Care in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 76. He was a resident of Colona, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born on February 4, 1943 in Denver, Colorado to the late Robert and Amelia “Billie” (née Foxall) VanderLeest. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he was a computer programmer for over 20 years. Richard married Nancy Owens on September 20, 1970 in Ohio, Ill. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299** the American Legion Post #1233 in Colona. Richard was a Rock Island County Master Gardener. He is survived by his wife, Nancy VanderLeest, of Colona; one aunt, Ione Brown, of Denver, Colo.; one uncle, Harold Horn Jr., of

Thornton, Colo.; four brothers-in-law, Harry A. Owens, of Ohio, Ill., Jim (Patti) Owens, of LaMoille, Ill., Jerry Owens, of Walnut, Ill., and Don (Judy) Morris, of Casa Grande, Ariz.; three sisters-in-law, Donna (Daniel) Heffernan, of Hampshire, Ill., Susan (Dave) Moss, of Princeton, Ill., and Judy (Kirby) Marine, of Coal Valley, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Charlotte Morris; and one brother, Robert VanderLeest. Visitation hours were on Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Garland Funeral Home in Walnut. The funeral was on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the funeral home with Pastor Brian Moore officiating. The burial was in the Van Orin Cemetery. A memorial has been established.

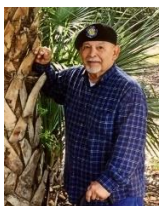


MERRIL GLEN “Van” VANHOUTEN, JR. (USA, MSG-Ret.) – Died on his birthday, June 14, 2019 in Hinesville, Georgia at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Merrill, or “Van” as he was also known, was born in Elmira, New York on June 14, 1946. He and his twin sister, Marilyn, enjoyed a lot of fun times together. Sonny and Sissy were inseparable. After graduation from high school, Merrill joined the United States Army. He had a 28-year career that included three tours in Vietnam, various base assignments, a Bronze Star with three Oak Clusters, and numerous other medals and commendations. In November of 2018, he was thrilled to be selected for an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, an experience of a lifetime. He was also retired from the Liberty County Board of Education after 24 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Hinesville Chapter #789**, the American Legion, and the VFW. He served as an elder at Flemington Presbyterian Church and loved his church family. Merrill was a kind and generous man who never met a stranger and would help anyone in need. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ginny; his three sons who were so special to him, Kevin (Margaret), Brian (Kimberly), and Jason (Jessica); his seven grandchildren, Dylan, Andrew, Landon, Ethan, Emily, Sofia, and Olivia, who lit up his life and always made their Papa laugh; twin sister, Marilyn (Harry) of Elmira; and many other family members. Merrill loved his Yankees and Redskins – and since living in Georgia, his Braves. Visitation hours were from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel. Funeral Services began at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at Flemington Presbyterian Church with Reverend Greg Loskoski and Reverend Deacon Chad Chaffee co-officiating. The burial with Full Military Honors was in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were Dylan VanHouten, Harry Edwards, Jr., Kermit Neesmith, Reggie Sage, Sean Begg, and Cecil Stafford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Flemington Presbyterian Church, 875 Old Sunbury Road, Hinesville, GA 31313, or VVA Chapter #789, P.O. Box 1679, Hinesville, GA 31314, would be appreciated. The Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.carteroglethorpe.com.



JACK LINWOOD VAN LOAN (USAF, COL-Ret.) – Died Thursday, October 17, 2019 in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 16, 1931 in Eugene, Oregon to his late parents, Wendell Linwood Van Loan, PhD and Lillian (née Schroeder) Van Loan, PhD. Jack is survived by the love of his life, best friend and wife Linda; brother James Wendell Van Loan (Sharon); six children Steven, Glenn and Douglas Van Loan, Brian Black, Holly Black and Megan Ruppert; 19 grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren. Jack graduated from Oregon State University in 1954, then began a highly distinguished 30-year career in the United States Air Force. During his career as fighter pilot, ***Jack served 6 heroic years interned as a POW in Vietnam.*** Upon return he was promoted to rank of Colonel and finished his career as Director of Operations for the Ninth Air Force. Jack retired in 1984. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**. He moved to Columbia and quickly became enamored with South Carolina and the area. For 20 years he served as Executive Director of the Five Points Association. The City of Columbia and Five Points Association honored him as a patriot and for his service to the community with a statue in Centennial Plaza. A memorial will be held starting 1:45 p.m. sharp, ending promptly at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Five Points Centennial Plaza, 701 Santee Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205.

DREW MARSHALL VARGO (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, December 22, 2019 at home in Newport, Kentucky at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on May 17, 1947 in Easton, Pennsylvania to the late Alex William Vargo, Sr. and Lorraine Eleanor (née Heller) Vargo. Mr. Vargo retired from the State of Kentucky where he worked in the state Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Vargo proudly served his country on active duty in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and went on to retire from the Army Reserves with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #88**. In addition to his parents Mr. Vargo is preceded in death by his wife: Judith A. Steinhauer Vargo and also preceded by three brothers. Mr. Vargo is survived by a brother: Robert K. Vargo of Easton, PA. Graveside services and burial for Mr. Drew Marshall Vargo were conducted at 1:00 PM on Thursday, December 26th at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, 205 Eibeck Lane, Williamstown, KY. 41097 with full military honors. The Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home of Williamstown, KY. was entrusted with the arrangements for Mr. Vargo.



SAMUEL LEE "Sam" VETRANO, SR. - Died Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Conway Medical Center at the age of 75. He was a resident of Tabor City, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 21, 1944 in Habersham County, Georgia to the late Frank and Grace (née Waldrup) Vetrano. Sam grew up in Queens, New York where he attended school and met the love of his life and wife of 52 years, Barbara. He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –**

Whiteville Chapter #962. He had an extensive career as an Auto Technician and Manager of an Auto Dealership. He was most recently a member of Antioch Baptist Church and previously served as an Ordained Deacon at Iron Hill Baptist Church. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish. Mr. Vetrano was very patriotic, a man who loved his country and his family. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Frank Vetrano. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Irwin) Vetrano, of the home; sons, Samuel Lee Vetrano, II and wife, Kristy of Montgomery, AL, Steven Mark Vetrano and wife, Melissa of Whiteville, Brian Douglas Vetrano and wife, Cynthia of Smithfield, NC; eight grandchildren, Zachary Lovett, Jordan Vetrano, Noah Vetrano, Brandon Vetrano, Cailee Vetrano, Hannah Vetrano, Mallory Vetrano, Brian Vetrano, II; brother, Joseph Vetrano and wife, Malinda of Cornelia, GA; sister, Linda Vetrano Rejowski and husband, Bob of New Jersey. His memorial service with Military Honors was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Antioch Baptist Church with Reverends Chris Hardee and Tom Gore co-officiating. His family received friends one hour prior to his memorial service. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, 1722 Gaston Sellers Road, Whiteville, NC 28472. Online condolences may be made at www.peacockfuneralhome.net.

GEORGE OTTO VOGEL – Died Saturday, April 19, 2014 in Midlothian, Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 2, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Pearl Vogel and Otto Vogel. He is survived by his wife and love of his life, Libby Vogel; his son, Garrett Vogel; his daughter-in-law, Tristan Vogel; and two granddaughters, Mia La Frazia and Ava Vogel. George received a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Parson's College and a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling and Guidance from Roosevelt University. George served in the Vietnam War as part of the United States Army. He was passionate about serving veterans and their causes. He served in many positions including commander of local VFW Post. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #78*. He was an author, teacher, mentor and fighter for children. Despite his many accomplishments, all he wanted to be remembered for was being "Garrett's dad." A memorial service was held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 3:30 PM at the VFW Post #9808, 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville, Virginia. The arrangements were under the direction of Nelsen Funeral Home and Crematory, Richmond, VA.



DONALD E. "Don" WEAVER - Died Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in York, Pennsylvania at the age of 70, while surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born in York on December 6, 1948 to the late Milton Weaver and the late Lillian (née Geisler) Becker and her late husband Henry Becker. He was the loving husband of Monell K. (née Lee) Weaver; together they shared over 48 years of marriage. He graduated from Spring Grove High School class of 1966 and proudly served his country overseas in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a respected carpenter and builder, having owned his own business for many years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spring Grove. He

was a longtime member of the West Manchester VFW Post # 7374, where he served as a Senior Vice Commander, Adjutant, and Chaplain, among other roles. He enjoyed volunteering with the Poppy sales and placing flags on veteran's graves in honor of Memorial Day and other holidays. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – York Chapter #1032**. Don had a strong faith in his Lord, he was a devoted husband and father and he cherished his family and grandchildren. In addition to his wife Monell; he is survived by his sons Shane Weaver and his wife Natasha of York and Donavan Weaver of Harrisburg; his grandchildren Madisyn, Colton, Ty and Cora. He is also survived by his brother Dean Weaver and his wife Kim of Abbottstown; his niece Jill and her husband Rob and two great nieces. He was predeceased by his granddaughter Scarlett. Following cremation, a memorial service in celebration of his life was held on Saturday at 10:00 AM at Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene, 400 Stillmeadow Lane., York, PA 17404 with Pastor Josh Klinedinst officiating. The interment was in the Prospect Hill Cemetery in York with military honors provided by the York County Veterans Honor Guard. The family received friends on Saturday from 9:00-10:00 AM at the church. Family services were under the direction of the Beck Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Inc., of Spring Grove. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Don's memory may be made to the York County SPCA, 3159 North Susquehanna Trail, York, PA 17406. Condolences may be shared at www.beckfunerals.com.

BILLY RAY WEST – Died in March 2018 in Lady Lake, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 13, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036**.



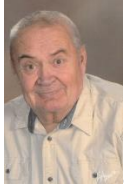
BRUCE P. WHITE - Died Sunday afternoon, May 13, 2018 at Gifford Medical Center at the age of 69. He was a resident of Randolph, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Randolph on June 7, 1948 to the late Frederick and Mildred (née Fiske) White. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, and was a lifetime Randolph resident. In his early life, he worked in construction then was a dairy farmer for many years. He was married to Sandra Jacobs in Bethel in 1972 and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601** and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Bruce enjoyed woodworking, maple sugaring, and collectibles. Survivors include his sons Austin White & wife Tracey of Wolfboro, NH and Jason White of Randolph; many brothers and sisters; 6 grandchildren. Calling hours were from 1:00-3:00 PM on Sunday, May 20th at the Day Funeral Home. Joint Funeral Services for Bruce and his wife Sandra who passed away on May 1st were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 15th at the Green Mountain Gospel Chapel in Randolph, with Reverend Ronald E. Rilling, officiating. The burial was in the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center. Online condolences may be left at www.dayfunerals.com.



ROGER W. WHITE - Died Friday, January 10, 2020 in Mill Hall, Pennsylvania at the age of 72, surrounded by his family at his home. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 22, 1947 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania to the late Mary White Jones. Roger was a 1965 graduate of Lock Haven High School and later earned his Associates Degree in Carpentry from Williamsport Area Community College. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1965 – 1968, completing two tours in Vietnam where he received his Purple Heart. On August 30, 1980, he married his love, the former Susan Leone, with whom he shared 39 years of marriage. By trade, Roger was a carpenter and mason, working for Keystone Construction of S. Williamsport and later Fiore Construction in Altoona until his retirement. He then was employed by the Borough of State College for three years doing seasonal work. He attended Faith Chapel United Methodist Church, Howard. Roger was also an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Pennsylvania*, Sons of Italy, Lock Haven American Legion, VFW, and ROMEO Group whom he enjoyed sharing breakfast with. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping as well as riding his mountain bike. Roger was an accomplished dart thrower, playing on multiple leagues. Roger could often be seen riding his Harley and was a gun enthusiast. He was an avid Penn State football fan, enjoying both “working the gate” as well as attending games. Together with his wife, he loved visiting the beach where they would walk on the shore looking for sea glass and shark teeth and visit the lighthouses. In addition to his wife, Susan of Mill Hall, he is survived by two children, Chris (Meg) White of Castanea and Jenirosa White at home; his grandson, Brody White stationed in Germany; his dog, Auggie and cats: Cleo, Willow and Oscar; and many good friends. Along with his Mother, he was preceded in death by a son, Roger A. White in 2000; a brother, Tim Jones; and a sister, Kelly Torres. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Donald G. Walker Funeral Home, Inc., 231 High Street, Flemington, PA with Pastor Mark Johnson officiating. The burial with a Military Service was at the Rest Haven Memorial Park. Friends and family were received at the funeral home on Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM. Memorial contributions in Roger’s name may be made to Disabled American Veterans Charity through the funeral home.

BEN C. WILLIAMS – Died recently in 2019 in Independence, Mississippi at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 22, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997*.

JAMES E. WILLIAMS – Died recently in 2019 in Riverside, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was a *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.



JOSEPH E. "Joe" WITTROCK - Died Sunday, December 29, 2019 at his daughter's residence at the age of 71, surrounded by his loving family under the care of Saint Joseph's Hospice. He was a resident of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. The cause of death was an inoperable cancerous tumor. Joe was born on March 4, 1948 in Chippewa Falls to the late Francis and RoseAnn (née Spaeth) Wittrock. Joe graduated from Chippewa Falls Senior High School in 1967 and served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1968-1970 and then served in the Army Reserves for 24 years until his retirement. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chippewa Falls Chapter #92*, VFW Post #1038 and AMVETS Post #32; and was a member of the American Legion Post #77 and the Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council. On July 24, 1971, Joe married Elfrieda Stewart at St. Charles Church in Chippewa Falls. Joe is survived by his wife, Ellie; children, Wendy (Jon) Larson and Angela Wittrock both of Chippewa Falls, Sara Wittrock of Bloomer, Jeremy (Rebecca) Wittrock of Cameron, David (Jolie) Wittrock of Cadott and Nancy (Mike) Gesler of Cameron; grandchildren, Nicole (Jon) Smazal of Chippewa Falls, Amber (Dennis) Larson of Thorp, Dakota, Jenna, Jonathan, Joseph, Grace, Ella and Lillian Larson all of Chippewa Falls, Cory (Angie) Gesler of New Auburn, Ericka Gesler of Cameron, Damien Meinke of Cameron, Gracelyn and Adalyn Wittrock both of Cameron, Cassandra Wittrock of Wausau, Chloe, Kaitlyn and AnaBelle Wittrock all of Cadott; sisters, Henrietta Campbell of Chippewa Falls and Barbara Tietz of Eau Claire; 11 great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Joe was preceded in death by sons, Robert Lee and John Joseph Wittrock; his parents; and one sister, Frances Koehler. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at Saint Charles Church in Chippewa Falls. Reverend Father Ethan Hokamp was the Main Celebrant of the Funeral Mass. The interment was in the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner. Friends visited the family from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 1st at the Horan Funeral Home in Chippewa Falls. There was a Christian vigil service at 7:30 PM at the funeral home.



DENNIS R. WITZEL – Died Saturday, January 11, 2020 in Santa Clarita, California at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on October 31, 1946. He was an advocate for those who have served in the military. Word spread like wildfire throughout Santa Clarita Valley's immense veteran community these past few days about the tragic sudden passing of our dear friend, Dennis Witzel. Dennis was kind and generous to a fault with his time and his personal assets. As an active community volunteer, Dennis was extraordinarily busy in a number of veteran-related organizations, including being the vice president of the SCV's Veteran Memorial Committee and helping facilitate the annual Memorial Day ceremonies. He served in the United States Army during the

Vietnam War. Dennis served on the City of Santa Clarita's Veterans Day Planning Committee, and he served as *Vice President* and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Clarita Valley Chapter #355 "The Lost Patrol"**, assisting with monthly meetings, funding drives and Independence Day Parades, among others. Dennis also held a key role serving as Board Chairman of Santa Clarita Veteran Services Collaborative, an organization dedicated to assisting veterans to gain employment, Veteran Administration Services and educational advancement. "Dennis always went quietly about taking care of business without a lot of fanfare. His mission was to give back and his energy and passion for assisting Veterans was simply contagious," said Jerry Rhodes, fellow Vietnam Veteran, Secretary of SCV Veterans Memorial, Inc. and close friend to Dennis. I've known Dennis for approximately ten years through our various Veteran organizations, including our SCV's Veteran Memorial Committee. Dennis and his lovely wife, Sheila, were early Contributors who generously donated to our Fallen Warriors Monument at Newhall's Veterans Historical Plaza and we'll never forget that. I've always seen Dennis as a true gentleman and a dedicated volunteer to our Veterans Community. Clearly, Dennis was a man that you could count on to get things done. We're all going to miss him terribly. "Elliott and I had a very close relationship with Dennis as he was such a tremendous asset to the Collaborative," said Judy Wolfe, who founded the Santa Clarita Veteran Services Collaborative with her husband Elliott Wolfe. "Dennis was a prince among his peers and never had a bad thing to say about anyone." Dr. Dianne Van Hook, College of the Canyons Chancellor, was as shocked and saddened as everyone else. "It was an absolute joy having the opportunity of working with Dennis and Sheila on COC's student foundation. You could tell he was always focused, thinking and purposeful with his excellent support," Van Hook said. "It was clear that he was gracious, humble and a man of great character. He possessed nice manners and treated people well." Van Hook also acknowledged, "I would be completely remiss if I failed to mention Dennis' homemade delicious chocolate candy treats that he routinely brought to our meetings." Service arrangement details are forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that people donate to Dennis' scholarship fund at the College of the Canyons Foundation, the Witzel Scholarship.



WILLIE D. WORLEY - Died Monday, October 14, 2019 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Duncan, Oklahoma on March 26, 1938. He served in the United States Army from January 1966 to January 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from October 1967 to September 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. He is survived by many loving family & friends. Visitation was at 10:00 AM. A Masonic memorial service was at 10:30 AM. The Funeral Service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 3801 Fairbanks Avenue, Dayton. The interment was in the Dayton National Cemetery. H. H. Roberts Mortuary, Inc. in Dayton was in charge of the arrangements. www.HHRoberts.com.



THOMAS WILLIAMS “Tom” WRIGHT (USN, CDR-Ret.) - Died Friday, January 3, 2020 in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Tom was born on March 3, 1943 in San Francisco, California to the late Donald Graham and Jean (née Placak) Wright. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he completed the NROTC Program. After completing his tour in Vietnam, Tom met his future wife, Marilyn Greer Moulton and they were married in 1970. He retired from the United States Navy as a Commander after 21 years of dedicated service. While in Savannah, Tom was active in the Maritime Community and veteran groups. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. He loved his family and friends as well as watching NASCAR and cheering for UNC sports teams, especially basketball. Tom was preceded in death by his brother Robert Wright. He is survived by his wife Lynn Wright; his daughter Jean Sitkei and her husband Chris; his two sisters, Laurel Wright and Barbara Manning; and his brother Peter Wright. A private memorial service was held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Savannah Propeller Club Scholarship Fund at Savannah Propeller Club, PO Box 9480, Savannah, GA 31412 or to Operation Homefront (www.operationhomefront.org). Please sign our online guestbook at www.foxandweeks.com. Savannah Morning News. Please sign our Obituary Guestbook at savannahnow.com/obituaries.

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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!**