



FREDERICK DAVID “Fred” ADAMS, SR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died early Monday morning, February 17, 2020 at Blanchard Valley Hospital at the age of 72, of complications due to Congestive Heart Failure. Fred was born on April 20, 1947 in Findlay, Ohio to the late Frederick O. Adams and Sarah E. (née Allen) Adams. He was also predeceased by ex-wife, Rita Adams; and granddaughter, Johnae Jones. He is survived by his sister, Vici Adams-Hill; daughter, Tisha M. Adams (Joe Thames); sons: Frederick D. Adams Jr, (Wendy Adams), Scott P. Adams (Teasha Adams), and Barry Adams; lifelong companion, Jan Ickes; fourteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and; many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Fred graduated in the second class of the new Findlay High School in 1965, at the age of 18. He worked for the Ohio State Department of Highways for one year before enlisting in the United States Army. He completed basic training at Fort Benning and was assigned to the heavy equipment school at Fort Belvoir, VA. In 1967, Fred was sent to Fort Knox and assigned to the US Army Armor and Engineer Board, where the Army tested prototype weapons and equipment before being used on the front line. Fred worked with the Sheridan M551 tank, the Raider, and the new 715 Jeep/truck. He would stay there until October of 1967, when orders were cut for him to go to Vietnam. Fred arrived in Pleiku in December of 1967 with the 62nd Maintenance Battalion, providing direct support to various units stationed at Engineer Hill, Pleiku, Vietnam. (In his little free time, Fred used a Fujica and then a Pennee camera to capture amazing pictures of daily military life in Vietnam.) Upon his return to civilian life, the military life was still in his blood, however, and Fred enlisted in the Ohio National Guard, where he served with the 837th Engineers from 1973 to 1983. He transferred to the Army Reserves in Toledo and served until 1990. He left the Army with the rank of Sergeant First Class. Fred stayed active in his community, working closely with the Junior Achievement program at Marathon and being a Cubmaster for Pack 322 for more than ten years. He has spoken for years at local schools about his Vietnam war experiences. He was a member of the AMVETS, DAV, and the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fostoria Chapter #440**. He was head steward, trustee, and lifelong member of Mason Chapel AME church, and was instrumental in getting the church recognized as an Ohio historical edifice. Fred has achieved many awards and accolades, including Hancock County Veteran of the Year. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Coldren-Crates Funeral Home and services were held at the Mason Chapel AME church, 845 Liberty Street, Findlay, Ohio. Visitation was on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM and the funeral service from 1:00-2:30 PM. The graveside service was at the Knollcrest Cemetery, 18085 State Route #12, Arcadia, Oh. The Hancock County Veterans Memorial Squad presented military rites at the cemetery. Flowers and other funerary gifts were sent to Mason Chapel AME church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.coldrencrates.com. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and goodwill during this time of mourning.

EDWARD KENNETH AKI, JR. – Died recently in 2019 in Morgan Hill, California at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 5, 1935. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose Chapter 201**.



ROBERT EDWARD ANDERSON, SR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, December 1, 2019 in Harvest, Alabama at the age of 78. The cause of death was cardiac arrest and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on July 14, 1941 in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Fred L. Anderson and the late Essie Anderson. He was predeceased by seven siblings: Essie Mae Sanders, Clara Horton, Fred Odell Anderson, Amy Brown, Evelyn Skipper, Wesley Anderson and Mary White. Robert entered into the United States Army in 1960. He served faithfully in the Army for many years and rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC). He received many Merits and prestige awards during his tours. Robert loved cooking and catering events, especially for weddings. He also loved working with the special wood projects. Robert really loved fishing and camping with his family. He also loved restoring his 1969 Chevelle. He was a proud active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. He was a staple in the community, always a true neighbor and friend to many. If he could lend a helping hand, he did to so many. Also enjoyed being the famous “Papa” to his grandson, Robert III. Robert confessed hope in Christ at an early age. Robert married his precious wife, Mary (née Jemison) Anderson on July 8, 1964. They shared 55 years of wedding bliss with each other. He cherished Mary his entire life, beginning in high school, she became his sweetheart. Precious memories will forever be cherished by his loving and devoted wife, Mary Anderson; one daughter, Deborah (Wayne) Cosby; one son, Robert E. (Kimberlee) Anderson Jr.; and one most loving grandson, Robert E Anderson III; one very loving sister, Vera Wiley from Pleasant Grove, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends. The funeral service was at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 7565 Greenbrier Road Madison, AL with Reverend David Lee Robinson officiating. The interment was in the Valhalla Memory Gardens. Mr. Anderson laid in repose one hour prior to funeral time. The Anderson family received guests from 5:00 until 6:00 PM on Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Royal Chapel of Memories. Public Viewing will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 6, 2019 and from 8:30 until 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Royal Funeral Home in Huntsville, Alabama.



ROBERT HENRY ANDERSON - Died Sunday, February 9, 2020 in Plymouth, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Pontiac, Michigan on November 14, 1946. He served in the United States Navy from May 1966 to February 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. A celebration of life service was held at a later date.



DOUGLAS RAYFORD “Doug” ARROWOOD - Died Thursday, December 19, 2019 in the Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 74. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 28, 1945 in Allegany County, Maryland to the late Jake C. Arrowood and Bernetta Mae (née Whitacre) Arrowood. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Arrowood; a half-brother, Bill Whitacre and wife, Louise; and his stepchildren, Jacki, Chad, and Timbo Carder; and Gerald Collins Jr. A graduate of Allegany High School, Class of 1964, Doug was a United States Naval Veteran. He was a former employee of Kelly-Springfield Tire and Rubber Company and Alliant Tech Systems. Doug was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**; a member of the Henry Hart Post #1411 VFW, and the Fort Cumberland Post #13 American Legion. He enjoyed watching basketball and football games and playing in the church leagues when he was young. Doug was a history buff. He was a jokester and enjoyed just talking with people. In his own effort to help others, Doug was an organ donor. Doug is survived by his wife of three years, Linda (Carder) Arrowood; and his children, Michelle Turner and husband, Jason, Laura Miller; and Mandi Connor. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Spencer Remson and husband, Brandon, William Harris and wife, Taylor, Noah Turner, Alexia Miller, Paige Miller, Emily Arrowood, Chase Connor, Seth Connor, and Kaleigh Connor. Doug is also survived by his step grandchildren, Robert Piper, Justin Piper and wife, Paula, Andrew Carder, Candace Booth, and Bryan Carder Jr.; his great-grandchildren, London, Leyla, Jordyn, and Matt; his sister, Margaret Arrowood; and his nephew, Freddie Whitacre. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) on Sunday, December 22, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. A funeral service was at Noon. Military honors were accorded at the funeral home by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. Interment were in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at the WMRMC ICU and the Coronary Unit at Ruby Memorial Hospital for all the care and compassion given to Doug and his family.

JOHN WILLIAM BAKER, SR. – Died Thursday, August 20, 2015 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Anchorage, Kentucky on September 28, 1941. He served in the United States Army from August 15, 1963 to August 23, 1966. He was a

Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067. The Berryhill Funeral Home in Huntsville was in charge of the arrangements.



WALTER FAY BAKER (USN, CAPT-Ret) - Died Tuesday June 18, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico at the age of 87. He was a resident of Las Cruces. The cause of death was respiratory failure, chronic lung disease-emphysema and pneumonia. He was born on September 24, 1931 in Zeigler, Illinois to the late Roger Martin Baker and Erma (née Eichenberger) Baker. He is a graduate of De Paul University (B.S. Math) in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Elsa Jean (née Weustermann) Baker; his brother, Charles Baker (Maureen), of Lake of the Ozarks, MO; his son, Roger Martin Baker II (Teresa), of Las Cruces; his daughter, Deborah Kinnison (Gaston Kearby), of Houston, TX; his son, William Baker, of Las Cruces, and; his grandchildren, Michael, Jennifer and Samantha Kinnison, of Houston, TX and Devyn Tucker (Maarken), of Anchorage, Alaska. He is preceded in death by his parents Roger and Erma Baker and his brother Richard. Walter was commissioned in the United States Navy in 1954. He served on Destroyers, Amphibious and Surface Force ships on both coasts of the country; the second third (of his Naval career) was spent in and out of Vietnam; and the final third (of his career) was spent in Logistics, the Naval War College (graduated "With Distinction"), the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J4) (the Pentagon), replenishment and maintenance of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and Command of the Military Sealift Command in the Mediterranean. He retired in 1984. He was a Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA, and the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. His medals include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star w/Gold Star and Combat "V", Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Gold Stars, Air Medal w/numeral 4, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat "V", Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Vietnamese Navy Distinguished Service Medal. In December of 1987, CAPT Baker and family moved to Las Cruces, NM. Immediately upon arriving in Las Cruces, he got involved in community service activities, service clubs and Veterans organization activities. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesilla Park Chapter #431*. When recommended for and receiving the Vietnam Veterans of America, State of New Mexico's "Profile of Courage" Award he was actively supporting some 38 local and otherwise organizations, serving either as an officer or a member of the board. Some of these many organizations are: the American Legion, Legion Riders, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the World Wars, Reserve Officers Associations, Sons of the American Revolution, Military Officers Association of America, the Mayor's Committee on Aging, the 4th of July and the Veterans Day Parades, SCORE, Welcome Wagon, AARP, Sunrise Lions Club, Rotary Club of Las Cruces, the Boy Scouts, The Community of Hope, the Gospel Rescue Mission, voting and poll work, Habitat for Humanity, Junior and Senior ROTC efforts, Relay for Life and fundraising for the Torch Run, Operation Wounded Warrior and the homeless Veterans and the City's homeless and needy in general. A viewing was held on Thursday, 27 June from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Getz Funeral Home, 1410 Bowman Avenue, Las Cruces. Services were held on Friday, 28 June at 10:00 AM at the Getz Funeral Home. The burial with Full Military Honors was

held at the National Cemetery located at Fort Bliss, TX on Friday, 28 June at 2:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the National League of POW/MIA Families, 5673 Columbia Pike, Suite #100, Falls Church, VA 22041 or to your favorite charity. The family wishes to thank Dr. Ann S. Mercer, MD for her untiring responses for care.



CHARLES LEE BALDWIN - Died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in Lampasas, Texas at the age of 70. He was a resident of Killeen, Texas. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on June 19, 1949 in Oakland, California to the late Alford Gerald Baldwin and Tommie Jean (née Carden) Baldwin. He is survived by his wife, Chua Baldwin and son, Robert Baldwin; grandchildren, Justin Pemberton and wife (of Houston), Crystal Noyola and husband (of Belton), Kody Shaw and wife (of Victoria) and Samantha Baldwin (of Coppers Cove); great-grandchildren, Audrey Torres and Ben Torres (of Houston); Christopher and Emma (of Belton); McKenzie and Kaisley (of Victoria) and Landen and Hazel (of Copperas Cove). He is also survived by a brother, Gerald Wayne Carden (of Arkansas) and sister, Donna Lamberson (of Washington). He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1981 and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. A visitation will be from 6 to 8pm Sunday at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home. Services for Clifford Lee Baldwin, 70 will be 1pm Monday at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen. Burial with full military honors will follow at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.



MORRIS BATEMAN - Died Monday, November 18, 2019 in Nantahala, North Carolina at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 21, 1941 in Nantahala to the late Claude and Elda (née Neal) Bateman. Morris was an outstanding basketball player at Nantahala School. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, VFW #529 of Andrews and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. Morris was well known for Nantahala cabbage and honeybees. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran who served from October 1964 to February 1966. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, James, T.A., Johnny, Charles, Todd and Jerry Bateman and sisters, Mary Williamson and Geneva Mosteller. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Angelia Bateman; brother, Wendall Bateman; special nephew, Zach Postell and special nieces, Debbie Mosteller and Angie Mealer. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, November 22, 2019 at the Townson-Rose Chapel in Andrews. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the Townson-Rose Chapel in Andrews. Reverends SJ Waters and Doyce Waters co-officiated. The pallbearers were Brian Bateman,

Corey Bateman, Greg Hyleman, Darren Holden, Zach Postell, Doug Bryant and Paul Bradley Bryant. The honorary pallbearers were Tom Ashe, Buddy Packhan and Carl Edwards. The burial was held in the Aquone Cemetery in Tipton, NC with full military rites conducted by the American Legion Post #96 Murphy, American Legion Post #532 Hayesville, VFW Post #6812, Hayesville, NC, the Marine Corps League of Marble, NC, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. You may send tributes to the Bateman family at www.townson-rose.com. The Townson-Rose Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



KARL THOMAS BEILMANN - Died Friday, January 31, 2020 in Dyer, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 19, 1946 in Washington, Maryland. He was the loving father of Tom (Amber Lee) Beilmann; dearest brother of Marcia Schweiss and Gus Beilmann; dear uncle of Michael Schweiss, Frank Beilmann, Becky Barker, Jen Worthington, Jack Beilmann and Kate Beilmann, and; the former husband of Mary Szwargulski. Karl was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War. While serving in the United States Army, Karl received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device, 2 Overseas Bars and Marksman (Rifle M-14). After his military service, he worked as a Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff in Franklin County, MO 1977-1988 and Monroe County, FL 1989-2003, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gibson County (Trenton, TN) Chapter #1124**, Tennessee and Emergency Management Association - Gibson County. He also served as the Shares SE Regional Coordinator. A memorial visitation for Karl was from 10:00-11:30 AM on February 10, 2020 at the Hoffmeister South County Chapel, 1515 Lemay Ferry Road, Lemay, MO 63125. Following the visitation at 11:30 AM, there was a Celebration of Life remembering Karl. Inurnment with military honors took place at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at 1:30 PM on February 10, 2020. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Got Your Six Support Dogs, 407 Beltline Road 352, Collinsville, IL 62234 or Paralyzed Veterans of America Gateway Chapter, 1311 Lindbergh Plaza Center, Saint Louis, MO 63132 were appreciated.

THOMAS ELMER “Tom” BENTLEY (USN, MCPO-Ret.) - Died Saturday, January 11, 2020 in Falls City, Nebraska at the age of 86. The cause of death was cancer and heart failure. He was born on August 26, 1933 in Rulo, Nebraska to the late Ernest and Lena (née Palmer) Bentley. He married Donna Schulenberg on November 27, 1957 at Falls City. He enlisted in the United States Navy in May of 1953 and was honorably discharged in 1957. He reenlisted in August of 1967 and retired in 1993 at the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO) (E-9). He served in the Philippines, Adak, AK, Japan, San Diego, CA, Gulf Port, MS and Little Creek, VA in addition to serving two tours in Vietnam. He earned two bronze stars, three Navy Achievement medals, and a Navy Commendation Medal. Tom was raised at Rulo and moved to Barada at the age of 8 and attended country school. Following his schooling he farmed until enlisting in the U. S. Navy Seabees. Following his discharge in 1957 he returned to Falls City and worked at Frontier Trailer Factory, Conoco and also managed the VFW and American Legion Clubs. He was an *At-Large*

Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Nebraska. He then reenlisted and after serving 30 years he retired to Gulf Port, MS until 1996 when they returned to Falls City. He was a member of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle Streets). Tom is survived by his wife, Donna, of Falls City; his son, Mike and his wife Beverly of Gulf Port, MS; his daughters, Lisa Bentley and her partner Jeremy Goldsberry, of Falls City, Debbie Bassett and her husband Jim, of Falls City; his sister, Dora Nussbaum and her husband Rolland, of Falls City; nine grandchildren, and; fifteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Ernest, Wayne and Charlie, sister, Margaret Ingles, daughter, Sharon Mitchell and a great-granddaughter, Charleigh Bassett. His memorial service was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church with Reverend Andrew Chavanak officiating. Inurnment was in the Steele Cemetery. Military graveside honors were accorded by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard. The family received friends on Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM at the Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

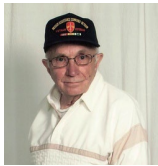


WILLIAM TIMOTHY “Tim” BEVERLIN - Died suddenly Friday, November 22, 2019 at home in Fort Ashby, Wisconsin at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 15, 1947 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late William “Junior” Beverlin and Carrie R. (née Sisk) Beverlin. He was also preceded in death by his brother Alan C. Beverlin. Tim was a graduate of Fort Ashby High School, class of 1964. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970, earning several awards and rising to the rank of Sergeant during his deployment in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, the Fort Ashby VFW Post #6667, NRA and Trinity United Methodist Church. Tim worked as an electrician at ABL/ATK for 30 years and was a member of the Fire Brigade. His favorite hobbies were hunting and fishing, especially with his two sons, and he loved watching westerns. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Anna Marie (née Lease), his high school sweetheart and best friend. He is also survived by his two sons, Bryan T. Beverlin of Fort Ashby and Warren “Todd” Beverlin and wife Darla of Sapulpa, Okla.; his very special granddaughter Rachel who was the apple of his eye; his brother Lenny J. Beverlin and wife Jackie of Fort Ashby; and, his sister Carolyn S. Dewitt and husband Larry of LaVale, Md. Friends were received at the Upchurch Funeral Home, Inc., Fort Ashby on Tuesday, November 26th from 5:00-8:00 PM. The funeral service was conducted in the funeral home on Wednesday, November 27th at 1:00 PM with Pastor Dan Twigg, officiating. Interment was in the Fort Ashby Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Allen Lease, Craig Lease, Richard Lease, Joe Twigg, Tim Shipley and Don Tephabock. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Graceland Baptist Church Building Fund, 5121 Frankfort Highway, Ridgeley, WV 26753 or to the Fort Ashby Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1110, Fort Ashby, WV 26719. The arrangements were handled by the Upchurch Funeral Home, Fort Ashby.

WILLIAM M. BIDDLE, JR. – Died recently in 2019 in Ballwin, Missouri at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 26, 1933. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**.



HOWARD JAMES BIGELOW (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Friday, January 31, 2020 at home in Sagle, Idaho at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. Howard was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania on July 26, 1946 to the late Floyd and Ethel (née Goodard) Bush. He was adopted and raised by Dewey and Myrtle Bigelow in Belfast, New York. He graduated in 1964 from Belfast Central School. Shortly after graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he was an aviation electrician. He was a Vietnam-era veteran. His first deployment was on the USS Independence. Followed by assignments to several duty stations overseas and the Caribbean. In 1968 he transferred to the TAR program and was stationed stateside in Niagara Falls, NY, Jacksonville, FL, Detroit, MI, and Pt. Mugu, CA. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer in May of 1987 after 22 years of service. After his military retirement, he and his family move to Sagle, ID. He was a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service for 14 years, retiring in 2006. He spent the majority of his retirement volunteering with the VFW and other veteran organization, taking on various roles. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sandpoint Chapter #890**. He was an avid bowler, loved riding his Harley-Davidson, enjoyed the abundant wildlife around his property, working in his orchard, making apple cider in the Fall and Jerky for his family for the holidays. In 1969, Howard married Joan Thorwart in Wellsville, NY. Howard is survived by his wife of 50 years. A son, Ian (Anne) Bigelow of Phoenix, AZ; a daughter, Kelly (Singe) Graham of Issaquah, WA; a grandson, Shawn Bigelow and step-granddaughter, Serena Varela. He is also survived by his two sisters Lilian Covington and Paulene Race; as well as several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by both his adoptive and biological parents; siblings Vern, Chuck, Sandra, George, and Carol; and stepsister Mary. The family would like to thank Bonner County Hospice for their exceptional care and comfort during this difficult time. A celebration of life was held in the Spring.



RODNEY JACK BIRD - Died Saturday, March 21, 2020 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 81. The cause of death was congestive heart failure and ischemic heart disease. He was born in Biwabik (Cedar Island Lake), Minnesota on August 31, 1931 to the late Edward “Ned” Bird and Ruth (née Larson) Bird. Rodney was a retired United States Army veteran who proudly served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. He is survived by his siblings, Ruth Lynette Moore, Mary Jane Gross and Russell Bird; his niece, Tracy Bird and his nephews, Daniel and Bradley Bird along with many cousins. The family held a private graveside service at the East Tennessee Veterans

Cemetery on 2200 East Governor John Sevier Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee. The arrangements were made by the Bridges Funeral Home, 5430 Rutledge Pike. www.bridgesfuneralhome.com.



MICHAEL VERNAL "Mike" BORGEN - Died Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 12, 1948 in Sharon, North Dakota to the late Leonard and Alice (née Johnson) Borgen. He was raised in Kloten, ND and was confirmed in Valley Grove Lutheran Church. Mike graduated in 1966 from Kloten High School and attended Valley City State College. Mike married Virginia Knutson at Sigdal Lutheran Church in rural Tolna, ND on December 27, 1969. They were happy to have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He spent 1970-71 in the United States Army, serving for a year in Vietnam. In 1972, they moved to Fargo, ND, and he worked for 32 years at the Forum as a printer and belonged to the CWA. He was a member of the American Legion Post #2 and the 40et8, was a life member of the Fargo VFW, DAV, AMVETS, and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter 941*. Mike enjoyed participating in the VFW Color Guard for several years and was an active member of First Lutheran Church in Fargo. Mike enjoyed many hobbies including golfing, fishing, pinochle and going to casinos. Mike is survived by his wife, Virginia; brother, Richard (Karen) Borgen, Grand Forks, ND; sister, Robin (David) Lane, Alexandria, MN; Sisters-in-law, Louine Ness, Bismarck, ND, Judy Borgen, Devils Lake, ND, Melane Knutson, Tolna, ND, Patricia Knutson, Starkweather, ND; Brothers-in-law, Michael Ness, Bismarck, ND, Sidney Knutson, Devils Lake, ND, Ronald Knutson, Tolna, ND; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Evelyn and Melvin Borgen and Hans and Anna Johnson; brother, James Borgen; sisters-in-law, Julie Borgen and Gayette Knutson; and niece, Alena "Ali" Borgen. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the First Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND. Visitation was from 6:00-7:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2020 at the Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo, ND. The prayer service was at 7:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home. The burial was in the Sigdal Church Cemetery, Tolna, ND. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.hansonrunsvold.com. The arrangements were made by the Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - Fargo, ND.

ALMON SILA "A" BOSTON (USAF, MSG-Ret.) – Died recently in 2019 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kittery, Maine on July 31, 1944. He served in the United States Navy from September 12, 1963 to September 7, 1965 with a 10-month tour of duty in Vietnam. He then enlisted in the United States Air National Guard of New Hampshire on March 19, 1985 and retired on July 29, 2004 for a combined total of 27 years of service retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-7). He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin (North Carolina) Chapter #994*.



GARY JOHN BOUCHER - Died Sunday, February 2, 2020 in Westland, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on August 15, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. Gary was the beloved husband of the late Eileen and loving father of Stephen (Karmella). He was the cherished grandfather of Alyssa (Brandon Harris) Kujawa. He served in the United States Army from October 1965 to October 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from October 1966 to October 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. The family received visitors on Thursday, February 6th from 1:00-8:00 PM at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (West of Lilley Road) in Canton. The funeral service for Gary was on Friday, February 7th at 1:00 PM also at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton, complete with military honors. Gary was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.



TIMOTHY FRANCIS BOWES - Died Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Mercy Saint Vincent Medical Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Temperance, Michigan formerly of Toledo, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 17, 1948 in Akron, Ohio to the late Albert and Mary Margaret (née Martin) Bowes. Timothy was a graduate of Gesu Grade School and DeVilbiss High School. A United States Army Veteran and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**, he was employed as an assembly worker for the Jeep Corporation for many years. Timothy was an avid golfer in his youth. He also was a fan of Notre Dame Football and enjoyed working and solving Sudoku puzzles. Timothy is survived by his children, Scott Bowes and Laura Bowes; grandchildren, Andrew and Julia Collins; siblings, Thomas (Diane) Bowes, Barbara (Roger) Burkholder, and Ellen Bowes; dear longtime friend, Vicky Henderson; 5 nieces and 3 nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and close friend, Denny Hobbs. Visitation hours were on Friday from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Sujkowski Funeral Home Northpointe, 114 East Alexis Road. The funeral services were on Saturday at 9:15 AM in the funeral home and continued with the Funeral Mass in Gesu Catholic Church at 10:00 AM. The VFW Post #606 Burial Corps concluded with Military Honors in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be given to Vietnam Veterans of America.

HERBERT W. BRADY – Died Friday, January 24, 2020 in Rocky Board, Colorado at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 9, 1943. He is survived by his daughter, Joyce. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.

JAMES C. BRIDGES – Died Friday, January 24, 2020 in Oldtown, Maryland at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cumberland, Maryland on November 21, 1946. He

served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172*.

DARRELL EDWIN BURNS - Died Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at his residence in Falkville, Alabama at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born on Monday, August 26, 1946 to the late Ervie and Inez Burns. He served in the United States Army from January 20, 1966 to November 2, 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416*. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Brenda Burns; daughter, Donna Mann; brothers, E.C. Burns, James Ray Burns, and Charles Rex Burns. Survivors include his wife, Linda Burns; children, Shane (Tracy) Burns, Shawna (Nathan) Finley, and Connie Jones; grandchildren, Rachel Finley, Sarah Finley, Colin Burns, Kaleb Burns, Lindsie (Cody) Still, Nic (Destiny) Freeman, Stephanie (Adam) McClellan, Mackenzie Burns, Carrie (Justin) Blanton, Josh (Victoria) Duke, and Danielle Johnson; great-grandchildren, Jasper Still, Karson Adamson, Kenady McClellan, Koy J.W. McClellan, Meredith Blanton, Milli Duke, Bradley Russell, Ethan Russell, and Lilith Russell; and sister, Joan (Joe) Stewart. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Garry Waddell officiating. The interment was in the Duck River Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 9:00-11:00 AM prior to the service. The Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



RAYMOND EDWARD CALHOUN, JR. - Died Sunday, January 19, 2020 at the Mount Orab Medical Center in Mount Orab, Ohio at the age of 63. He was a resident of Williamsburg, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Raymond was born on October 11, 1956 in Fairbanks, Alaska to the late Raymond Edward Calhoun, Sr. and Jacqueline (née Lewis) Calhoun. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother – Fairley Calhoun. He was a self-employed mechanic, a United States Vietnam War Navy Veteran and a *Life Member of Clermont County Chapter #649 of Vietnam Veterans of America* in Batavia, Ohio. Mr. Calhoun is survived by his wife – Melinda (née Shuemake) Calhoun; two sons – Mike Calhoun and wife Tanika and Dale Brunner all of Mt. Orab, Ohio; four daughters – Jennifer Perez and Michelle Shuemake both of Mt. Orab, Ohio, Anna Thomas and husband Josh of Hillsboro, Ohio and Pamela Liming and husband Dale of Lynchburg, Ohio; one sister – Kathy Fletcher of Portsmouth, Ohio; eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Bloomrose Church, 16894 Bloomrose Road, Williamsburg, Ohio with military services by the Carey Bavis American Legion Post #180 of Georgetown, Ohio. The Cahall Funeral Home in Mount Orab, Ohio served the family. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.



JERRY BAXTER "Butch" CALLIS - Died Sunday, February 2, 2020 at his residence in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 77, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on February 11, 1942 in Lebanon to the late Thomas Baxter Callis and Lee Ellen (née Partlow) Callis. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, James "Jim" Callis; daughter, Karen "Sissy" Eldridge; grandson, Joshua Mack Eldridge; granddaughter, Jennifer Smotherman. He is survived by his wife, Robbie (née Wheeler) Callis; sons, John Thomas Callis, Jerry Wayne (Dana) Callis, Bubba (Karen) Hale, Randell (Laura) Brady; daughters, Rita (Frankie) Vaughn, Brenda (Odell) Eldridge and Leslie (James) Williams; sister, Joyce (Myron) Smith; nineteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren, and; one great-great-grandchild. Mr. Callis was born in Lebanon, Tn and graduated from Lebanon High School class of 1960 and a graduate of Nashville Tech. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam and served in the Army Reserve for 7 years. He was a founding member of Family Baptist Church for 16 years. A member of the Masonic Lodge #411 in Gladeville, Al Menah Shrine Temple and Scottish Rite. He loved to read and was an avid Jeopardy watcher, loved history and loved to travel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, February 4th from 4:00-7:00 PM in the Partlow Funeral Chapel. A Masonic service was held on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. The funeral service took place on Wednesday, February 5th at 11:00 AM with visitation one hour prior to service. Brother Joe Nelms officiated the services. The interment was in the Wilson County Memorial Gardens. The active pallbearers were Daniel Brady, Andrew Charles Brady, Chris Hansford, Aaron Massingille, Frankie Vaughn and Brian "Woody" Holycross. The honorary pallbearer was Mr. Jack Hawpe. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Mr. Callis' memory to the Al Menah Shrine Temple, 1354 Brick Church Pike, Nashville, TN 37207.

LELIA ELLEN CARTER - Died Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the Hospice House in Charlottesville, Virginia at the age of 68. She was a resident of Aroda, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on April 21, 1950 in Harrisonburg, Virginia to the late Elmer Lee Funkhouser and Audrey (née Miller) Funkhouser. She was a member of Blue Run Baptist Church and a retired business accountant. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Culpepper Chapter #752**. She is survived by her husband, Rosser Carter, Jr., of Aroda; two daughters, Khristie Justus and husband, Bradley, of Orange, and Laura Williams and husband, Doug of Georgia; three grandchildren, Hunter Justus, Kayla Carter, and Kristen Carter; one great-grandson; a brother, Richard Funkhouser and wife, Sharon, of Madison; and a sister, Diane Funkhouser of Hawaii. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Preddy Funeral Chapel, Orange. The interment was private. Pastor Christopher Fitzwater officiated. The Preddy Funeral Home of Orange assisted the family.

ANGEL JOAQUIN CHENIQUE (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 6, 2020 in Sebring, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 24, 1939. He is survived by his wife. He served in the United States Army from September 1964 to April

1972 retiring at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburndale Chapter #1040**. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Vista Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 14200 NW 57th Avenue, Miami Lakes, FL. The viewing was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Vista Funeral Home, 14200 NW 57th Avenue, Miami Lakes, Florida. Condolences to the family may be shared in our online guestbook.

ROSEMARY T. CIANCIOSI – Died Wednesday, February 26, 2020 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 88. The cause of death was heart and kidney failure. She was born on November 30, 1931 in Hornell, New York. She served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Richey Chapter #1003**.



JAMES IRVIN "Jim" COATTS - Died early Sunday morning, January 5, 2020 in the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin at the age of 82, where he had resided since April of 2018. Prior to becoming a resident of King, Jim and Janet lived in Lohrville, Wisconsin, near Redgranite, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on April 29, 1937 in Lannon, Wisconsin (near Menomonee Falls) to the late Irvin and Emma (née Schwartz) Coatts. He married Janet Martha Schrank- Corbeil in 1989 in Waukegan, Illinois. Janet, Jim's wife of 30 years, survives. In his early years, Jim traveled extensively in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand. He also lived in a number of these places for a time and worked at a number of jobs. Jim loved fishing, which he shared with his sons, photography, hunting bear and moose, cooking (and eating), telling stories, traveling, and spending time with his canine friend and companion, "Tinker." Jim entered the military in 1958, and that became his focus in life. He served two tours in the United States Army in Vietnam. After Jim's time in the Service, he dedicated a large part of his life to veterans' organizations. He was an active member of the Wautoma American Legion, Redgranite AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437**, and Neshkkoro Veterans of Foreign Wars. These organizations performed Military Honors at Jim's funeral. Jim was also dedicated to his wife and family. He greatly enjoyed activities with them, and just being with them. Jim's dedication to his church, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Redgranite, is what tied and blended all these facets of his life together. Survivors include his wife, Janet, four stepsons, Daniel (Diana) Corbeil, Blaine (Beth) Corbeil, Greg (fiancé, Kauwela) Corbeil, and Mark (Lynn) Corbeil; three step-daughters, Vickie (the late Doug) Kurz, Wanda (Chris) Fritsch, and Christine (Cliff) Pasholk; sixteen grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren. Jim is also survived by two sisters, Gloria and Ellen, nieces, nephews, other relatives, his canine friend and companion, Tinker, his fellow members of veteran organizations, and many other good friends, and his friends and caregivers at the Veterans' Home at King. Jim was preceded in death by his parents. The funeral services were held on Thursday, January 9th at 11:00 AM at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 330 Foster Road in Redgranite. The Rev. Gregory Sluke, Pastor officiated. Full Military Honors followed the services at the church. Jim was laid to rest in the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King. Visitation hours

for relatives and friends were at the church from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Thursday, prior to the time of services. Memorials for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redgranite or Camp Phillip in Wautoma in Jim's memory would be greatly appreciated. The Ruminski Funeral Home of Redgranite assisted the Coatts family with the arrangements.



BERNARD L. "Bernie" COLARDO - Died Saturday February 11, 2017 in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 73, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. Bernie was born in Providence, Rhode Island on October 16, 1943 to the late Sebastian and Loretta Colardo. He graduated from La Salle Academy and came to East Carolina University on a wrestling scholarship in 1961. Throughout his time at ECU he remained an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He left ECU to serve in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. After serving, he returned to ECU where he met his wife. Bernie and Emalynn made Greenville their home and are long time, avid Pirate fans and members of the Pirate club! Bernie served the City of Greenville as a Building Inspector, Chief Building Inspector and city consultant for 32 years before fully retiring. Bernie had a strong spirit of service and volunteered his time as a member and former president of both Council of Code Enforcement Officers and the N.C. Builders Association. He spent many years as his daughters grew up, coaching and volunteering with the Pitt County Greenville Girls Softball League, N.C. Dance Arts Theatre and the Rose High-School girls' Soccer team and Orchestra. Bernie was an active member of Jarvis UMC where he served in numerous capacities. Closest to his heart were the Youth Group, Missions Committee, Go Team and Upwards Basketball. Bernie is predeceased by his parents, Sebastian and Loretta Colardo, his brother, Thomas Colardo and his grandson, Samuel Colardo Hopper. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Emalynn and his three daughters Jennifer Hopper (Rob) of Raleigh, Melissa Meacham (James) of Davidson and Catherine Colardo of Greenville, NC as well as his sister, Linda Littleton of Emerald Isle, NC and his grandchildren Emma, Sophia, Piper, David and Olivia. Bernie was the most lovable "yankee" who moved south! He opened his heart, home, and kitchen not only to his family but to friends and strangers alike. His sly sense of humor and his silent way of offering encouragement and graciousness to everyone are just a few of his rare gifts. He will be missed most when his family walks and surfs the NC beaches without him and cheers on his beloved Pirates. The family received friends from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Jarvis United Methodist Church Sanctuary with a memorial service following in the Taft Christian Life Center of Jarvis at 6:00 PM on Saturday, February 18th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Missions and Youth programs at Jarvis United Methodist Church. Checks may be made to the church with "In memory of Bernie" written on the memo line. The funeral arrangements were made by the Wilkerson Funeral Home and Crematory.



PHIL M. CONYERS - Died Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Baptist Health at the age of 73. He was a resident of Madisonville, Kentucky. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Crones Disease. He was born on September 10, 1946 in Hopkins County, Kentucky to the late Herb Conyers and Grace (née Huff) Conyers. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Phyllis Phelps. Phil worked as a material handler at York and was a United States Air Force veteran. He was a member of Earlington United Methodist Church. He was also a member of Disabled Veterans and the American Legion Post #6. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Madisonville Chapter #1060**. He loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed feeding and raising deer. Phil holds the Kentucky State Record for bluegill - a record he has held since August 5, 1980. He is survived by two sisters, Cindy (James) Offutt of Madisonville and Becky (Tim) Brooks of Madisonville; one brother, Rick (Tammy) Conyers of Madisonville; several nieces and nephews; several great nieces and nephews; and his fur babies, Daisy, Biscuit, and Mrs. Kitty. The family would like to thank Baptist Health Continued Care and the Dialysis Center for the great love and care given to Phil and his family. The funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at the Barnett-Strother Funeral Home with Brother Marty Martinez officiating. The burial was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday and from 11:00 AM until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Rhyan Conyers, Chris Faulk, Rick Conyers, Tim Brooks, Aaron Offutt, Craig Offutt, Mike Jacobs, and Butch Oglesby. The honorary pallbearers were Mel Wyatt, Benny Pendergraft, Tommy Barnes, James Offutt, and Ed Abrams. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.



CATHLEEN CORDOVA - Died Thursday October 31, 2019 at the age of 72, while visiting her sister Emily in Bella Vista, Arkansas. She was a resident of Pleasanton, California. The cause of death is unknown. Cathleen was born on November 25, 1946 in Magdalena, New Mexico to the late Remey and Petra (née Salas) Cordova. She graduated from high school in Portola, California and went on to receive her baccalaureate degree from the University of California at Davis. She later went on to receive a master's degree from the school of International Training in Vermont to work in student exchange programs in Europe and New York. Cathleen served in Civilian Special Services in Vietnam the Army 1968-69 as a Service Club director and was awarded the Vietnam Civilian Service Medal, and later served two more years in Korea 1969-70. She worked in New York City and Italy as a student travel planner agent and also a banquet manager at the Windows on the World Restaurant in the World Trade Center. She began her police officer career in Alabama where she completed the Police Academy and served in the Huntsville Alabama Police Department. She later joined the Pleasanton, California Police Department. She was active in the speakers' bureau while a community services officer and retired as an evidence technician in 2008. Cathleen was an editor and publisher of the

Official Army Special Services Newsletter. She was recognized for her contributions to the book and HBO special called 'Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam'. She was associate editor of the Vietnam Veterans of America state publication. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alameda Chapter #400**. She was the Northern California coordinator for the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, a non-profit group spearheading the drive to raise \$4 million for the Vietnam Women's Memorial monument sculpture in Washington DC. She was instrumental in forming the "Circle of Sisters-Circle of Friends" organization, a coalition of civilian women veterans in Vietnam. She was a member of the Women's Overseas Service League (WOSL) and served as Vice President from 1998-2000, National President from 2000-2002 and Past President from 2002-2004. She had a passion for raising recognition of civilian women's many contributions serving in military war and conflicts, as well as causes that support veterans. Cathleen was a world traveler. Some of the many areas were Vietnam, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, Malta, Spain, Italy, Thailand, Turkey, and more. She enjoyed reading, writing, cooking, flying in helicopters, and riding on the Orient Express. Cathleen was preceded in death by her father, Remey and her mother, Petra Cordova and is survived by her sister Emily Robertson, son Mitchell McCarthy and grandson Cameron McCarthy. There was no funeral service. Cathleen was interred in Cordova family plot in Portola, California.



SAMUEL LEROY "Sam" COX, SR. (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center at the age of 80. He was a resident of Boiling Springs, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in North Carolina on October 21, 1939 to the late James and Ester (née Morgan) Cox. He was the husband of Patricia "*Pat*" Cox of the residence. He was a Master Sergeant (E-8) in the United States Air Force with 23 years of service. He had 25 years of service with Spartan Industries. He was a former commander of the Cherokee, Union and Spartanburg, American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Landrum (South Carolina) Chapter #1049**. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Sam Cox, Jr. of Greenville, S.C., two daughters, Roben Collins (Bobby) of Chesnee, and Kelly Barbrey (Robert) of Chesnee, S.C. and by a granddaughter, Kristen Collins. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Eggers Funeral Home of Boiling Springs officiated by the Reverend Kenneth Cash with burial in Good Shepherd Memorial Park. Military Rites were held at the gravesite. The family received family and friends one hour prior to the funeral service. E-Condolences may be sent on-line to: www.eggersfuneralhome.com.



ROBERT LOUIS D'AGOSTINO, SR. - Died Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the VCU Critical Care Hospital in Richmond, Virginia at the age of 86, surrounded by loved ones. He was a resident of Lanexa, Virginia and formerly of Newport News, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 19, 1932 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Alessandro and Mary (née DeStefano) D'Agostino. During his school years, he was a gifted athlete and artist and dreamed of becoming a pilot. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950 and served in the Korean War. He later became a Warrant Officer in the Army where he fulfilled his dream of becoming a pilot and served for two years in Vietnam where he was decorated multiple times for valor in combat, and later as part of the Executive Flight Detachment for President Gerald Ford. During his service, he advanced his education at Hampton Institute (now University) and graduate and post-graduate studies at Virginia Tech and the College of William and Mary. Upon his retirement from a 26-year military career, he embarked on the next chapter as an industrial arts teacher and high school administrator in the Newport News Public School System. He was a devoted educator and was regarded as a long-term mentor by many of his former students at Dunbar Middle School, Warwick High School, and Denbigh High School. Robert was extremely active in his community and spent countless hours volunteering at Saint Jerome Catholic Church and Warwick Forest Assisted Living Facility. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sault Sainte Marie (Michigan) Chapter #180**. In addition, he prepared taxes for those in need and was a Boy Scout Leader for Troup 6 out of Denbigh. His volunteer work also included being a Master Mason. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of over 50 years, Louise Elizabeth (née Albone) D'Agostino; his sister, Frances Gordon; and his brother, Bernard D'Agostino. Robert is survived by his sons, Robert Louis D'Agostino, Jr. (Sheila) and Troy Alexander D'Agostino (Rebecca); four grandchildren, Lauren Michelle D'Agostino, Claire Elizabeth Roberson (Robert), Audrey Jane D'Agostino, Sophia Rebecca D'Agostino; one great-grandson Owen Alexander Roberson; and loving companion, Monica Pinciotti. Coming from a large extended family, he is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. A viewing was held at the Peninsula Funeral Home on Thursday, April 11th from 5:30-7:30 PM. The family greeted friends on Friday, April 12th until the beginning of the funeral service at 1:00 PM at Saint Jerome Catholic Church, 116 Denbigh Boulevard, Newport News. The burial was in Peninsula Memorial Park. The family would like to thank the valiant efforts of the Riverside and VCU Critical Care Hospital staffs. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.



DONALD DEAN "Don" DALQUEST – Died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at his home in Lawrence, Kansas at the age of 76, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1943 in Junction City, Kansas to the late Emil Conrad and Mildred

Imogene (née Barnes) Dalquest. He graduated from Junction City High School in 1961 and entered the United States Air Force serving until October 1965. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas**. He worked for the Lawrence Police Department from November 1965 to December 1988. He then went on to serve as the Undersheriff for Douglas County Sheriff's Office under Sheriff Loren Anderson from January 1989 retiring in June 1995. After a brief stint in retirement he went to work for the Lawrence Municipal Court and retired for good in August 2016. During his time with the LPD he served in various offices of the local and state chapters of the Fraternal Order of Police. Don married Jo Carey on March 5, 1966 in Novato, CA. She survives of the home. Also surviving are their two daughters, Erica Ganson (Eric) and Marcie Pell (John Opgaard). His twin brother Ronald Dalquest (Wendy), and older brother Conrad Dalquest (Teri). Grandchildren; Adam, Shawn (Anwyn), Emily Spurling, Liam & Michael Ganson, Nathan Pell, and Lily Opgaard. And MANY much-loved nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, and son-in-law, Philip Pell. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in his name to the Douglas County VN Hospice or Lawrence American Legion Honor Guard and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 West 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044. The family greeted friends on Monday, February 17, 2020 from 5:00–7:00 PM at the Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. The funeral services were held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. The burial was at Leavenworth National Cemetery.



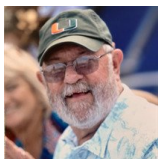
SARAH ELLYN DAVIS - Died Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in Orange Park, Florida at the age of 70, after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 14, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Clarence and Grace Timpf. After high school, Sarah spent her young adulthood exploring life outside of Detroit, which included an extended stay in Spain. She eventually settled in Florida in the 1970s where she met her husband John. She served faithfully by his side as a dedicated Navy wife for 14 years. She also worked a series of service-related jobs, giving her the opportunity to meet people and build relationships. Anyone who knew Sarah would describe her as loving, generous, and talkative. As the saying goes: she never met a stranger. Wherever she went, she would enjoy a conversation with whoever was near. She had the heart of a servant and would give whatever she had to help someone in need. Sarah enjoyed spending time with her family and cherished every holiday as if it was her favorite. She spent her last years as an active *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**, a devoted caregiver to her husband and super-grandma to her two youngest grandchildren. Sarah leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 40 years, John Davis, Jr., sons: Robert Hogan Jr. and John (Jami) Davis, III, grandchildren: Khalil, John IV, and Layla, brothers: Edward Timpf, Thomas (Debra) Timpf, and Mitchell (Lauri) Timpf, sisters: Barbara Yates, Margaret (Stanley) Arrighi, Lea Timpf, Rita (James) Sterns, Linda (Charles) Sherman, and Anna (Floyd) Bracy, and faithful dogs Angel and Tee-bone. She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers: Gregory Timpf and Frederick Timpf. A

celebration of Sarah's life was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, FL, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. The interment was in the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

JOSÉ DE JESU-SANCHEZ – Died recently in January 2020 in the Sandy Nininger Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines, Florida at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 8, 1935. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Boca Raton Chapter #1125**.



DAVID ALAN "Dave" DEVER - Died Sunday, February 2, 2020 in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. Dave was born on September 11, 1948 in Trenton, Michigan to the late Hosea Ray and Vivian Eileen Dever. Dave was a loving husband, father, and Grampy. He spent nearly 40 years in the insurance industry as an experienced agent at EW Smith Insurance Agency in Michigan and later with his son in their family owned Dever Insurance Group office in Cumming. He was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran with service from March 1971 – April 1972. He also locally served as a *Life Member* and Chapter Chaplain of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. Dave is preceded in death by his parents Hosea Ray and Vivian Eileen. Survived by his wife, Colleen of Cumming, GA; daughter, Sara; son, Nate (Erin); granddaughter, Olivia; sister, Barbara Sturms; brother, Walt (Judy); brother, Dan; brother-in-law, Bill (Cindy); numerous nieces and nephews; and Brothers of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #1030. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 8th at 1:00 PM at the Ingram Funeral Home Chapel with Nate Dever and Pastor Graham Arp co-officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home on Saturday, February 8th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Vietnam Veterans of American (VVA) Cumming Chapter #1030, PO Box 3088, Cumming, GA 30028. The family wished to express special thanks to all of the employees at Northside Forsyth Hospital for the love and care they gave to Dave.



ROBERT D. "Bob" DINKINS - Died Friday, February 28, 2020 in Saint Augustine, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was from complications of Amyloidosis. Bob was born in Welch, West Virginia on September 1, 1949 to the late Robert Dexter and Elizabeth (née Kelly) Dinkins. His family later moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1953, where he spent his formative years. Bob was a Florida resident most of his life. He lived in Fort Lauderdale and Miami, prior to moving his family to Saint Augustine in 1984. He attended Stranahan High School and Miami-Dade Community College. He was a United States Air Force veteran and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War as an aircraft mechanic. He retired from the Defense Contract Management Agency after 36 years of federal service. Throughout his career, he worked on the

NASA Space Shuttle and Military aircraft defense programs, as a government Quality Assurance Representative and Program Integrator. Bob was a true Patriot and will be leaving behind a legacy of honor and sacrifice. He devoted much of his time after his retirement to supporting military veterans. He was a lifetime member of the Brian Tuten VFW Post #2391, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leo C. Chase (Saint Augustine) Chapter #1084**, AMVETS Post #45, and American Legion Post #194. Bob was also a follower of Christ and an active member at Good News Church of St. Augustine. He also gave much of his time to the Saint Augustine little League and Pop Warner Football Associations, and will be remembered by many, as Coach Bob. Most importantly, he was a loving husband, father, grandpa, son, and brother. He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Irene, of 44 years; his son Dane; his son, Lance and his wife Jennifer; his grandchildren, Landon, Olivia, Violet, and Emmy all of St. Augustine; his sisters, Brenda Hughes, Cynthia Braden, and Debra (Steve) Turpin, all of Hendersonville, NC. Bob is also loved and adored by countless cousins, nieces, and nephews. His generosity and kindness knew no limits and he was truly a friend to all. Bob has now been welcomed by his Savior and heavenly family. A Celebration of Life was conducted at 11:00 AM at the Good News Church, World Golf Village, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his memory may be made to the Amyloidosis Support Group at www.Amyloidosisupport.org. The Heritage Funeral and Cremation Service was in charge of the arrangements.



STANLEY J. DOMIAN - Died Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the Coatesville (Pennsylvania) Veteran Affairs Medical Center at the age of 72, after a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Parkview Manor Apartments in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 6, 1946 and raised in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia. he lived in Parkwood for over 50 years. Stanley served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with the 25th Infantry Division, receiving a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He worked as a warehouseman for Fleming Foods in Oaks, PA for over 40 years and later as a security officer at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. Stanley was a Civil War buff who also enjoyed photography and coin collecting. Beloved husband of 40 years of the late Ann M. (née Wiktor) Domian; devoted father of Michael J. Domian and Alicia N. Plunkett (James); brother of Denise Domian; nephew of Leona Zarharchuck; loving grandfather of Amanda, Brenna, Ashlyn, and Emersyn. Family and friends were invited to attend his viewing and funeral on Monday, June 17, 2019, from 8:30-10:15 AM at the Fluehr Funeral Home, 864 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA. The funeral mass was at 11:00 AM at Saint Anselm Church, 12669 Dunks Ferry Road, Philadelphia, PA. The Rite of Committal was in Resurrection Cemetery, 5201 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Coatesville VA Medical Center Hospice, Unit 1400, Black Horse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320.



WILLIE LOTT "W.L." DONALD – Died Sunday, February 2, 2020 in Orange Beach, Alabama at age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. W.L. Donald was born on October 25, 1943 in Gilberttown, Alabama to the late Walter and Sadie Donald. W.L. was also one of three siblings, "Bunk" Walter Braxton Donald (*deceased*) and "Bill" Jimmie Nathan Donald. W.L. is survived by his wife, Irene Donald, his two children and their spouses: Joel Donald (Mikeal Donald) and Mandie Duke (TJ Duke). He is preceded in death by his first son Stephen Donald who passed away in 1970. He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Alexander Donald, Catherine Donald, Ansley Salmon, Cara Salmon, and Braxton Duke. He graduated from Southern Choctaw High School in 1961. A few years later, W.L. and Irene were married at Black Creek Baptist church in June of 1965. W.L. was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam war, where he served from 1966 through 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter #864**. When he returned from Vietnam, he enrolled in the University of South Alabama and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1971. He started work at Alcoa Aluminum in 1971 while building homes on the side. In the early eighties, Alcoa closed. Instead of transferring out of the area, he started his own construction company -W.L. Donald Builders- where he went on to build custom residential homes up until an accident in 2005 that left him paralyzed. He also went back into mechanical engineering from 1992 to 2003 working for a chemical plant (Elf Atochem later named Arkema) in Axis, Alabama. There he served as one of the company's construction project engineers. For the past thirteen years, Irene and W.L. have resided in Orange Beach, Alabama. W.L. always had a passion for working on old cars, collecting coins, and working in his garden. He also rarely missed a western film! W.L., or Paw, was a beloved grandfather, father, husband, and brother whose life is one to celebrate. There was a memorial service on Tuesday, February 4th at the Bear Point Community Center at 2:00 PM. The arrangements were made by the Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes and Crematory, Inc., 19698 Greeno Road, Fairhope, AL 36532.

RAYMOND ELMER DOPF (USMC, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 12, 2015 in Stafford, Virginia at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 7, 1928 in Jacksonville, North Carolina. He was a highly decorated retired 1st Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps with 26 years of dedicated service. He served in China prior to the Chinese Revolution, fought at the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in Korea with the 1st Marine Division and served several tours during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville (North Carolina) Chapter #654**. Mr. Dopf was an outdoors man: a fisherman, hunter, and gardener. He enjoyed playing the piano as a young man and relished listening to classical and contemporary music. Mr. Dopf is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Margaret; daughter, Mary Anne Spinella (Ed); brother, George Dopf (Jean); sister, Elizabeth Durig; both of Dayton Ohio, three grandchildren, Bryhannon, Edmund Joseph Raymond, and Caroline, plus "Poppy's pups" Lucy and Stacy all of Stafford. A visitation and funeral service was held at the Mullins and Thompson Funeral Service, in Stafford Virginia on

Saturday, February 21, 2015. Visitation was from 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM with the service immediately following. The burial was in the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, North Carolina. In tribute to the sacrifices made at the Reservoir alongside his fellow Marines (The Chosin Few) and throughout his life, "Stay warm brother".

JAMES LEE DUFF - Died Thursday morning, May 17, 2018 at the Oak View Rehabilitation Center in Orange Park, Florida at the age of 71. He was a resident of Blackshear, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Amarillo, Texas on December 17, 1946 to the late Troy Lee and Julia Kathleen (née Willis) Duff. After high school Mr. Duff joined the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He moved to Blackshear in 1970 and had worked at McCann-Reid International Harvester as a diesel mechanic and for his uncle at Waycross Monument. Mr. Duff was a former president of The Blackshear Jaycees and a member of the Disabled Veterans Savannah Chapter, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070** and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was a member of First Baptist Church and the Misfits Sunday School class. Mr. Duff enjoyed old time country music, westerns, going to yard sales, and antique cars. He was a genuine person who loved to help others in need. He was a son of the late Troy Lee and Julia Kathleen Willis Duff. He was also preceded in death by two brothers: Bobby Duff and Travis Duff. Survivors include two sisters and brother-in-law Julia Ann Quandt and Dorothy (Roger) Crump all of Madison, AL; his brother, William Troy Duff of Murrieta, CA. And several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Funeral services for Mr. Duff were held on Tuesday afternoon, May 22, 2018 at 2:00 PM from the Pearson-Dial Chapel. Memorialization was by cremation. His wishes were to have his ashes scattered over the blue bonnet fields of Texas and over a Confederate Battlefield. Visitation was held on Tuesday one hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home. The family kindly requests that members of the Misfits Sunday school class to serve as honorary pallbearers. Please meet at the funeral home by 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910. www.vva.org. Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at www.pearsondial.com. The Pearson-Dial Funeral Home, Inc. of Blackshear was in charge of the arrangements.



ARTHUR L. "Bud" DUMKE, JR. - Died Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in Vermilion, Ohio at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 3, 1946 in Oberlin, Ohio and was raised in Wellington, Ohio and lived most of his life in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. Bud was a member of Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2230, the American Veterans Post #22 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden (New Jersey) Chapter #779**. In his years residing in New Jersey, he was

employed for 32 years at P.S.E.G. in Newark, NJ, finally retiring from there in 2002. Bud leaves behind his beloved wife of 48 years, Lorraine J. (nee Ryczaj) Dumke, his twin sister, Michelle Star, and his nephews; Scott Garn and Randy (Darlene) Garn. He was preceded in death by his parents; Arthur, Sr., and Estella (nee Grissinger) Dumke, a sister, Vicki Garn, and a nephew, Jeffrey Garn. The family received friends on Saturday, August 17th from 11:00 Am until the time of his funeral service at 12:00 Noon at the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral and Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. The Reverend Deacon Robert Dybo, Deacon of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish officiated. The burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, where full military honors were held by the Amherst Veterans Military Honor Guard. Contributions, in his memory, may be made to either Saint Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 418 West 15th Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052. To send an online condolence, please go to www.dovinreberjones.com.

JOSEPH L. ELLENBERGER – Died Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in New Port Richey, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death was leukemia. He was born on June 17, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**.



JOSEPH CARL "Joe" ELLERS - Died Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at his home in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was pneumonia. Joe was born in Georgia on August 28, 1943 but lived most of his life in North Carolina, growing up in Havelock. He later moved to Pitt County and served 7 years in the United States Army. He was a member of Proctor Memorial Christian Church. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter #37 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. Joe was an avid fundraiser for the DAV and Golden Corral (Camp Corral). He also loved attending storage auctions with his son, Joey. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Evelyn (née Cates) Ellers; daughters, Wanda Avery and husband, William of Grifton; Tina Pinkham and husband, Timmy of Bath, Crystal Ellers of the Home, and Pauline Stainback and husband, Ricky of New Bern; son, Joey Ellers and wife, Brittany, of Black Jack; Grandchildren, Timothy Avery and wife, Jessica of Grifton, Angel Worthington and husband, Charles of Grifton, Adam Pinkham and wife, Mollie of Greensboro, Ariel Myers and husband, Matt, of Washington, Jacob Jett of Greenville, Anastasia Whitehurst of Greenville, Eden and Branson Stainback of New Bern, Jamie, Carla, Mya, Anah, Noel, and Cora Ellers of Black Jack; great-grandchildren, Brantlee Wayne Avery, and Madilyn Worthington, Laura Cate Worthington, Aubrey Worthington, and Melody Jett; sister, Brenda Rogers of Havelock; and Uncle Richard Thomas of VA; along with

several nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family will celebrate his life on August 22, 2020 at Proctor Memorial Christian Church at 1:00 PM. Memorial contributions can be made to the DAV Camp Corral at <https://campcorral.org/donate>.



NORMAN SHELDON EMERY (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 2, 2019 in Peachtree City, Georgia at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kellogg, Idaho on April 17, 1926 to the late Edward Lotus Emery and Ruby Marion (née Wilde) Emery. Norman was a United States Navy Hospital Corpsman during the WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars. After he retired from the Navy, he became a Health Inspector for the State of Arizona. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**. He is survived by his stepson, Bernie Lannan and his family, of Peachtree City, GA. Private services were held at a later date. The services were provided by the Carmichael - Hemperley Funeral Home and Crematory in Peachtree City, Georgia.



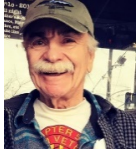
CARL CHRISTOPHER EPPIG (USAF, COL-Ret.) - Died Friday, April 3, 2020 at the Pinnacle Nursing Home, Sanford, Maine at the age of 80. He was a resident of Middleton, New Hampshire. The cause of death was aspirational pneumonia and dementia. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 10, 1939 to the late Dr. John Eppig and Helen (née Barthen) Eppig of Sands Point, New York. He served 26 years in the United States Air Force, he retired on February 29, 1988. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Order of the Franciscans Secular. He was an *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford (Maine) Chapter #1044**. He is survived by his siblings, John Eppig, Barbara Tiel and Peter Eppig, and his wife Beverly Eppig. His four daughters and their husbands; Kathy Eppig, Nellie and Richard Deblois, Tammy and Kevin Poitras, Christy and Garrick Creeden. And his seven grandchildren, Jennifer Hughes, Christopher Hughes, Helen Daly, Trisha Poitras-Leith, Nicholas Deblois, Timothy Poitras and Kelly Poitras. The Funeral Mass will be held as soon as possible when the virus pandemic has ended.

WILLIAM J. FLAHERTY - Died Saturday January 25, 2020 in Highlands, New Jersey at the age of 74. He was formerly of Hazlet, New Jersey, The cause of death is unknown. William was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 10, 1945. He is predeceased by his brother, Jimmy Flaherty and his sister, Janet Valente Collins. Surviving are his two children, Linda Flaherty Jaccarino (Joseph Jaccarino) and Sean Flaherty; his grandchildren, Thomas, Nicholas and Kelly Jaccarino and Juliette Anderson, and; his siblings, Eleanor McGivney, Dolores (Jimmy) Cartwright, Theresa Menture and Jack (Lucinda) Flaherty. He served in the United States Army from December 17,

1965 to December 12, 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 13, 1966 to December 11, 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Family and friends were received from 5:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, January 28th at the Laurel Funeral Home, 201 Laurel Avenue West, Keansburg, NJ. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday at 10:00 AM at Saint Ann Church, Keansburg. The interment was in the Bayview Cemetery in Leonardo. For further information visit www.laurelfuneralhome.net.



TALMA JOE "T.J." FOWLER – Died Saturday, February 8, 2020 at his home in Pattonville, Texas while receiving care at Paris Regional Medical Center. He was 75 years of age. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related multiple organ failure. T.J., as most knew him, was born in Cunningham, Texas on August 21, 1944 to the late Willie Joe Fowler and Lucy Talma (née Allen) Fowler. He spent much of his early childhood in Cunningham and Halesboro. His love for nature began at an early age as he would roam creek banks, fish, and his favorite hobby, hunting. At the age of 10 his family moved to Dallas, Texas. He then graduated in 1962 from W.H. Adamson High School, in Oak Cliff. At the age of 17, he met Margaret Jane Salter. Their love story began soon after, and she became his number one priority. They married March 19, 1966 at Pattonville Methodist Church. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Army. He spent a tour of duty in Germany, and another in Vietnam. It is noteworthy that he served his country well, and instilled patriotism within the family. He believed that serving Christ and your country was of utmost importance. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. Establishing community in Pattonville, he and Margaret established a spiritual home at Calvary Methodist Church, in Paris, Texas. T.J. was an active member of the Joy Class. As a young adult he influenced so many youths within the church. He and Margaret chaperoned events, and sponsored a yearly hayride, during Halloween for them. He served as Calvary's Sunday school superintendent. Christmas time was always special, because T.J. provided the Christmas tree, cut from his land. A special night was designated for the children of Calvary to help decorate the huge tree that stood in the Fellowship Hall. An avid outdoorsman, T.J. spent countless hours in the woods. Deer season was a favorite, and so were the stories that came with it. Being the craftsman, he built a little cabin on family land at Halesboro. Talma Joe was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Michael Fowler. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Margaret Fowler, a daughter Melanie Jane Fowler, a grandson Colton Floyd Moore and wife Donna Kay, and three great-grandchildren Elliot Wade Moore, Lucy Elisabeth Moore, and Leland Miles Moore, a sister Barbara Dunlap and husband Delano, a sister Carol Dorsey, and host of nieces and nephews that adored him. A Celebration of Life was held at the Fry-Gibbs Chapel on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 11:00 AM. The family received friends an hour before the service at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the American Heart Association, Wounded Warrior Project or to other charitable organizations. The family would like to thank all the staff at Paris Regional Medical Center for the ultimate care provided. It is appreciated.



THOMAS ROBERT "Tom" FRIEZE - Died Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Saint Luke Hospice House in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was a resident of Pennsburg. The cause of death was ischemic cardiomyopathy, hypoxic respiratory failure, pneumonia and pleural effusion, right middle cerebral artery ischemic stroke, atrial fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 29, 1945 to the late Henry and Helen (née Little) Frieze. Tom was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and was the owner and operator of Tom's Auto in Glenside until retiring. He was a life member of the American Legion and VFW and had been serving since 1994 as the *President and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**, Philadelphia, PA. He is survived by his children, Eric L. Frieze, of Philadelphia, Jennifer Marie Frieze, of Pennsburg and Jessica Marie Frieze, of Phoenixville; his brother, Barney Frieze, of Drexel Hill, and; his grandson, Milo Frieze and companion, Judith Pritel. He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Frieze Jr. and sister, Eleanor Rubin. A visitation was held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Mann-Slonaker Funeral Home, 222 Washington, East Greenville, PA, with Words of Remembrance to follow at 11:00 AM. The burial was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Vietnam Veterans Chapter #590, PO Box 63096, Philadelphia, PA 19114-0896. Online condolences may be offered at www.mannslonakerfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS H. "Tom" GARNSEY – Died Friday, February 28, 2020 in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 70, with his wife, Kathleen and his son, Tommy by his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Ballston Spa, New York on January 25, 1950. He was in the care of Northeast Georgia Medical Center Hospice who were just wonderful! Tom served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a parishioner of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**. He is also a Lifetime member of the VFW in Saratoga Springs, NY. In 1983 he packed up his family and moved them to Georgia where his expertise in Carpentry earned him respect and much success. He built his home in Woodstock, GA where he and his family lived for 11 years. In 1996 he found his little piece of heaven on Lake Lanier and in 1997 he built his own home again where he spent many, many years enjoying life! Along the way he met so many people and made most of them his friends. Tom (Daddy Dawg) is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kathleen (Mama Dawg) and his son Tommy (Sonny Dawg). He is survived by siblings and several nieces and nephews. He will be deeply and forever missed. A celebration of his life was held at a later date. Tom never wanted anyone to make a fuss over him and chose no formal services but wouldn't mind a party in his honor! Condolences may be expressed at www.beardenfuneralhome.com. The Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA was in charge of the arrangements.



ROBERT BURTON GRAVLEY - Died Tuesday, August 19, 2019 at the age of 69, while camping with his wife Carol in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He was a resident of Pensacola, Florida. The cause of death was myocardial infarction. He was born on May 27, 1950 in Lakewood, Ohio. An avid motorcyclist, Robert died while doing one of the things he loved best: exploring back roads in the national forest while on his motorcycle. A United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, Robert's experiences in Vietnam profoundly shaped his life. He was able to overcome many personal sorrows, reaching out to others with great compassion and kindness, especially to his fellow veterans. A long-time resident of Pensacola, Robert was a founding member of the Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council, a non-profit organization that helps veterans identify and receive services to which they are entitled. He was also a strong supporter and ambassador with the board of The HER Foundation, a non-profit that serves the needs of homeless female veterans. He was a Service Officer, guiding veterans and their survivors through the paperwork with the VA for a number of years and was a member of several veteran organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston (South Carolina) Chapter #780**. He positively touched the lives of more people than he realized. Robert is survived by his wife of four years Carol Hemmye; his brother, Chuck Gravley; his sister, Wendy Gravley; his stepdaughter, Cassi O'Donnell; his step-granddaughters; his brother-in-law, Marc Hemmye; his sister-in-law, Deb Hemmye, and; many cousins and friends. A Celebration of Life was held on September 28, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola, 9888 Pensacola Boulevard. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requested that donations in his name be given to the Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council, or the HER Foundation or a charity of your choosing. Semper fi, Robert, you left us too soon and will be sorely missed.



ROGER DALE GRAY - Died Friday, January 31, 2020 at The Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 74. He was a resident of Procterville, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 8, 1946 in West Virginia. He was preceded in death by his mother Martha Ann Adkins, his father Cecil E. Gray and stepfather Norman L. Adkins; and son-in-law Steven Gerke. Roger is survived by his wife Connie (née Lucas) Gray; three children Roger Dale, Jr (Heather) Gray, Michelle Dawn Gray Gerke and Chestin Porter; a six grandchildren Bridget Nicole Shrawder, Audrie Dawn Gray, Diane Lee Gray, Kadence Emma Gerke, Talon James Gerke and Nathaniel Porter; and one brother Michael Adkins. He was retired carpenter from Inco Alloys and a member of Local 40 SOAR. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #949**. Roger was a

member of the Kenova Masonic Lodge #110, Huntington Scottish Rite, Proctorville Teresa Chapter #257 OES, El Hasa Shriner, a past member of Huntington Clown Alley, and a Kentucky Colonel. A celebration of life was held at 12:30 to 2:30 PM on Sunday February 2, 2020 at Abundant Life Church, Proctorville, Ohio. Hall Funeral Home and Crematory, Proctorville, Ohio assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ehallfuneralhome.com.

STEVE VINCENT GREENE, JR. - Died Monday, January 6, 2020 in Dayton, Iowa at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 20, 1943 in Wausau, Wisconsin to the late Steve Vincent Greene, Sr. and Shirley Greene. Steve received an honorable discharge from the United States Air Force in 1966. He later served in the National Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ames Chapter #1102**. Steve was a very talented painter and musician. Steve was able to play various instruments to include the guitar, violin, banjo and harmonica. Steve is survived by his wife Ann. The burial was in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa. Serving the family was the Laufersweiler-Sievers Funeral Home.



LEE EDWARD "Ed" GREGORY (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Monday, October 7, 2019 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Macon County, North Carolina on December 31, 1936 to the late Roy and Dalene (née Hunnicut) Gregory. He retired from the United States Army after 22 years of service, where he was a mechanic. Ed served two tours of duty in Vietnam and Korea. He was stationed in France, Germany and many places across the United States. He was a member of Higdonville Baptist Church, a member of American Legion Post #108, VFW Post #7339 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veteran of America – Chapter #994**, and the Funeral Honor Guard for many years. He loved mechanics and rebuilt and restored his mobile home. Survivors include his wife of 59½ years, Francoise Gregory; daughter, Brenda Lee Holt (Bob) of Franklin, NC; son, James E. Gregory (Gary Smith) of Knoxville, TN; granddaughter, Samantha Huisenga (Dustin) of Ft. Myers, FL; great-grandson, Parker Huisenga; sisters, Shirley Loftin of Florida and Diane Cernan of Ohio; brothers, Bruce Gregory (Sherry) and James Gregory (Karen) of Michigan. Ed was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Soderberg. A Military graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at Woodlawn Cemetery with the Reverend Bud Haire officiating. Military honors were provided by the American Legion Post #108 and VFW Post #7339. The family greeted friends following the service at the graveside. Online condolences may be sent to www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Gregory family.



PAUL JUNIOR EVERETT GRIGGS (USMC, MGYSGT-Ret.) – Died

Sunday, May 6, 2018 in Norfolk, Virginia at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Southampton, Long Island, New York on March 1, 1934 to the late David and Nellie Grigg. At an early age and due to the loss of his parents, Paul Everett was raised by his brother, Georgie and sister-in-law Alease. On his 17th birthday he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving 30 years and of those 30 years he served 2 tours in Vietnam fighting for his country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tidewater (Virginia Beach) Chapter #48**. He was a dedicated Marine who always kept his appearance and military uniforms "Squared Away". Even down to the shine of his Corfam uniform dress shoes. While stationed in Norfolk, VA he met his soon to be wife of 62 years, Mildred (née Dickens) Griggs at a picture studio. After courting her for over a year, they were married October 1956. From their blessed union they had five children. Paul Everett decided to retire after his last duty station in Quantico, VA was completed. He settled down with his wife in Norfolk to raise their 5 children. He worked at the Norfolk Naval Base as Supervisor for the Navy Public Works Center for 17 years and Marshalls as a custodian until retirement age. His love for the Corps was still a part of him. He attended the Marine Corps Anniversary Ball every year with his wife. His last attendance was with his granddaughter Bianca in November 2016. As much as he loved the Corps, he loved his family and his hometown Southampton, NY even more. Every summer he would pack-up the station wagon to travel home to his beloved Southampton with his wife and children to march in the 4th of July Parade. His sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews would be there just to see him in his Dress Blues leading the parade. After the event was over, it would be just family time. He loved his family dearly and there was nothing he wouldn't do for them. Paul Everett also had a love of baking his delicious coconut cake with white icing he made from scratch. He enjoyed baking his coconut cake for whomever ask with never a refusal. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Donald E. Griggs. He is survived by his wife Mildred; his children, Robin Wilkerson (Troy), Paul M. Griggs (Denise), Diane Godfrey (Grayland) and Jacqueline Griggs; his five grandchildren, Troy, II and Bianca Wilkerson, Paul M. Griggs, Jr., Grayland, II and Gibran Godfrey and 1 great-grandchild, Skyler Levi Parker; his sister, Queen E. Cox, sister-in-law, Rosa Allen, brother-in-law, James Dickens and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Paul Everett will be missed by all who experienced his love, wisdom and guidance.



GORDON D. GROSS - Died Monday, February 17, 2020 in Fernandina Beach, Florida

at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New London, Connecticut on October 14, 1944 to the late Gordon and Violet Gross. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Central Connecticut State University and his Master of Arts in Education from

University of Hartford which led to his 30-year service as a teacher in the public-school system. After retirement in the schools he went on to work for many years as a Coordinator and Counselor for the Connecticut Department of Labor. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving with the United States Army and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yulee Chapter #1088** where he was active with the Chapter Scholarship Program, a program to provide college funding to graduating area high school seniors. He also enjoyed participating in other VVA projects and events. He loved to ride his scooter in the local parades with all his VVA buddies. Mr. Gross loved musicals and was a 30-year sponsor of the Good Speed Opera House in CT. He was an avid art collector and a very generous and thoughtful person. He was known as a true gentleman who believed in doing things the right way. Mr. Gross is survived by his sister, Linda J. Little, of Fernandina Beach; a brother, Alan W. Gross (Lisa Tibbitts) of Madison CT; nieces, Kristin A. Cryder (Kristofer Werder) and Erin S. Cutshaw (Mark); great nieces, Ava Cole (Stevie), Ansley, Amelia and Addison Cutshaw; and many cousins and friends. The family received friends from 2:00 until 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 1st at the Green Pine Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 2nd at the Jacksonville National Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers the family suggested that memorial donations be made to the VVA Chapter #1088 Scholarship Fund. 463688 SR 200, Suite #1-412, Yulee, FL 32097.

ALLEN ALFRED GRUENWALD – Died Thursday, February 27, 2020 in Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin at the age of 73. The cause of death was dementia, diabetes and hypertension. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 15, 1947. He served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1971 to 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minocqua Chapter #256**. He is survived by his wife, Roxanne; his son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Roxanne Gruenwald; his brother, Bob Gruenwald, and; his cousin, Michelle Potsik.

FREDERICK J. “Fred” HAMMEL, JR. - Died Sunday, January 26, 2020 in Williamstown, New Jersey at the age of 70, formerly of Mantua for 44 years. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on August 28, 1949 in Woodbury, New Jersey. He was the beloved husband of Darlene (née Summerville); loving father of Frederick Andrew Hammel (Bridget Dean), of Haddonfield and Krystal Ham (J.P.), of Wayne, PA; cherished grandfather of Madison and Aidan Hammel and Charlotte and Peter Ham, and; dear brother of Sarah Weiss, of Thorofare, NJ, Dolores Worrell, of Swedesboro, NJ, Kathleen “Kathie” Datko, of Fairhope, AL, Joan Medany, of Deptford, NJ, Brenda Bittner, of West Deptford, NJ, Michelle Appice, of Sewell, NJ and the late Mary Ellen Dunn. Fred was a dedicated family man and actively involved in his community. He was a coach for the Deptford Township Youth Football program, the Mantua Youth Football and Youth Basketball programs. Additionally, he was a member of the Franklinville United Methodist Church and later the First United Methodist Church, of Williamstown. Fred proudly served in the United States Army with the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War and later honored fellow veterans by volunteering on the Gloucester County Veterans Honor Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068**. Fred’s family received friends on Wednesday, January 29th from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Kain-Murphy Funeral Services, 15 West End Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ. All were invited to his Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, January 30th at 10:00 AM at Christ the King Roman Catholic

Church, 200 Windsor Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ. The interment was in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in honor of Fred to Vietnam Veterans of America of Southern New Jersey, Chapter 1068, 10 Kennedy Boulevard, Somerdale NJ. 08083.

GERALD E. "Jerry" HARTER - Died Tuesday September 25, 2018 at home in Holley, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 25, 1946 in Rochester, New York to the late Earl and Helen (née Wysocarski) Harter and was a life-long resident of this area. Gerald was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War having been awarded the Purple Heart for having been wounded in combat. He was a member of and Past Commander of the Holley VFW Post #202 and the Jewel Buckman Post #529 Holley American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. Gerald was also a member of the Woodsman Club, was a licensed electrician and as considered a 'Jack-of-all-trades'. He loved car racing and at one time owned a racecar of his own; #33 "Chicken Little" which he raced at Lancaster and Perry Speedways. Gerald retired from Eastman Kodak after 25 years and then drove school bus for the Spencerport School System for many years after that. He enjoyed NASCAR, going to the Casino and will be remembered for his devotion and love of his family. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gloria, his daughters, Buffie (Ralph) Gleason of Holley, Melissa (Bill) Furness of Kent, Cynthia (Mike) Dale of Holley, CarolAnn Harter of Holley; his sister, Carole (Jim) McGrath of Rochester; four grandsons, Brian (Samantha) Gleason, Billy Furness, Aaron (Kristy) Dale, Dustin Furness; four great-grandchildren, Jayden, Amber, Ryder, Carlee; as well as several nieces and nephews. The family received friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc., 16650 State Route 31-Holley on Monday from 1:00-4:00 PM where his Memorial Service was held following visitation at 4:00 PM at which point Military Honors were accorded at the Funeral Home. The interment was at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Holley VFW Post #202, 8 Veterans Drive, Holley, NY, 14470.

JAMES HARVEY HASTINGS – Died Monday, July 29, 2019 in Tiger, Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Macon County, Georgia on March 10, 1947. He served in the United States Army from September 13, 1966 to September 12, 1968 with a one year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**.

RANDALL CARTER "Randy" HEARNE – Died Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in Spokane, Washington at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Randy was born on January 11, 1944 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late George and Gladys Hearne. He was an all-conference linebacker and the student body president while at Thomas Downey High School in Modesto, CA, where he graduated in 1962. Randy was appointed to the United States Air Force Academy and attended for one year. He transferred to Whitworth University where he graduated with a degree in mathematics in 1965. After college, Randy volunteered for the United States Air Force, attending Officer Candidate School. He served in Vietnam as a highly decorated navigator in a F-4 Phantom logging 234 combat missions from April 1971-April 1972. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. Randy worked for both Foster Farms in the Central Valley and for Zacky Farms in greater Los Angeles in the poultry processing business.

Later, he worked at Wilsonart Corporation in Los Angeles. He also owned his own company, General Management Systems, specializing in computer support for businesses. Randy's first love was always aviation. Later in life, he went back to school and earned a Master of Science Degree from Embry-Riddle University in Aeronautical Science. He had his pilot's licenses in all fixed wing and water landing aircraft. Randy retired to Spokane in the summer of 2014. He loved fishing and the outdoors. He is survived by his two children: Kimberly (Hearne) Davis, of London, UK and Kevin Hearne, of Central Point, OR. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Gladys Hearne. Randy was buried with full military honors at Greenwood Memorial Terrace on February 4th at 2:00 PM. There was a visitation at the Riplinger Funeral Home at 10:00 AM the same day.



KENNETH H. "Ken" HECKER - Died Saturday, February 15, 2020 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 71, with his loving wife, Janet, at his side. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to aspiration and pneumonia. He was born on October 27, 1948 in De Pere, Wisconsin to the late Raymond and Helen (née Kabacinski) Hecker. He was a graduate of West De Pere High School. After graduation, Ken enlisted in the United States Navy in 1968. He proudly served three tours of duty during the Vietnam War, beginning with a tour on a PBR Boat. Later, he served two tours stationed aboard the aircraft carrier, the USS America, after which he was honorably discharged in 1972. Ken was united in marriage with Janet Burmeister, March 11, 2000 and they shared almost 20 years together. Ken was employed by the City of Green Bay as a Bridgetender, retiring after many years of service. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224* Ken was an avid outdoorsman and loved fishing and hunting, especially duck hunting. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, gardening and cross stitch. He took classes in the culinary arts program at Fox Valley Tech and loved to share his talents in the kitchen with family and friends. He passed on the passion for all of his hobbies and talents to his sons, Taggard and Thaddeus. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Janet; his sons, Tagg (Heather) and Tad Hecker; two grandchildren, Kylie and Audrey and 4 siblings: Don (Sally) Hecker, Lorraine Snakenberg, Millie Georgia and Mike (Mary) Hecker. He is further survived by a sister-in-law, Elaine Hecker, numerous nieces, nephews, his beloved canine companion, Halsey, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George Hecker; two brothers-in-law, Tommy Snakenberg and Milo Georgia and stepdaughter, Sara Burmeister. Visitation was held at Newcomer-Green Bay Chapel, 340 South Monroe Avenue, Green Bay on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. A memorial service was with full military honors. Ken's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Sint Vincent Hospital and Unity Hospice for their excellent care and compassion.



BILL JOSEPH HELWIG (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Friday, January 10, 2020 at his La Vida Llena home in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. Bill was born in Auburn, California on October 28, 1941 to the late Mary and Harry Helwig. He was also predeceased by his sister, Barbara. Bill is survived by dear friend and “sister,” Sandy Cody; friend and “brother,” Rick Draker; and cousins, Bronwen Crothers, Alice Harmon and husband, Charles, Nancy Ames, Herb Helwig and Walter Helwig. Bill received his education at Placer Union High School in Auburn, CA, and obtained his bachelor’s degree at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA. An officer in the United States Army, Bill was commissioned Second Lieutenant, Adjutant General Corps, United States Army Reserve on June 15, 1963, and retired from active duty as Major, Regular Army on September 30, 1983. Bill was a Vietnam Veteran. He was the recipient of several awards, among these were: Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Star Medal (First Oak leaf Cluster) for Meritorious Service; Vietnam Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Bar and Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm (Unit Citation). Bill was also generous in his support of several charities: AMVETS, American Cancer Society, The Full Life Foundation - La Vida Llena, Alcoholics Anonymous, Marines Memorial Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside (California) Chapter #47**, University of Washington Alumni Association and many more. Bill was a unique and gifted man, and he will be greatly missed by family and friends whose lives he touched in many ways. A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 PM at La Vida Llena Retirement Community (Carter Hall), 10501 Lagrima De Oro Road NE, Albuquerque NM. The interment ceremony was at the Santa Fe National Cemetery on Friday, January 31, 2020.

HOWARD W. HERBERT – Died Monday, January 27, 2020 in Plymouth, Washington at the age of 73. The cause of death was pulmonary disease. He was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming on October 8, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Chapter #879**. He was cremated and there were no services. He was interred in Rock Springs, Wyoming.



THOMAS MONROE HOLTON - Died Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, Georgia at the age of 73. He was a resident of Gainesville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 19, 1945 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Charles and Elizabeth (née Proctor) Holton. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**. Mr. Holton is survived by his wife of 47 years, Evelyn Gail (née Hood) Holton; daughter and son-in-law, Amber and Maurice Ericson of Gainesville; grandchildren, Chathan Holton, Delilah Ericson,

Sawyer Ericson; brother, Charles Gilmer Holton of Maryland; mother-in-law, Sarah Hood of Gainesville and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 5, 2019 in the Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home with Reverends James Myers and John Rayburn officiating. The interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations be sent to WoundedWarriorproject.org Memorial Park Funeral Home, 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, GA was in charge of the arrangements. Send online condolences to www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com.

EDWARD A. HORD – Died Monday, October 21, 2019 in Biloxi, Mississippi at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 1, 1946 in Mountain Home, Mississippi. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas**. The funeral arrangements were private at the Kirby and Family Funeral and Cremation Services - Mountain Home, Arkansas.

ROBERT L. HUGHES – Died Saturday, May 25, 2019 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 20, 1950. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**.

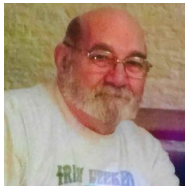
EDITH M. ISHMAEL – Died Friday, December 6, 2019 in Apache, Oklahoma at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Essex, Missouri on March 20, 1949. She served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**.

ROBERT G. JAMES – Died recently in 2020 in Huntsville, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 2, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.



GEORGE JATRAS (USAF, COL-Ret.) - Died Friday, March 6, 2020 in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania at the age of 88, after a battle with cancer. He was born on March 29, 1931 in Clairton, Pennsylvania to the late August and Coula Jatras, both originally from Laconia (Sparta), Greece. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, as well as a decorated United States Air Force fighter pilot whose career included over 200 combat missions in Vietnam, assignments to Bitburg, Germany and Athens, Greece, and service as Senior U.S. Air Force Defense Attach in Moscow, USSR. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. He was predeceased by his wife, Stella (née Stavroula) Jatras, his son Jeffrey (Leonidas) George Jatras, and his brother August Jatras. He is survived by

his son, James (Dimitrios) George Jatras, his granddaughters Jillian Marina Jatras Shupert, Alexandra Schmalzbach, and Christina Jatras, his daughter-in-law Laurie Jatras, and seven great-grandchildren. He was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Camp Hill and an active member of the West Shore Sportsmen's Association in Lewisberry and other groups. Visitation took place on Sunday, March 15th from 6:00–8:00 PM at the Neill Funeral Home; 3401 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 16th at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1000 Yverdon Drive, Camp Hill, PA, following which he will be laid to rest next to his beloved Stella at the East Harrisburg Cemetery, 2260 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA.



CLIFFORD ANDERSON JEFFRIES, JR. - Died Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Philadelphia on October 8, 1943. He was the beloved husband of Judy (née Cress) Jeffries; loving father of Anne Quinn (John), Susan M. Justice (Tom), Clifford A. Jeffries, III and Jennifer L. Crane (Daniel); grandfather of Laura E. Quinn, Samantha J. Olivera and Bret H. Crane; great-grandfather of Brooke E. Quinn, and; dear brother of James D. Jeffries. Clifford was a retired Philadelphia Police officer and a United States Air Force Veteran who served honorably in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Due to the recent developments in the COVID-19 Pandemic, the services will now be held at a later date per the family for the health and safety of their family and friends. We are deeply sorry for any inconvenience. In lieu of flowers, please donate, in memory of Clifford A Jeffries, Jr., to your choice of charities below. Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, 1117 Country Club Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 at www.pawoundedwarriors.org, Phone: 855-729-9436, Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5, 11630 Caroline Road, Philadelphia PA 1915-2110 or www.fop5.org; Fox Chase Cancer Center, Office of Institutional Advancement, 333 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111, www.foxchase.org/giving/howtogive; Life Celebration services entrusted to John F. Givnish of Academy Road.

EVERETT A. JENSEN – Died Tuesday, November 17, 2009 in Stewartville, Minnesota at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 2, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sioux Falls Chapter #959**.

LEROY TREVER JOHNSON – Died Friday, August 14, 2015 in Lewiston, Michigan at the age of 69. Mr. Johnson was born on March 29, 1946. He served his country proudly during Vietnam in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Davison Chapter #115**. He is survived by his wife, Sharon. As were his wishes cremation has taken place and there are currently no services scheduled for Mr. Johnson.



JOHN J. JOYNER (USAF, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Monday, November 4, 2019 at home in Kimbolton, Ohio at the age of 81. He was formerly of Akron, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Akron on September 6, 1938. He completes a career in the United States Air Force retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). He served primarily in the Far East and southeast Asia including Vietnam. He was a retired farmer and active member of the American Legion, VFW, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America-Newcomerstown Chapter #532**. He is survived by son, John R. (Sandy) Joyner; brother, Jerold (Linda) Joyner; special friend, Jeanne Picciano; one grandson; three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Services were planned for a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice, 716 Commercial Avenue, New Philadelphia, OH 44663. Online condolences may be made at www.addyfuneralhome.com.



RICHARD F. "Rick" KASPAR, JR. - Died Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Mat-Su Regional Medical Center in Alaska at the age of 66, surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Palmer, Alaska. The cause of death is unknown. Rick was born in New York on November 9, 1951 to the late Richard F. Kaspar, Sr. and Virginia Kaspar. He went to various schools as his father was in the Navy. He married Diana on August 10, 1991 in Palmer, AK. He worked civil service Army before retiring as motor pool supervisor on Fort Richardson with multiple recognitions of excellence. Rick served in the United States Army and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Cross Gallantry with Palm, and the National Defense Service Medal. He also received two overseas bars and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device. Rick maintained *At-Large Life Memberships* with **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alaska** and the American Le# 15. Rick had a love for the outdoors. He enjoyed lazy days at the cabin supervising the hunting crew. Rick never met a stranger, cherishing his friendships with many. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and was a big supporter of the Palmer High hockey team. Rick and Diana recently made Arizona a part of their next adventure. While there he loved nothing more than to hop into his golf cart and drive to the local store to enjoy an apple fritter. Rick is preceded in death by Richard Kaspar, Sr., Virginia Kaspar, Daryl McKenzie, and his beloved dog Rocko. Rick is survived by his wife Diana Kaspar; children Virginia Minturn (Jake), Michelle Shults (Kelly), Duane Kaspar, David McKenzie (Connie), Duane McKenzie (Jennie), Robbie McKenzie (Felicia), Dylan McKenzie (Kim); sisters Melissa Cabo (Ben), Pam Bush, Karen Dewberry, Susan Kaspar; Grandchildren Blake, Hayden, Delaney, Taylor, Americus, Tea, Isaac,

Declan, Amelia, Kenzie, Lucy, Levi; many nieces and nephews as well as many others that considered him “dad”. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate blood to the Blood Bank of Alaska or the charity of your choice in honor of Rick. The family of Rick would like to extend our sincere thanks to Doctors Penn and Brady. Nurses and assistants Roz, Hollie, Kimberly, Sharyn, Jennifer, Melanie, Lisa, Heather, Char, and Sam. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 1st at the American Legion Palmer Post #15 located at 1550 South Mystic Circle, Palmer, AK. Rick has been laid to rest with his mother and father at the Palmer Pioneer Cemetery.



ORVILLE JAMES “Jim” KNOTT, JR. - Died Thursday, January 16, 2020 at West Maryland Healthcare System at the age of 73, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was pneumonia, sepsis, complications due to low immunity from diabetes mellitus-type II and non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He was born on March 31, 1946 in West Virginia to the late Orville James Knott, Sr. and Anna (née Mills-Knott) Robertson in Westernport, MD. Soon after graduating from Bruce High School Orville was drafted into the service, he became a United States Army Veteran who fought in the Vietnam War from October 7, 1966 - October 10, 1969. He was a Door Gunner Crewman. Orville later became a clerk typist He earned the following medals: National Defense Service Medal, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with (4) Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Aircraft Crewman Badge, and Marksman Rifle Medal. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Orville retired from Westvaco after 40 years and was a happy-go-lucky guy that loved life and never met a stranger. Orville would often tell jokes or share stories of his adventures in traveling the world, his tennis matches, fishing adventures, golfing matches, or his love of sky diving. Orville loved to ride the highest and fastest coasters at amusement parks and was a hard-working and honest man. Most of all, Orville loved spending time with his two granddaughters Rachael and Abigail, they were the light of his life and always brought him enormous amounts of joy. Orville is survived by his loving wife Christy (Slaven) Knott and her son Robert, Orville's daughter, Tracy (Knott) Still and her husband, George, their children, Rachael and Abigail Still in Rawlings, MD; Orville's brother, Charlie Robertson and wife Roxie, Keyser, WV; Orville's sister, Anna Marie Streets, Bloomington, MD; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Family and friends were received at the Boal Funeral Home, Westernport, MD on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 9:00-10:50 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial followed the visitation at 11:00 AM at Divine Mercy Parish - Saint Peter Catholic Church in Westernport, MD. The interment was in Saint Peter Catholic Cemetery, Westernport, MD. With deep appreciation the family would like to thank his primary care doctor: Dr. Michele Kennedy and his other specialist doctors who treated him for his illnesses over the years, including the doctors and nurses at WMHS and staff at the Cumberland Healthcare Center. Flowers or contributions to any charitable organization are welcomed.

WILSON V. KONE – Died recently in 2020 in Brooktondale, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**.

MARK G. LAY – Died recently in 2020 in Vandalia, Illinois at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 9, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**.

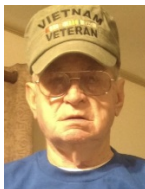


MICHAEL R. LEAVECK – Died Thursday, April 2, 2020 in Washington, DC at the age of 73, as a result of a traumatic brain injury. He was born in 1946 in Gay, Michigan in the upper peninsula. He was a long-time advocate for Vietnam veterans and their families and a specialist in fine art. Michael began a career in veterans affairs after serving in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1967 and moving to California, where he received a BA degree from California State University, Stanislaus in 1973. He immediately joined Cal State Stanislaus as its first Coordinator for Veterans Affairs and created a program that provided specialized services to over 900 returning veterans at the peak of their enrollment at the university. In 1980, Michael moved to Sacramento to become the staff specialist on veterans policy for the California Legislature's Assembly Select Committee on Veterans Affairs and drove significant policy changes for veterans, including strengthening California's veterans home loan program and passing legislation authorizing the building of California's Vietnam Veterans Memorial. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – District of Columbia**. After 17 years in California, Michael moved to Washington, DC in 1984, becoming the Legislative Director and later Director of Public Affairs for Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), where his legislative strategies led to establishment of the right to court review of veterans benefits claims and preservation of the VA store-front counseling program, known as the VET Centers. Michael then served from 1989 to 1996 as Deputy Director of the Agent Orange Class Assistance Program, established by a US District Court to manage part of the \$240 million Agent Orange class action lawsuit settlement, and oversaw the distribution of over \$70 million in grants to 73 agencies in 100 communities in the 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. From 1997 to 2000, Michael managed the campaign mounted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation (VVAF) to pressure the US to join the international effort to ban landmines, which resulted in VVAF receiving the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize as the coordinating agency of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. In 2002, he directed VVAF's initiatives to raise awareness of the impact of landmines on war-ravaged countries and to push for the US to sign the Mine Ban Treaty that bans anti-personnel land mines. As part of his advocacy for veterans, Michael was the co-author of *The Legacy of Vietnam Veterans and Their Families: Survivors of War, Catalysts of Change* in 1995 and was a contributor along with Colin Powell, Stanley Karnow and others to *Why Vietnam Still Matters: The War and the Wall* published by The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in 1996. Michael's other passion was collecting, restoring and selling fine art and he operated a small business in Washington, DC from 2003 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Nancy Glick, his great-niece, Tara Nooyen and her

family in Menomonee Falls, WI, and his cousin Frederick Michael “Mick” Jarvi and his family in Gay, MI. Private services will take place at a later date.



RICHARD WILLIAM “Dick” LEINS - Died Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in Fredericksburg, Virginia at the age of 74. He was formerly of New York. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born on March 12, 1945 in Brooklyn, New York. Dick was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Dick was an avid participant and the Commander of his local American Legion Chapter in New York. He toured the United States with various Vietnam Veterans groups and enjoyed attending Army reunions. Dick loved spending time with his family, especially his only grandson, Alexander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Barbara Leins; two sons Christopher Leins (Kristina) and Drew Leins (Amy); and one grandson Alexander. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Evelyn Leins. The family received friends from 200 to 400 PM on Monday, February 3rd at the Covenant Funeral Service, Fredericksburg. The interment was private.



DENNIS LEE LONG - Died Friday, February 7, 2020 in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related liver cancer. He was born on August 24, 1944 in Morristown to the late Dennis “Slim” and Pearl Long. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1966-1968 and upon his honorable discharge was a “B Troop” Sergeant for the 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, affectionately known as the “Ruthless Riders”. He remained an active *Life Member* of his local **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. Every time anyone thanked him for his service, he responded “you are welcome, I would do it all over again if I could”. Post military, Dennis worked locally in the upholstery industry until going to Mayfield Dairy Farms as a “milkman”. He was responsible for bringing jobs and industry to Morristown and became the plant manager for the Tri-Cities, Abingdon, VA, and Morristown locations until his retirement in 2010 after 36 years of service. His hobbies included hiking, fishing, hunting, “porch sitting”, family feasts, and doing for others. Having given the shirt off his back, the shoes on his feet, and the many Vietnam Veterans hats off his head, Dennis touched the life of everyone he met; and while he lives on in all those blessings, he is greatly missed and will forever be remembered. Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, Dennis “Slim” and Pearl Long; sister-in-law Sharon Long; “grandson” Jason Repp; mother-in-law, Thelma Ballinger; and father-in-law, Johnny Parker. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis Long; “son” Sidney (Arin) Repp; “daughter” Missy (Jeff) Gulla; brothers David Long, Harvey (Betty) Long, and Stanley (Debbie) Long; sisters Sue (Shannon) Moore, Dora (Herschel) Baker, and Kathy (Tim) Carroll; “grandson” Sebastian (Bash); brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Brenda (Mike) Cameron, Terry (Janice) Parker, Frank (Diane) Parker, and Chasity

Ballinger; nieces Kim, Brittany, Shanna, Melinda, Becky, Janet, Sara, Johnnie, Jamie, and Morgan; nephews Tyler, Thomas, Jake, Donnie, Luke, Trey, Justin, CJ, Matthew, and John; and twenty-two great nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 11th in the east chapel of Allen Funeral Home. The funeral service followed at 7:00 PM with Reverend Brian Rhodes and Dr. Larry Parrott co-officiating. The interment was at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday in Hamblen Memory Gardens. A very special thank you is given to Pleasant View Baptist Church, B. J. McCarter and Earl Reece for the love, support, and helping hands you were always happy to provide. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate in Dennis' memory to the Friends of Panther Creek State Park, 2010 Panther Creek Road, Morristown, TN 37814.



ERNEST DOGWOLF "Ernie" LOVATO, JR. - Died Sunday, October 13, 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 72. Ernie passed after a long fight with cancer and heart disease. He was born in Albuquerque on July 30, 1947 to Eduvigen (née Dubie) Lovato and the late Ernest Lovato, Sr. He was truly a Renaissance man. After graduating from Rio Grande High School, he served in the military in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1972, worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for twenty years, then began working with Vietnam Veterans throughout the state. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesilla Park Chapter #431**. He was a life-long learner, teaching himself about his Native culture and how to play the flute, guitar and drums. He enjoyed his home and gardening. In the latter part of his life, he loved to travel the states with his wife on their motorcycle and later in their motorhome. He volunteered at National and State Parks, playing the flute and storytelling from coast to coast, and in 2012 was awarded Volunteer of the Year by New Mexico State Parks. He was a Proud Marine, friend to everyone and wherever he went it became a party. Ernie was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Lovato, Sr. and brother, Michael. He is survived by his wife, Diane; his mother, Eduvigen (Dubie); his daughter, Autumn; his stepchildren, Stephanie, Robert, Michael, and David; twelve grandchildren, and; nine great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday November 3, 2019 from 11:00-2:00 PM at the American Legion Post #49, 11005 Central Avenue NE, Albuquerque. NM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Post #49. The arrangements were entrusted to the Riverside Funeral Home of Albuquerque, 225 San Mateo Boulevard NE.

JOHN L. LUSTIG - Died Sunday, February 23, 2020 in Gardnerville, Nevada at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter 989**. The arrangements were under the care of Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City, Nevada.

CAROL MANOLY – Died in 2015 or 2016 in Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on December 22, 1949. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Prichard Chapter #949**.



MICHAEL CHARLES "Mike" MARCEAU - Died Sunday, January 26, 2020 at United Hospice Residence of Marlette, Michigan at the age of 70. He was a resident of Attica, Michigan. The cause of death was lung cancer with metastasis to the bones. Mike was born on June 12, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to the late LeRoy and the late Margaret (née Kean) Marceau. Michael grew up in Eastpointe, MI. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic School in Roseville and East Detroit High School in Eastpointe, MI. Michael joined the United States Navy in 1967 during the Vietnam War. He married Tina May Gerrard on June 2, 1978 in Sterling Heights, Michigan. They had lived in Warren, MI before moving to Attica in the mid 1980's. Mike was employed as a project manager and a quality control manager for 28 years at the United States Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) in Warren, MI and later at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, MI. Mike's specialty was design, development and repair of wheeled and tracked vehicles. Michael was a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154** in Mount Clemens, MI. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, fishing, and gardening. Michael is survived by: his wife: Tina Marceau; his sons, Matthew Marceau of Clinton Twp., MI, Christopher (Juel) Marceau formerly of Attica, MI and Jeffrey Marceau of Attica, MI; his sister, Donna (John) Esposito; three brothers, John (Jai) Marceau, Edward (Kate) Marceau and Patrick (Deb) Marceau; and his four grandchildren, Ariya, Jacob, Kelin, and Zaeris. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Peg Marceau. The Funeral Service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City, 225 North Main Street, Imlay City, Michigan. Deacon Thomas Yezak officiated. The family was available for visitation from 4:00-8:00 PM on Friday, January 31st and from 10:00-11:00 AM on February 1st at the Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City, 225 North Main Street, Imlay City, MI. The interment took place at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 3, 2020 at Christian Memorial Cultural Cemetery, 521 East Hamline Road, Rochester Hills, MI. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City. Please be sure to sign our on-line register at muirbrothersfh.com to share condolences and your memories with the Marceau family.



DR. SAMUEL JOHN "Sam" MARKELLO – Died Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in Orchard Park, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease and dementia. He was born in Gowanda, New York on February 14, 1942. He was the loving husband of June (née Munson) Markello; beloved father of Cheryl (Dave) Johnson and Julie (Mark) Burnett; grandfather of Jacob Burnett, Samuel Burnett, Cole Johnson and Emma Johnson; brother of Dr. James (late Rhea) Markello and the late Concetta (Llewelyn) Howles, Dr. Carl (Rose) Markello, Joseph Markello, Nina Presher, Dr. Anthony (Nancy) Markello and Dr. Ross

(Grace) Markello. He served in the United States Army from March 1963 to 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. There was no prior visitation. A memorial service took place on Saturday, January 25th at 11:00 AM from Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Eden, NY. Flowers were gratefully declined. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's association at www.alz.org or Saint Paul Lutheran Church. The arrangements were made by the Wentland Funeral Home North Collins, NY. Condolences may be made at www.wentlandfuneralhome.com.



DANIEL JOHN “Dan” MARQUIS - Died Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, Maine at the age of 72. He was a resident of Wells, Maine. He was surrounded by his 2 sons and loving wife of 49 years. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. Dan was born the oldest son of eleven siblings in Madawaska, Maine on April 8, 1947. He is survived by his wife; two sons; two grandsons and a granddaughter; as well as all four of his brothers and four of his sisters. After high school Daniel proudly served in the United States Army within the 25th Infantry as an NCO (E-5) Tank Commander in Vietnam from 1967-1968. He conducted and completed many combat missions in and around Cu Chi as well as within the Saigon Theater during the Tet Offensive of '68. He earned several medals including the Army Commendation Medal for Merit, both of the Viet Nam Service and Campaign Medals, Expert Rifle, as well as the National Defense Service Medal. Mr. Marquis was a distinguished employee of Pratt and Whitney for over 35 years. As an athlete, Dan participated in his local CYU Basketball League and went on to be the Captain of three Championship UTC Softball Teams during the early 1980's. As a lover of golf, Dan could be often found competing with his colleagues of the Pratt & Whitney Golf League, at the Links at Outlook Course in South Berwick, Maine. Dan was also a lifelong outdoorsman who enjoyed both fishing and hunting with his family and friends. Throughout a 41-year window, Dan was a dedicated fan to the Wells High School Wrestling, Football and Basketball teams. Like his father before him, Dan served his local Catholic Church as a 4th Degree Knight within the Knights of Columbus for over 30 years. In the last decade he served countless hours volunteering as an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**. A Catholic Memorial Service was held for Dan at Saint Mary Catholic Church, 236 Eldridge Road, Wells, Maine on Friday, March 20th at 9:00 AM. Immediately after the service, there was a military burial at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale at 11:00 AM. A reception followed for family and friends at the Saint Mary Catholic Church Hall from Noon to 2:00 PM. The arrangements were entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home, 26 Market Street, North Berwick, ME. Condolences may be expressed at www.JohnsonFuneralHomeME.com.



JAMES MAXWELL McCARTNEY, JR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 78. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure, pneumonia, pneumothorax and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation. He was born in Florida on April 24, 1941 to the late James Maxwell McCartney, Sr. and Elise (née Knowles) McCartney. He is survived by his wife Irene (née Conley) McCartney. He served in the United States Army from April 9, 1971 to December 21, 1978. He retired after 20 years of service at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. A public viewing was held from 2:00-8:00 PM on Saturday, November 2, 2019 and from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the Royal Funeral Home in Huntsville, Alabama.



JANICE MAY McCASKILL - Died Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in Graceville, Florida at the age of 74. He was a resident of Clarksville, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. Janice was born on July 19, 1945, in Chazy, New York to the late Robert Carl Frehaulfer, Sr. and Margaret (née Cootware) Frehaulfer. Mrs. McCaskill was a nurse aid and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Richard Joseph McCaskill. Janice is survived by her son, Ivan McCaskill; daughter, Dawnstar Cobb; brother, Robert Frehaulfer, Jr.; sister, Judith Ann Bowman; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, March 21st at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, with Deacon Dominick Azzara officiating. Entombment was at Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Visitation was on Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 AM until the hour of service at the funeral home. The arrangements were entrusted to the Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN. Online condolences may be made at www.nealtarpleyparchman.com.



MAX KEMPT McCLURE (USA, MSG-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 94. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 3, 1925 in Bradyville, Iowa to the late Eugenia Ruth and George Mort McClure. When

he was 3 yrs. old his mother passed, and his father eventually married Pauline Gillespie. At age 7 he moved with his family to Yakima, Washington. He graduated from high school in 1943 in Zillah Washington and the same year he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. Max had a fascination with flying and always wanted to be a pilot. Because of his size he was selected for gunnery training on a B24 bomber and was part of the Jolly Roger Bombers in WWII. In the Spring of 1946, he met Arma Lee Hooper at the Fort Worth Zoo snake pit. He told his buddies "see that women, I'm going to marry her". After dating for 4 months, they married Oct 5, 1946 in Eastland Texas. Out of that marriage, three children, Pat, Robert and Betty, were born. Max had a lot of adventures while serving his country. He was a witness to the most interesting aspect of the Japanese surrender and took pictures and developed them between two army cots, with army blankets and red and green filters from an army flashlight. He served two tours in Germany, 1946 and 1959, two tours in Korea in 1953 and 1956. He was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from 1955 to 1967 and retired from Fort Sheridan in Chicago, Illinois as a Master Sergeant (E-8). In the Spring of 1967, he and his family moved back to Lawton, OK. He bought a Gulf Filling Station in 1968 at 102 E Lee Blvd. and became an active member of the community, particularly the La Sill Optimist Club, serving as President and Lt Gov for the State of Oklahoma. He sold his Gulf Station in 1985. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. After retirement Max continued his love for flying. He built several gliders and flew one 31,000 feet over the Rocky Mountains. He also built a Q2 airplane from scratch. The plane flew and eventually achieved an air worthiness certificate from the FAA. He also went skydiving at the age of 75, just weeks after open heart surgery, with grandsons Preston and Brian. Max was an avid fisherman and gardener. He loved the Lord, his wife, children and was especially fond of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was on the church board, very active in his church and loved his church family. He also delighted in throwing an annual fish fry for his church. He demonstrated how someone should live, highly motivated, adventurous and lived every day to the fullest. Max loved to travel, taking trips across the United States to include many to Hawaii, Canada, Alaska, and South Texas. He lost his wife of 73 years on Sept 3, 2016. Max lived at the Veterans Center since 2016 where he peacefully passed at the age of 94, surrounded by family. He loved living at the VA center and considered everyone there to be family. He is survived by three children, Pat Hynds, Robert McClure and wife Becky and Betty Griffith and husband Anthony and an adopted daughter Denise Dancer; six grandchildren, Mindy Kimball and husband Ray, Chrystal Gibbs, Preston Gates and wife Ashley, Brian Gates, Amanda McClure and Rick McClure; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara Blankenship and Christina Eckstrand, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Arma McClure, brother Phillip McClure, sister Naomi McClure and son-in-law John Hynds. Some of his last words were "It's been a great ride". Fly high Max! In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Church of the Nazarene Youth Group, 1402 NW Arlington, Lawton, OK 73507.



JOHN LESTER McFARLAND III - Died Monday, November 19, 2018 in Madison, Alabama at the age of 73. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest, cerebral vascular accident, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic kidney disease-stage III and coronary artery disease. He was born at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana on October 21, 1945 to the late John Lester MFarland, Jr. and Tempie (née Pigg) McFarland. Mr. McFarland was an avid bass fisherman and 18-hole golfer. Also, his hobby was guitar playing for which he was known as Johnny Mac the Louisiana Bluesman. He retired from civil service at Redstone Arsenal after serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Mr. McFarland was also a member of the Masons. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy McFarland; father, John Lester McFarland, Jr.; mother, Tempie P. McFarland; and son, John Lester McFarland, IV. Survivors include his wife, Loretta McFarland; brother, Charles McFarland; sister-in-law, Patsy McFarland; son, Stanley Evans; daughter-in-law, Connie Evans; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Visitation was on Friday, November 23rd from 10:00 AM–12:00 Noon at the Berryhill Funeral Home followed by service at 12:00 Noon in the chapel. The burial was in the Huntsville Memory Gardens.

ALLAN G. McLELLAN – Died recently in 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 1, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**.



DONALD ALAN "Donny" McCORT – Died Monday, August 5, 2019 in Barberton, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1952 to the late Durwin McCort and Joy La Tondross- McCort. Prior to retirement Donny was employed as a service tech for Food Lion for ten years. He enjoyed his Harley, sports and Nascar. Donny was proud to have served his country in the United States Army. He was stationed at Camp Red Cloud in Korea and served as a crew chief with the 129th Helicopter Company in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He was predeceased by his father, Durwin McCort; mother, Joy La Tondross. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 31 years, Valerie; daughter, Jennifer Forbes (Joshua) Stow, Ohio; sons, Matthew McCort, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Patrick Knotts (Kate) Doylestown, Ohio. Sisters, Michelle Kish (Robert Smith), Taylorsville, North Carolina; Dorine McCort, Independence, Missouri; Beckey Rogers (Danny) Doylestown, Ohio, brother, Mark McCort, Nashville Tennessee; grandchildren, Jordan, Collin, Aubree, Ariel, Aiden, Mason, Gavin, Libby, Hannah, Brennan and Paige; mother and father-in-law, Ann and Bill Dombroski, and; also leaves behind many loved brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many great friends. A special thank you to the palliative floor at Barberton Hospital for all the special care you gave Donny. A celebration of his life took place. To carry on Donny's memory, do something nice for a veteran. Donations can be made c/o Jennifer Forbes, 304 East

Hopocan Avenue, Barberton, OH 44203. Adams Mason Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of the arrangements.

JAMES MICHAEL McSHANE – Died Wednesday, November 6, 2019 in Fairmont, Minnesota at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related multiple myeloma. He was born on September 18, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from June 18, 1969 to December 23, 1970. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**.



RAYMOND F. "Ray" MELIA, JR. - Died Monday, January 13, 2020 in Fall River, Massachusetts at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 20, 1945 to the late Raymond F. Melia, Sr. and Lucille (née Dupuis) Melia. He was also predeceased by his brother, Michael Melia. A United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of VFW Post #5392, Tiverton and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. He had been employed by Raytheon, Portsmouth. Ray is survived by three children, Raymond, Kelly and Steven Melia; five grandchildren, and; one great-grandson. Visitation was held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Auclair Funeral Home, 690 South Main Street, Fall River from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with a funeral service at 12:30 PM. The burial was private.



BERL SAXTON MEYER – Died Monday, January 20, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 74. The cause of death was complications from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and emphysema. He was born on June 12, 1944 to the late E. Crawford Meyer and Bernadine Saxton Meyer. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his sister, Judith Meyer; his stepchildren, Janet Anderson (Ricky) and Stephen Sebree (Donna); five grandchildren, and; three great-grandchildren. First thing to know about Berl is he was an educator, retiring from Crosby Middle School, but still teaching throughout the rest of his life. He was also that rare volunteer who stepped up without asking...webmaster, presenter, field trip leader, weather guesser (reporting daily weather observations and precipitation for CoCoRaHS-daily at 7:00 AM!). He was an Aerographer's Mate when he was in the United States Navy and very proud of serving his country. He was a Vietnam War veteran, serving on the USS Constellation. He said they didn't get a warm welcome when they arrived at their port. So, you don't need to tell a Vietnam veteran, "thank you for your service," but instead must say, "Welcome Home!" He was a leader serving as president of the Kentucky Society of National History, as well as past president of the Oregon-California Trail Association-Colorado-Cherokee Chapter. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He served as a presenter, trail guide, convention planner...you name it, he did it! He loved lots of things that

people who know him may not be aware of. Yes, he loved geology, and knew at an early age before he was even a teenager that he wanted to be a geologist, but he also loved history including the civil war. As an earth science teacher, he told me that kids were not being taught about our National Parks or Civil War, so he brought them into his lesson plan using geology. KSNH members will remember him teaching the geology of Perryville Battlefield about the acoustical shadow that affected the outcome of that battle. I was a widower having lost my husband in 1997 from a rare disease. Since we had been together for over 35 years as a couple, I had to think about what I really enjoyed. I joined the Beckham Bird Club to learn more about birds, and the Louisville Hiking Club. While I did enjoy the hiking, I saw that I really wanted to look at plants and not hurry through the forests. I met Len and Jan Stahlgren and they introduced me to the KY Society of Natural History. I knew this was the right place for me. I had been going to meetings, as well as field trips, one to the Smoky Mountains when I noticed a guy who hung out in the back of the room not saying much. We began talking to one another, and eventually I invited him to go with me to see fireworks on the Louisville Waterfront. We hit it off and got married after about a year and had been married almost 20 years when he passed. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, January 23rd from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Ratterman and Sons Funeral Home, 10600 Taylorsville Road. The funeral was held on Friday at 10:00 AM in the funeral home chapel.

CLARENCE ANTHONY MLADEK, JR. – Died Monday, January 20, 2020 in Chaparral, New Mexico at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 19, 1934. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. He is survived by his wife, Betty and daughter, Debra Plant. The family received visitors on January 23, 2020 at the Funeraria del Angel in El Paso, Texas. Graveside services were held on February 13, 2020 at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery.



GEORGE HERBERT MOORE, JR. - Died Thursday, February 27, 2020 in Cumberland Furnace, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 9, 1945 in Montgomery County, Tennessee to the late George Herbert Moore, Sr. and Nora Lillian (née Castleberry) Moore. He farmed the hundred-year-old Castleberry Farm and was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his half-sister, Alice Marie Miner; nephews, Jeremy Christy, Steve Miner and Gregory Miner. He has left to cherish his memory, sister, Lillian “Jenny” Moore Christy and her husband Wilson; and close family, Dorothy Ann Groves and her husband Ed, nieces, Karen Harter and her husband Carl, Jenilee Christy and her husband, Chris Thompson, great nieces, Amanda and Abby Harter, and Verda Thompson; nephews, Nathan Harter, Ron Miner and his wife Bea, Doug Miner and his wife Lucide. A Celebration of Life was held at 1:00 PM on

Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the McReynolds-Nave and Larson Funeral Home with Reverend David Mackens officiating. The burial with Military Honors was in the Mount Zion Cemetery. The family received friends from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday and again on Saturday from 11:00 AM until the hour of service on Friday at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Thomas Castleberry, Lonnie Castleberry, Ricky Castleberry, Allan Groves, Jeff Groves and Jim Manning. The honorary pallbearers were Glen Castleberry, Frank Biter and Hubert Sykes. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Ahava Healthcare staff and Aseracare Hospice. Online condolences may be made at NaveFuneralHomes.com.



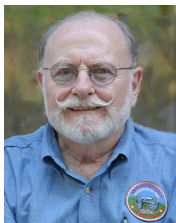
WILLIAM CHARLES "Bill" MOORE - Died Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in Lugoff, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 12, 1942 to the late Neville Charles and Mary Julia (née Carroll) Moore. Bill was a United States Army veteran, having served in Vietnam, and worked as a weapons tester for Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Deposit (Maryland) Chapter #722**. He was also an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is survived by his son, William R. Moore (Heather) of Wapakoneta, OH; stepsons, Paul J. Underwood III (Lucinda) of Farmington, UT and Francis C. Underwood, Sr (Deirdre). of West Grove, PA; stepdaughter, Mary Kristie Underwood of North Philadelphia, PA; fourteen grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brother, Robert D. Moore (Hope) of Williamsburg, VA; and numerous cousins. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Mary Alice Cook Underwood Moore, and his parents. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The Kornegay Funeral Home, Lugoff-Elgin Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.



DAVID EARL MORAN (USA, SFC-Ret.) – 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 Reserve 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 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.

REGIS J. MULLANEY – Died recently in 2020 in Hampton Bays, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 16, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone Chapter #32**. He was a parishioner of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church in Bayside, New York. He was also a retired Law Enforcement Officer of the New York Police Department.



ROBERT PATRICK "Pat" MURPHY - Died Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Winchester. The cause of death is unknown. Pat was born in Alexandria, Virginia on March 25, 1941 to the late Lewie DeKalb Murphy, Jr., and Louise (née Boschert) Murphy. Pat was preceded in death by his beloved companion of almost 30 years, Diane Lowe Ferguson. He is survived by Diane's older son, James Cameron Ferguson, III, and his wife, Pamela C. Ferguson, of Bend, OR; Diane's younger son, Reed Martin Ferguson of Centerburg, OH; and Diane's grandchildren Cameron Wesley Ferguson and MacKenzie Ann Ferguson of Bend, OR, and James Cameron Murphy Ferguson of Centerburg, OH. He is also survived by Janice W. Ferguson, Jim Ferguson's former wife, who he considered family. Pat is, most likely, survived by his adopted daughter, Letitia Maureen Murphy, from whom he was estranged for many years. He was preceded in death by his adopted son, Torin Kyle Murphy. Pat was born in Alexandria, VA, and grew up in Fairfax County, where he attended public school. He graduated from Yale University, which he attended pursuant to a Navy ROTC scholarship, in 1963 with a BA in English and was then commissioned as a regular officer in the United States Navy. The Navy, as he was fond of saying, in its infinite corporate wisdom, decided that "Eng" was a fungible abbreviation and so

he was assigned exclusively to engineering duties, first on USS Intrepid (CVS-11) then on USS La Salle (LPD-3). His last assignment was as Engineer Officer of La Salle. After completing his active duty service in 1967, Pat attended graduate school at the University of Virginia, receiving an MA (1968) and Ph.D. (1971), also in English. He then taught English at the University of Idaho for six years, after which he decided on a change of careers. Pat matriculated at Duke University Law School, from which he graduated with a J.D. in 1980. He practiced law, first in Houston, TX, then in Washington, DC, for 25 years, mostly for large, multinational firms. In 1985, he passed the Texas Board of Legal Specialization exam in Immigration and Nationality Law with the highest grade ever awarded to date and was immediately placed on the examining board. During his legal career, he obtained a national reputation in immigration and nationality law and was the 1996 recipient of the Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award presented by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) "for excellence in advancing the practice of immigration law." Pat wrote and spoke frequently on the subject of immigration law and was for ten years the editor-in-chief of the Immigration Law Handbook, the course materials for AILA's annual conference. During his career, he freely mentored a number of younger lawyers. Pat retired with Diane to their home in Shenandoah County, VA, where they both became immersed in the County's rich local history. This interest manifested itself in the 2013 publication of *The French and Indian War in Shenandoah County: Life on the Inner Frontier, 1752-1766*. Besides AILA, Pat was active in the Shenandoah County Historical Society and the Capt. Jack Adams Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and was a member of the American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Jackson Chapter #936**, Military Officers Association of America, and Yale Veterans Association. During his legal career, he was a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Bar of the District of Columbia. Pat Murphy was something of a Renaissance man: Navy officer, college teacher and published scholar, lawyer and legal writer and editor, and local historian. In a kind of reverse-if not perverse-humility, he never referred to himself or styled himself as "Doctor Murphy." The burial was at the Lottsville Community Cemetery, Lottsville, PA, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 where Patrick will be interred besides his beloved Diane. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that contributions be made to the French and Indian War Foundation, P.O. Box 751, Winchester, VA 22604; or The Elizabethan Club of Yale University, 459 College Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

MICHAEL A. NASH – Died Thursday, January 30, 2020 in Fullerton, California at the age of 71. The cause of death was metastatic malignant melanoma primary site unknown. He was born in Altadena, California on January 21, 1948. He served in the United States Navy from October 1, 1968 to August 10, 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He is survived by his wife, Laura (née Choate) Nash, of the home.

JOHN ALFRED NAUMANN - Died Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 11:55 PM in Deland, Florida at the age of 90. He was formerly a resident of Daytona Beach, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Gloversville, New York on November 23, 1930. John Naumann graduated from El Cerrito Senior High School and went on to receive 41 credit hours from Contra Junior College in California. John had a career in the United States Air Force beginning in

October 1950, followed by 10 years at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority beginning in November 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. He was a member of the Order of Elks, the Order of Eagles, and the Moose Lodge, and had a passion for dancing, singing, and entertaining. John is survived by his children, Alan, Robert, William, and Karen Naumann; his grandchildren, Kevin and Alix LeLauren, Kateri Bird, Sierra Lynnea Wolcott, Trevor Naumann, and Liam Naumann; his great-grandchildren, Codi Bird, James Bird, Jr., Curtis Bird, Samuel Bird, Witanin Win Bird, Canpa Akuwin Bird, Michael Wolcott, Anthony Wolcott, and Keya Wolcott; and two siblings, his brother David Arthur Naumann and sister Joanne A. Naumann. A graveside funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on March 14, 2020 at the Woodlawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Gotha, FL.

STEPHEN NEFTLEBERG – Died Friday, January 17, 2020 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death was Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Heart Disease, Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born on February 9, 1951. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**.



DONALD RAY NIXON – Died Thursday, December 5, 2019 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 8, 1949 in Wilmington to the late Charlie and Annie (née Hines) Nixon. Donald was born and raised in Wilmington with his four siblings, Ralph, Charles, Belinda (Larrey Burney), and Julius. He graduated from New Hanover High School then began an 18-year career in the United States Army before being Honorably Discharged. His career took him to many places including Korea and Germany. During his time in the service he completed the NCO course rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant and graduated from the Army Recruiter Course. He received an NCO Professional Development Ribbon as well as other commendations and training certifications. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. After his time in the Army he returned to Wilmington and began a career with Cape Fear Public Utility Authority. He retired after 27 years serving as a waste-water treatment operator. During his time at the CFPUA he was nominated multiple time for employee of the year and continued his training by attending seminars on safety and certifications. Donald's life wasn't all about his career, although he taught dedication, steadfastness, and hard work throughout his years of employment, he also knew the importance of family. During his time in the service he met his wife Christiane (Fox) while on assignment in Germany. Despite the uncertainty of life in the military they managed to make their relationship work and thrive and eventually settled into stability in Wilmington closer to the rest of his family. There they continued to raise their two children, Michael and Donika (Ramiro Ruiz). He again showed that dedication and steadfastness when his wife suffered a health crisis and he stayed by her side and cared for her until her passing. He also made sure he was available for the special moments in life, including flying to

Florida to meet his granddaughter, Helena, after her birth. He went to birthdays and playgrounds and amusement centers with his granddaughter and would let her lead him around the yard as she collected flowers and rocks for him to hold. She never left without a hug and an "I love you" from him. Donald's love for his family can be seen in the pictures of them that decorate the walls and shelves of his living room as well as the photo album on his cell phone. Donald also cared deeply about and was active in assisting the veteran community. He received a certification of appreciation from and was a lifetime member of the Vietnam Veterans Association and the VFW. He could be found at meetings and public events with the group and made many friends through it. His friends and his family will miss him deeply, but the pain of his loss is worth the joy of knowing him. Donald is survived by his children, Donika Ruiz (Ramiro) of Wahiawa, HI and Michael Nixon of Wilmington; siblings, Ralph Nixon, Charlie Nixon, Julius Nixon and Belinda Burney (Larrey) all of Wilmington; one grandchild, and; a host of other relatives and friends. A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Davis Funeral Home.



RAYMOND "Ray" OBAR - Died Saturday, January 19, 2019 in White River Junction, Vermont at the age of 69, after a long and courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma. He was born on August 19, 1949 in Limestone, Maine to the late Hope and Joseph Obar. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Saint Joseph's College in Maine. Ray held various nursing jobs throughout the years, retiring after serving for 29 years in Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center's Emergency and Orthopedics departments. He was a member of the original founding DHART Helicopter team that began providing critical care transportation more than 20 years ago. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Vermont*. Ray had a passion for fly fishing and enjoyed trips to many rivers in both the United States and Canada. He was a very talented maker and designer of fly ties and volunteered his time teaching others and giving classes for the Wounded Warriors Project. He was always known and loved for his compassion, kind spirit, and quick wit. His life was dedicated to service to his country, his patients, and his family whom he treasured. He loved being involved in his kids' and grandkids' lives. He never missed a game whether coaching or cheering from the stands. His three grandkids were the light of his life and he always had time to hear their stories and play a game. He will be duly missed by his loving wife of 41 years, Carla. His absence will be keenly felt by his sons and their wives: Joshua and Heather and Jacob and Lindsay. He will be missed in a special way by his grandkids: Isaac, Ethan and Moriah. Ray is survived by his sister Cecilia Hoffman and her husband, James, from Maryland. On behalf of Ray, his family would like to thank the staff at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center and the White River Junction VA Hospital for the 12 years of treatment he received. They would also like to thank the staff of Bayada Hospice and the Jack Byrne Palliative Care & Hospice Center for the amazing care he and his family experienced during his final days. A visitation was held on Wednesday, January 23rd from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Knight Funeral Home in White River Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM

on Thursday at Saint Anthony Church in White River Junction. The interment was in the Vermont Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at a later date. Condolences may be expressed to Ray's family in an online guestbook at www.Knightfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations can be made to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon NH, 03766 or the Upper Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter, PO Box 94, Pomfret, VT 05067.



MICHAEL CRAIG "Mike" OLEKSA, SR. - Died Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Mid-Michigan Medical Center-Gratiot in Alma, Michigan at the age of 72. He was a resident of Riverdale, Michigan and was formerly of Macomb, Michigan. The cause of death was lung failure due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. He was born on January 29, 1947 in Port Huron, Michigan to the late Myron and Lorena (née Yerkie) Oleksa. He was a graduate of Port Huron High School and earned an Associate of Arts Degree in accounting. He married Andrea Gawley on June 30, 1977 in Farmington. Mike worked for 32 years as a Fire Systems Engineer. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force from June of 1965, until his honorable discharge in December of 1968. While in the service he was stationed at Travis AFB in California and was a part of the Aero Medic Evacuation Unit. He was awarded The Air Medal two times for his meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Mike enjoyed camping, traveling, bowling, boating and fishing. He was an amazing father and loved helping with his son's little league and hockey teams. He had a great love for animals, especially Chihuahuas. Mike is survived by his wife of 42 years, Andrea; a sister-in-law, Joann Holleman and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Eric in 2015 and a brother, Christopher, while serving in Vietnam. Per Mike's wishes cremation has taken place with no services were held. Interment services were held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 2:30 PM at the Great Lakes National Cemetery with full military honors. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Vietnam Veterans of America.

THEODORE FRANCES "Ted" PASNAK, JR. (USN, CPO-Ret.) – Died Sunday, July 21, 2019 in San Diego, California at the age of 85. The cause of death was cardiogenic shock resulting from severe coronary artery disease. He was born in Rochester, New York on March 24, 1934 to the late Theodore Francis Pasnak, Sr and Helen (née Shewchuk) Pasnak. He was predeceased by his young son, Derek Pasnak. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Elizabeth (née Huxtable) Pasnak; his daughters, Julia and Helen; his son, David; four grandsons; three granddaughters, and; two great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Chief Petty Officer after 22 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**. He was a Life Member of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the Society of the 40 et 8 and

the Knights of Columbus He was a devout Catholic and attended Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church in San Diego.



CAREY BOARDMAN PATTON, JR. - Died Wednesday, May 22, 2019 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina on April 27, 1947 to the late Carey Boardman Patton Sr. and Gertrude (née Cunningham) Patton. Junior lived in Franklin his whole life except for the four years he served in the United States Marine Corps where he did three tours in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He spent nineteen months as a Parachute Rigger for A-4 D&E Aircraft and saved the lives of four pilots that were hit with fire and had to eject from crashing aircraft. He then spent seven months as door gunner on CH-46 Boeing helicopters, serving in 240 combat missions. After leaving the USMC in 1970 he enrolled at Western Carolina University, graduating in 1974 with a BSBA in Business Administration. While on leave from Vietnam in 1969, he met the love of his life, Nancy Fisher Patton, and they were married in 1972; they had one son in 1977, H. Carey Patton. Junior worked as a plumbing contractor for 30 years and retired from Franklin Fire Department in 2009 after 21 years. He was also a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards with friends, and spending time at Coleman River. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Nancy (née Fisher) Patton; son, H. Carey Patton (Brandi); grandchildren, Ruck Patton and Blake Patton; and brothers, Howard Patton and Joe Patton all of Franklin. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 25th at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Franklin. Rev. Mark Bishop officiated. Military Honors were conducted by VVA Chapter #994. Memorial donations can be made to the VVA Scholarship Fund, 203 Sloan Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences can be made to the family at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

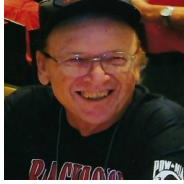
SEWARD J. PEARSON - Died recently in 2020 in Yountville, California at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 7, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**.

SERGIO COSMO PREZIOSO - Died Sunday, December 29, 2019 in Newton, New Jersey at the age of 77, after a short battle with cancer. He was formerly of Fredon, New Jersey. He was born on October 11, 1942 in the Margaret Hague Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey. Sergio was raised by his parents Vito Prezioso and Marta (née DiGioia) Prezioso in Hoboken, New Jersey with siblings, Joseph 89 who resides in Hoboken, and is predeceased by sisters Diane Kronyak and Elizabeth Catania. Sergio was drafted in 1964 to the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War for nine months after he was Honorably Discharged as a Disabled Veteran in 1966. In 1966 Sergio married his wife AnnaRose (née Blodow) Prezioso, of Weehawken and resided in North Bergen on 8th Street. Sergio worked as a Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service in North Bergen on 46th Street and Tonnelle Ave from 1967 to 1998. Sergio

retired in 1998 after 31 years of service. He also worked part time for Two Guys as a Store Detective in North Bergen and then moved onto work for Sears Roebuck in Union City as a Store Detective. He continued to work for Sears Roebuck until the store relocated to Jersey City's Newport Mall. Sergio worked for Sears Roebuck a total of 25 years. Sergio also worked for Rite Aid as a Security Guard in Jersey City after retiring from the United States Postal Service. Sergio was also employed Statewide Security and by Kushner Companies in Florham Park where he worked for 11 years as a Security Guard until retiring in 2012 at the age of 70 years old. Sergio belonged to the following clubs and organizations, Nekoboh Rod and Gun Club, Double O Rod and Gun Club, was an NRA Life Member, LZ Hope Combat Support Group, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sussex Chapter #1002** in Vernon NJ. Sergio is survived by his wife Anna Rose, two sons, Vito who resides in Sarasota, Florida and is employed by Wesco Turf and Fresh Market Department Stores, and Frank who is married to wife Kim and resides in Frelinghuysen NJ. Frank is employed by the City of Clifton as the Fire Chief of the Clifton Fire Department and works part-time for the Jersey City Building Department as a Fire Protection Inspector. Sergio and AnnaRose are fortunate to have three grandsons, Vito (28) who works in NYC, Salvatore (20) who attends Rowan University, and Dominic (17) who is a senior at North Warren Regional High School. They also have two granddaughters Ashley (24) and Alyssa (15) from Sarasota Florida, and a great-granddaughter, Arielle 10 months old from Sarasota Florida. In 2002 Sergio and AnnaRose moved from North Bergen to Frelinghuysen NJ to live with their son, Frank, daughter-in-law, Kim and their two sons. Sergio enjoyed the outdoors with his son Frank hunting in Roscoe NY with the Nekoboh Rod and Gun Club, and also spent countless hours hunting and riding his four-wheeler on his property in Hope NJ. Sergio was known in the town of Blairstown and made friends with local businesses as the guy who brought the cookies and coffee. A period of visitation was held from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM on Friday, January 3, 2019 at the Newbaker Funeral Home, 200 Route 94, Blairstown, NJ 07825 (Use Columbia for GPS), followed by a Funeral Liturgy at 4:00 PM.



JOHN WILLIAM PUCKETT, SR. - Died Saturday, March 16, 2019 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 72. The cause of death was heart failure and lung disease. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on October 14, 1946 to the late Shirley and Ed Klemp. He was the beloved husband of Karen Puckett; devoted father of John William Puckett, Jr., Matthew Puckett, and Michael Zappula; loving grandfather of Alicia Zappula; dear brother of Greg (Leslie) Klemp and Fred Klemp. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. Visitation hours were held at the Baue Saint Charles Funeral Home, 620 Jefferson Street on Friday, March 22, 2019 from 9:00-11:00 AM. The funeral service was also held at the funeral home on Friday, March 22nd at 11:00 AM. Memorial contributions in John's memory were suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project.



DONALD DOUGLAS REED - Died Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in Temperance, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death was end-stage renal disease. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on July 25, 1946 to the late Donald L. and Corinne (née Griffiths) Reed. In 1961 he attained the highest level in the Boy Scouts as an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Sylvania High School in 1964. He married Janet L. Curtis on June 22, 1968 and two weeks later was deployed to Vietnam with the United States Army. Upon returning from Vietnam he returned to college at the University of Toledo and graduated with a business degree. His work career was spent in car and commercial truck sales with most of his career with Brondes Ford. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142** and a past president. He enjoyed annually traveling to his 11th Armored Cavalry reunions, fishing, traveling the US, Nascar and spending time with his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Jeaneen Reed. He is survived by his wife, Janet, son Cale, daughter, Melinda (Mike) Watson, granddaughters, Lydia, Skylar and Nora; sister Kathy (Jim) Whited, brother Brad (Liz) Reed; and sisters Jeanelle and Kim Reed. Visitation was on Saturday, February 15th at the Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home, 1640 Smith Road (at Jackman), Temperance, MI from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM with a memorial service at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the charity of your choice or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. www.pawlakfuneralhome.com.



JOHNNY WAYNE REYNOLDS - Died Sunday, September 29, 2019 at his home in Madisonville, Kentucky at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 21, 1948 in Madisonville to the late Elizabeth (née Nevitt) Reynolds and John Jefferson Reynolds. Johnny was a United States Army Veteran and was owner and operator of Johnny Reynolds Electric. He was of the Christian faith. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madisonville Chapter #1060**. Johnny enjoyed playing golf, traveling on vacation and loved spending time with his grandchildren. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Jay Nevitt and his grandson, Benjamin Saige Snyder. Survivors include his wife of forty-seven years, Vicki Reynolds; son, Patrick (Cara) Reynolds of Owensboro, KY; daughter, Jennifer (David) Snyder of Sturgis, KY; sisters, Sharon (Ricky) Carter of Madisonville, Sheila (Ralph) Kirkland of Alabama and Tammy (Larry) Loveless of Bethel, OH; brothers, Tony (Linda) Reynolds of Madisonville and Kenny Hayes of Hanson, KY; grandchildren, Nichole, Gabbi, Bryson and Christian Snyder and Kaelyn, Paxton Reynolds; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in the chapel of the Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville with Brother Ronnie Hendricks officiating and Jimmy Sexton assisting with military honors conducted by the Hopkins County Honor Guard. A burial was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Madisonville at a later date. The

visitation was from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in Johnny's memory to Baptist Health Hospice.



MICHAEL EUGENE "Mike" RHODES, JR. - 69, Grantsville, MD, Died Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Martinsburg VA Medical Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 69. He was a resident of Grantsville, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 18, 1950 in Oakland, Maryland to Michael Eugene Rhodes, Sr. of Oakland and the late Mary Geneva (née Goss) Rhodes. He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Andrew Fike; his stepmother, Beatrice Rhodes and a stepbrother, Edward Roy Bennett. Mike was a self-employed brick mason. He was a member of the Bricklayers Local Union 15, West Virginia, Fairmont, WV, for 48 years. Mike served in the United States Marine Corps as a Sergeant; was a life member of Mountainside Marines Detachment #1071, Cumberland, MD, serving as Paymaster; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, Cumberland, MD; a member of the Grantsville American Legion Post #214, Grantsville, MD, where he served in the Honor Guard; President of the Restless Ridge Hunting Club, Accident, MD; competed in the Marine Corps League rifle matches in Marriottsville, MD, Indiantown Gap, PA, and Zanesville, OH; competed in National Rifle matches in Butner, NC, and Camp Perry, OH, and various other competitions earning quite a few shooting medals. Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, taking long walks in the wood, shooting on the rifle range with his buddies, and spending time with his close friends and his grandson Zach. In addition to his father, he is survived by four daughters, Anita J. Rhodes and partner, Gail Hebb, Oakland; Maria J. Friend and husband, Carl, Swanton, MD; Janice L. Sweitzer and husband, Bill, Oakland; Kelly D. DeWitt and husband, Chuck, Oakland; one brother, Jim Rhodes and wife, Lois, Swanton, MD; two half-sisters, Pam Combs and husband, Steve, Morgantown, WV; Lori Davis, Oakland; one step-sister, Mildred O'Haver and husband, Buddy, Oakland; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; several nephews and nieces; two rescue and faithful canine companions, June and Chance. A procession began at Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 179 Miller Street, Grantsville, MD, 21536, at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, to carry Mike to his final resting place at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery, 14205 Pleasant Valley Road, Flintstone, MD, 21530 where a graveside service with military honors was held at 1:00 PM. The Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 1100 Memorial Dr., Oakland, MD, 21550 was in charge of his arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Mountainside Marines Detachment #1071, P.O. Box 427, Cumberland, MD, 21502. Condolences may be sent to his family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.



CHARLES A. RICE, SR. – Died Friday, February 7, 2020 in Trussville, Alabama at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on September 21, 1948 in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Henry Rice, Sr. and Rosa Mae Rice. He was a United States Army Veteran, awarded the Bronze Star Medal, who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of his service to his country. He was with the First Infantry Division 'The Big Red One' and 101st Airborne Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. Once an avid fisherman, esteemed photographer, athletically built, charming and handsome gentleman, Charles suffered from many health issues including but not limited to Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease, and Diabetes Mellitus due to his exposure to Agent Orange while serving his country which contributed to his early demise. Charles, member of Faith Church, graduate of Hayes High Class of 1967 and Lawson State Community College, former resident of North Smithfield Manor, resident of Trussville, *Lifetime Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416 and DAV, retired master electrician Norfolk Southern Railroad died peacefully in his sleep while attending the 101st Airborne Reunion in Tampa, Florida on Friday, February 7, 2020 with his wife by his side. Charles is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 46 years, Jacqueline Rice; his children whom he was extremely proud of Charles A. Rice, Jr., Dr. Jacqueline Rice-McKenzie, M.D., (Richard), Roderick Rice, and Brian Rice; precious grandchildren Asharueah Rice, Charley Ann McKenzie, Lia McKenzie, Victoria McKenzie and Ricky McKenzie; siblings Eria Matthews, Ella (Tyrone) Hall, Henry (Annette) Rice, Alvin (Michelle) Rice, Curtis Rice, Debra (Randle) Key, Denise (Michael) Banks, Phyllis Moon and Veronica (Eric) Smoke; uncles Lacy (Inez) Rice, Earlie B. Rice, aunts Clemmie (Fred) Horton, Nell Spencer, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors. Other than raising his family, the top highlight in Charles' life was driving across the country in a once in a lifetime journey volunteering and campaigning for the election of President Barack Obama. This journey included but was not limited to Sioux Falls, SD; Pittsburg, PA; Elizabethtown, KY; Charlotte, NC; Houston, TX; New Port News, VA; St. Paul, MN and Tampa, FL. Charles' favorite passion was watching baseball. His favorite baseball player was his son, Charles A. Rice, Jr. first round draft pick with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1993. Public Viewing - Bushelon Funeral Home (800 14th Street SW, Birmingham., AL) on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 1:00 to 8:00 PM; Family Hour - 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral Services – Faith Church at Oxmoor Valley (101 Oslo Circle, Birmingham, AL) on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 12:00 Noon.



RONALD L. "Ron" ROBERTSON - Died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, Illinois at the age of 69, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of

Pocahontas, Illinois. The cause of death was colon cancer. Ron was born on April 11, 1950 in Fort Hood, Texas to the late William and Dathel (née Sanders) Robertson. On April 28, 1972, he married Julia Zeller in Edwardsville, IL. Ron enlisted in the United States Army in 1967 and served in the Vietnam War. Among the medals he received was the National Defense Service medal, Vietnam service medal, Army commendation medal, and good conduct medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**. Ron was a member of Local 622 from June 25, 1986 until he retired in 2015. He built and raced stock cars since 1973 and founded Wonder Acres Racing. He won numerous track championships. Ron also loved to dance and could imitate James Brown to the “T.” He was a real family man and loved taking his granddaughter on 4-wheeler rides. He especially enjoyed getting together for family gatherings. He is survived by his wife, Julia Robertson, Highland, IL; daughter Eileen McGinn, Highland, IL; sisters, Connie (Bill) McClish, Arkansas, Judy Clark, Kentucky, Drucilla (Stan) Sneed, Cottage Hills, IL; brothers Don (Lola) Robertson, Grantfork, IL, August Haegler, Pocahontas, IL; granddaughter, Phoenix Wright; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Lester Robertson; sister, Patricia Dooley. Visitation was on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and on Sunday, February 16th from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM at the Meridith Funeral Home, Pocahontas, IL. The funeral service was on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Meridith Funeral Home, Pocahontas, IL. Reverend Adam Haas was the officiant. The interment was in the Highland City Cemetery. The Meridith Funeral Home, Pocahontas, IL was in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT LAWRENCE “Larry” RODABAUGH, JR. – Died Sunday, January 26, 2020 in Depew, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 24, 1941 to the late Robert L. Rodabaugh, Sr. and Helen Jane Rodabaugh. He was the beloved husband of Diane A. (née Rybaczeski) Rodabaugh; dearest father of Wendy Lynn (James) Everard and Eric E. Rodabaugh; loving grandpa of Allie and Emily Everard; dear brother of William (Linda) Rodabaugh; dear brother-in-law of James (Geraldine) Rybaczeski; also survived by many close family and friends. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. There was no prior visitation. Funeral services were held privately. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America. The arrangements were made by the Urban-Amigone Funeral Home. Share condolences online. www.amigone.com.

ROBERT HARRISON “Harry” ROY, JR. (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Sunday, February 16, 2020 at his residence in Athens, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 19, 1947, a native of Maryville, Tennessee and a resident of McMinn County most of his life, he was the son of the late Elizabeth Ann (née Chastain Roy. Harry was a beloved member of his community and committed 16 years to Denso Manufacturing before retiring. He also proudly served in the United States Navy for 25 years as an Aviation Boatswain Mate achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Harry loved his family with a passion unlike any other, and it is through that light we will carry on his love, blessings and traditions. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Richmond King and Gertrude Webb Chastain. Fair winds and

following seas Chief. Survivors were his wife of 38 years; Sharon Roy, of Athens; his son, Keith Roy and grandchildren, William and Marcus and a large loving extended family. The funeral service was at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2020 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with the Reverend Bill Vest officiating. There was a private graveside service with military honors at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2020 before the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family. Those unable to attend may send condolences to www.laycockhobbs.com/notices/Robert-Roy. The Laycock-Hobbs Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.



DENIS A. RUBINGH (USAF, MSgt, Ret.) – Died Friday, February 28, 2020 at 1935 hours in Andalusia, Illinois at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 10, 1942 to late Harold and Gladys Rubingh. Master Sergeant Rubingh retired after proudly serving our country for 23 years including one tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by one sister, Georgiana and one brother, Donald. Remaining state side is his wife of 32 years, Uraina; two brothers, Russell and Larry; one sister, Darlene; and children, Connie, Matheu, Tammy, Albert, Jerry, Rochelle, Darci, John, Mark, and Roy. There are also twenty-nine grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. Per Master Sergeant Rubingh's request, no funeral services were conducted. Instead graveside services were at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Rock Island National Cemetery, where military honors were conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Quad Cities Chapter #299. Those who attended the graveside services met at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, 3030-7th Avenue, Rock Island at 9:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to his wife through the funeral home. Online condolences may be left for the family at wheelanpressly.com.



MICHAEL WILLIAM SABIN - Died Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Ascension - Saint Clare Hospital in Weston, Wisconsin at the age of 73. He was a resident of Minocqua, Wisconsin. The cause of death was coronary artery disease. He was born on May 19, 1946 in Evanston, Illinois to the late Daniel and Martha (née Armitage) Sabin. Michael joined the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country in Vietnam from 1966-1968. The Marines were very important to Michael. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minocqua Chapter #256**. Michael worked in the accounting field for over 40 years prior to his retirement. He was an avid card player, especially enjoying Bridge. Michael played several days a week at various places in the Northwoods. He volunteered for many years at the Lakeland Food Pantry before his health prevented him. Michael loved spending time with his grandchildren, being outdoors in the Northwoods and of course, his dogs and cats. He enjoyed

football, especially the Green Bay Packers, and reading about military history. Michael also amassed a large collection of movies and was a self-proclaimed movie buff. He is survived by his loving wife, Leslie J. Bruns; two children Sara (Jay) Alger and Jennifer (Adam) Mrozek; five grandchildren, Ava, AJ, Avery, Abigail and Cassidy; three sisters, Susan (Tony) Servin, Patty Sabin and Janet Sabin; nephew, Dan Coeper; aunt, Carol Sabin and many other relatives and friends. A Memorial Service was held at Saint Matthias Episcopal Church in Minocqua on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 11:00 AM, with a gathering one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Saint Matthias Church, P.O. Box 936, Minocqua, WI 54548. The Bolger Cremation and Funeral Services of Minocqua and Woodruff was in charge of the arrangements for the family. www.bolgerfuneral.com.



MICHAEL BENJAMIN "Mike" SETTLES, SR. - Died Friday, January 24, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 71, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. Mike was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky on January 31, 1948 to the late James and Flossie Settles. Mike was a graduate of Ahrens High School before serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He was a proud member of multiple veteran organizations and was part of the color guard for many years with the Vietnam Veterans of America. Mike was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his grandchildren. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 52 years, Janis Settles; his children Ben Settles (Rachel), Jennifer Settles, Amy Gordon (Jonathan); grandchildren Michael, Mattie, Samantha, Abby, Jack, Brady, Mary; and his beloved sister Betty Anderson (Norman). A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 1st at the Ratterman Brothers Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Road, "in St. Matthews". The family received visitors from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The burial was in the Cave Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial contributions be made in Mike's name to Vietnam Veterans of America - Kentuckiana Chapter 454, P.O. Box 91297 Louisville KY 40291. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses from the Palliative Care Unit at Baptist Health Louisville for their compassion and care for Mike and his family.



DONALD LEE SHANNON - Died Friday, December 6, 2019 in Brownstown, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Riverview, Michigan on January 6, 1943 to the late Elmer and Edith Shannon. He was the loving father of Jeremy Shannon, James Shannon and Donna Shannon. Donald proudly served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of Americas – Plymouth Chapter #528** for 35 years. The funeral service was on Tuesday, December 10th at the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River

Drive, Huron Township. Visitation was on Monday, December 9, 2019. He was taken by Horse-Drawn Carriage to Michigan Memorial Park for entombment.



DAVID FULTON SHAULIS - Died Saturday, February 22, 2020 at his residence in Grantsville, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 26, 1948 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to the late Roy Kautz Shaulis and Mildred Mae (née Fulton) Shaulis. Mr. Shaulis was a welder for the AMM Corporation and a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Trinity United Church of Christ, Grantsville, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, the Grantsville Post #214, American Legion, VFW Post #8826, Walker-Harris, Salisbury, Pa., Mountain Lodge #99, A.F. & A.M., Frostburg, Grantsville Lions Club, Cumberland Consistory of Scottish Rite, and Ali Ghan Shrine, Cumberland. He is survived by two daughters, Stephanie Rieve, Accident, Sally Shaulis, Grantsville; one sister, Gloria Kripowicz, Frederick; two grandchildren, Justin David Rieve and Claudia Ann Rieve. Friends were received at the Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 179 Miller Street Grantsville, on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Funeral services were conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 12:00 Noon with the Reverend Edward DeVore officiating. The interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery, Rocky Gap, Maryland. Military graveside rites were accorded by the Grantsville Post #214, American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #172. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Shriners Hospital for Children, ATTN: Office of Development, 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.

RALPH WILLIAM SHAW (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 2, 2020 in Alpharetta, Georgia at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Mishawaka, Indiana on July 11, 1946. He served in the United States Army from January 16, 1968 to January 31, 1993. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 and from 1968 to 1969. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (O-5). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. Care and trust were placed in the McDonald and Son Funeral Home and Crematory, 150 Shawnee Drive, Cumming, Georgia (www.mcdonaldnadosn.com).

MICHAEL F. SHEPPA – Died recently in 2020 in Torrance, California at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 22, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53**.



LARRY LEE SHOOK - Died Saturday, February 15, 2020 at his residence in Saint Augustine, Florida at the age of 81. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, respiratory failure, Diabetes Mellitus-Type II and PTSD. Larry was born in Salem, Ohio

on November 9, 1938 to the late William and Marian Shook. Larry was a retired United States Army Veteran receiving a purple heart and a bronze star during his three tours in Vietnam. Larry retired as a JROTC Instructor at Saint Augustine High School. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Augustine Chapter #1084** and Pointman Ministries. He was also a member of Anastasia Baptist Church. Larry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carla; brothers, William and Richard (Gwen) Shook; adopted daughter, Michelle (Shawn) Borandi; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends who will miss him dearly. A celebration of Larry's life was at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at Anastasia Baptist Church with Reverend Dr. Walter West officiating. Visitation was at 12:00 Noon prior to the service. Larry was laid to rest with full military honors on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 2:30 PM at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Wounded Warrior Project, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. Saint John's Family Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

JOSEPH A. "Joe" SHUBERDA, SR. - Died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 72, after a brief illness. He was a resident of North Las Vegas, Nevada. The cause of death is unknown. Joe was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey on June 21, 1947 to the late John and Hattie (née Jackowski) Shuberda. He grew up in Sayerville, New Jersey and attended Sayerville War Memorial High School before entering the United States Navy on September 1, 1965. While serving on the USS Forrestal on July 29, 1967, Joe along with his fellow shipmates helped combat a major blaze aboard the ship. Unfortunately, the tragic incident took the lives of 134 of his fellow shipmates. He was honorably discharged in 1969. Joe worked briefly on the NJ Turnpike as a mechanic before joining the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department in 1973, where he served for 25 years, retiring in 1998, and starting a fulltime career as a Pop. Joe was a member of multiple organizations. He was a Past Exalted Ruler and life member of the Jamesburg Elks #2180, and Past President of PBA Local 165. He was also a member of the Sayerville VFW and American Legion, Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233** and the USS Forrestal Association. Joe was also a Past President of Cruisin' Knights Classic Car Club in Jamesburg, New Jersey. Joe's other hobbies included coaching his two sons in football, his love for the NY Giants, working on his classic cars and, later in life, reconnecting with family and friends through Facebook. After living in Jamesburg, New Jersey for 30 years, Joe moved to Las Vegas to be close to family. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Jacquie (née Browning), his eldest son, Joseph, Jr. and his wife Cheryl, of Las Vegas, his youngest son, John and his wife Courtney, of Las Vegas, his beloved grandchildren, Xavier, Logan, Tristen and Alexander. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Goodwin and her husband John, of Florida, his sister, Joan Vida, of Florida and his brother, John (Gene) and his wife Shirley, of New Jersey. He will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Family and friends were invited to attend a Celebration of Life gathering on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Palm Mortuary located at 6701 North Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV, with light refreshments to follow. A second memorial in New Jersey

occurred at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans Association. <https://secure.dav.org>.



LEROY HUMBERT SICKELS, JR. - Died Monday, December 2, 2019 at home in Matawan, New Jersey at the age of 70, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Leroy was born in Long Branch, New Jersey on August 5, 1949 to the late Margaret (née Devlin) and Leroy Humbert Sickels, Sr. He was a lifelong resident of Matawan, he proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, Bravo Company, 2nd Recon Branch, 2nd Marine Division as a Sergeant for two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. Leroy is a retired Stagehand at IATSE Local 1 in New York. He is a life member and past Chief of Washington Engine Company in Matawan, a member of the Phillip K "Tinker" Dorn Detachment of the Marine Corps League, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Monmouth Chapter #721** and the Force Recon Association. Leroy is predeceased by his parents and his grandson Michael C. Koelle in 1998 and sister Margaret Thompson. He leaves behind his devoted wife Patricia (née Feduniak) Sickels, his loving children Dawn and husband Michael Koelle, Kathleen and Alfonso Chieffo, Michael and Jeanine Sickels, Patrick Sickels and Terence Sickels. Also surviving are his cherished sister Mary Louise Cottingham and brother John Sickels, and grandchildren Matthew, Joseph, Nicole, Grace, Elizabeth, Daniel and Christopher. Visitation was held from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM on Thursday, December 5th at the Day Funeral Home. Visitation resumed from 9:00-9:45 AM on Friday, December 6th at Day Funeral Home, 361 Maple Place, Keyport, New Jersey. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday at 10:00 AM at Saint Clement Roman Catholic Church in Matawan. The interment was held at Saint Joseph Cemetery, NJ. For more information visit www.dayfuneralhome.com.

GENE GALE SMALLWOOD (USMC, CPT-Ret.) - Died Sunday, October 6, 2019 at Madison Hospital in Madison, Alabama at the age of 82. He was a resident of Madison. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born on January 2, 1937 in Washington DC to the late Howard Henry Smallwood and Ada (née King) Smallwood. Mr. Smallwood is survived by his wife, Barbara Smallwood of Madison, AL; nephew, Gary King Smallwood II of Glenn Allen, VA; niece, Melissa Jordan (John) of Madison, AL. Mr. Smallwood was of the Methodist faith. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as a Private and retired as a Captain on the battlefield in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. No services were planned at this time. The Limestone Chapel Funeral Home assisted the family.



JOHN MICHAEL "Mike" SMITH - Died Tuesday, August 20, 2019 in Wetumpka, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1939 to the late William and Ruth Smith. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Montgomery Chapter #607**. Mike, a lifelong servant of Christ who had a love for people, numbers, pie, music, and vintage vehicles is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Katie and Steve Blair; his daughter Betsy Smith; grandchildren Andy Blair, Amelia Blair, Luci Clements, and Abigail Callis. He is also survived by a loving extended family. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Sandy and his parents William and Ruth. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Mulder UMC Building Fund. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, August 24th at 10:30 AM at the Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church with Dr. Matt Mobley officiating. The family received friends beginning at 9:00 AM at the church, prior to the service.



CLIFTON M. "Clif" SORENSON - Died Monday, March 16, 2020 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Clif was born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin on December 15, 1946 to the late Clarence and Olga Sorenson. He graduated from Chippewa Falls High School in 1965 and attended the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire for 2 years where he met Nancy Mittelstadt. Clif and Nancy were united in marriage in 1968. Clif joined the United States Air Force and was deployed to Vietnam in 1970; he was honorably discharged in 1975. Clif completed his bachelor's degree from University of Minnesota in 1978 and was a proud Golden Gopher and later became a Licensed Professional Councilor. In Minnesota Clif worked for the Federal VA and in the banking industry. In 1991 he became the Barron County Veteran's Service Officer. In 1995 he took a position working for the State of WI Veteran's affairs office in Madison. Clif served Eau Claire County as Veteran's Service officer with his assistant CVSO and friend Debbie Waite from 2000 until he retired in 2014. Following retirement, Clif continued to serve by being a prominent advocate for Wisconsin veterans with a focus on veterans' well-being. He was most recently the 10th District Department Chaplain for the American Legion. Clif loved being an important member of a number of other veterans-related organizations as well. Clif helped countless people during his decades of selfless service and touched so many lives. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #5**. When not serving veterans, Clif enjoyed camping, visiting the ocean, whistling, singing made-up songs, watching endless episodes of Jeopardy, reading and spending time with family. Clif is survived by his loving wife Nancy Sorenson; son Jason (Farrah) Sorenson; daughter Kristin (Corey) Kurtz; grandchildren: Josh Kurtz, Liz Kight, Jon Sorenson, Skyler (Lizzy) Sorenson, Sienna Sorenson, Erin McCormick and Devan Porter; great-grandsons Wyatt and Gabe Kight; siblings Val Howard and Rodney Sorenson; step-siblings: Carol (Burt) Richard, Claire

(Sam) Jackson, Nita (Gregg) Lewis, Don Schwieters and Mike (Jenny) Schwieters; brother-in-law Ron (Gloria) Mittelstadt; nieces; nephews and good friends. Clif was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother Verena Sorenson; infant sister; brother Virgil Sorenson and his beloved son Brad Sorenson. Clif will be remembered for his smiling face, infectious laugh, warm hugs, vigorous handshakes and kind and encouraging words. The family would like to extend extra special thanks to Liz Kight for dedicating the past several months to assisting her Grandpa. A Celebration of Life was held at a later date. Chippewa Valley Cremation Services - Celebration of Life Center was in charge of the arrangements.



OLE SAMMUEL STEIGBERG II (USMSG-Ret.) - Died at 1:39 AM on Friday, February 21, 2020, at his home in Effingham, Illinois at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Ole was born on January 22, 1947 in North Dakota to the late Ole Sammuel Steigberg, Sr. and Dorris (née Heggstrom) Steigberg. He married Marcia Jean Anderson on December 10, 1982, in Natick, MA; she preceded him in death on November 29, 2016. Ole proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and Panama Conflict. He was stationed mainly in Germany and achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. He was an avid animal lover, and took in all strays, providing the care they needed. He was always open to helping others and wanted the world to be a better place by his positive interactions with everyone he encountered. He was also preceded in death by his parents; brother, John G. Steigberg; and sister, Patricia Steigberg. He is survived by his niece, Stephanie (husband, Roy) McCallister of Effingham; step-sons, Brian (wife, Crystal) Trail and Robert “Bobby” Trail, both of Washington, IL, and Daniel Trail of Louisville, KY; several step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and sister, Tina Shaw of Rantoul. Visitation hours were held from 5:00- 7:00 PM on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the Boardman-Smith Funeral Home, 800 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield. The funeral ceremony was at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the Boardman-Smith Funeral Home with Reverend Robert Dykman officiating. The burial was in the Camp Butler National Cemetery with military honors provided by Interveterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County and DOD. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 75817, Topeka, KS 66675-8517 or the Illinois Humane Society, P.O. Box 512, Springfield, IL 62705.



GEORGE JOSEPH STEVENS (USA, MSG-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at his residence in Killeen, Texas at the age of 67. He was formerly of Harker Heights, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 5, 1952 in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late George W. and Florence Stevens. George spent his whole life serving others and started by joining the United States Army on January 16, 1970. He served as a

Combat Medic with the 25th Infantry Division and later as a Dustoff Flight Medic with the 101st Airborne Division. During his service in Vietnam, George was wounded by gunfire while performing a rescue of wounded American Soldiers. He did not let this traumatic injury stop his service to others, and after six months of recuperation at a hospital in Okinawa, Japan, George volunteered to serve an additional 18 months in the same Okinawan Hospital helping other wounded personnel. Some of George's other duty stations include: Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he served as a medical instructor for eight years, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, two tours in Korea, two tours at Fort Hood, Texas, and service in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield. After a highly successful military career, George retired from the United States Army as a Master Sergeant on August 30, 1991. For his selfless service to our country, George received numerous commendations and awards such as the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation Badge with Palm, National Defense Service Medal with One Service Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with One Bronze Service Star, amongst others. George was a true American Patriot, but his service to help others was not yet complete. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. After his military retirement, George applied and was hired with the Killeen Police Department on October 4, 1991. George started as a Patrol Officer and worked tirelessly to move up to the rank of Sergeant and finally Lieutenant until his retirement on March 9, 2014. George served his community well and with great pride. He was also formally recognized by the Killeen Police Department many times, specifically when he saved the life of a two year old child who drowned on January 17, 2004, and on December 22, 1996, when he and other officers were able to apprehend an individual without incident who had cut his wrists and was still armed with razor blades in each hand. Additionally, George was instrumental in being the police department supervisor for the Region 6, Killeen Haz-Mat Team. George left a legacy of service to others. George leaves behind his loving wife, Hee Soon, daughters Teresa and Joanna, his sons Moo Y. Jae and Moo J. Jae, four wonderful grandchildren, and his extended family from the United States Army and the Killeen Police Department.

JOHN S. STEVENSON – Died recently in 2020 in New Town, North Dakota at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 4, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Town Chapter #487**.



ERNEST LARRY "Buster" TALLENT - Died Thursday, January 16, 2020 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Washington, DC on April 29, 1948 to the late Grayson Thomas Tallent and Freda (née Moore) Tallent. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce Tallent and sister, Blanche Tallent. Buster was a United States Army veteran and honorably served with the 4th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Franklin Chapter #994. He was a man of faith and attended Franklin Church of God. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and woodworking. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Clara Bell (née McConnell) Tallent; his children, Larry Tallent and wife Maria, Tracy Tallent and wife Meg and Kayla Tallent Schulte and husband Casey all of Franklin; one brother, Grayson Tallent, Jr. and sister, Grace Houston both of Franklin and five grandchildren, Ashleigh, Madison and Gabby Tallent and Harper and Jace Schulte. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 20th at the Franklin Church of God. Pastor Danny Cannon, Pastor Tracy Tallent and Pastor Michael Stephens co-officiated with the VVA Chapter #994 performing full military rites. The burial was in the Addington Community Cemetery. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Sunday, January 19th at the Franklin Church of God. The pallbearers were Lyman Holland, James Jenkins, James Aiken, Robert Moss, Elbert McConnell, Rick Dehart and Jerry Shook. The honorary pallbearers were David Parham, Harold Moore, Bill Moore, Shannon Bradford, Eddie Raby and Dewey Sanders. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to VVA Chapter #994, c/o Dick Sheenan, 249 Sloan Road, Franklin, NC 28734. The Macon Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Condolences can be made to the family at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

ANTHONY T. TOPPA, JR. – Died recently in 2020 in Rio Vista, California at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 28, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702.**

GROVER TOTMAN – Died Friday, January 3, 2020 in in the Veterans Home in Yountville, California at the age of 73. The cause of death was a fall and pneumonia. He was born in Sacramento, California on May 13, 1946. He served in the United States Navy with a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702.**



RICHARD HENRY VACHON, JR. - Died Monday, February 17, 2020 in the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bennington on July 7, 1944 to the late Richard Henry Vachon, Sr. and Mary Ruth (née Holden) Vachon. A native of Bennington, Richard lived in the Syracuse, NY area for many years but returned to Bennington in 2003. Richard received his education in Bennington. After having graduated from Bennington Catholic High School in 1962 he enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served on the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. DD-850

from 1963-1967. After completing his enlistment, Richard graduated from Saint Joseph Business College in 1970, later known as Southern Vermont College. While a student at SJC, he ran for class president, was appointed to chairman of activities, and created the SJC Hiking Club. SJC is also where he met his wife, Paula Ann Grover. They were subsequently married in October of 1970. Paula passed in 1988. Richard and Paula shared a great love and he remained a devoted and loving father to his daughter Rebecca for the rest of his life. While employed at Anaran Microwave (Syracuse), Richard competed on the golf team, was captain of the bowling team, and for 17 years was the Anaran Santa. In his later years, Richard was employed at Walmart (Camillus, NY and Bennington, VT) where he was awarded Associate of the Month multiple times. Six years ago, Richard moved into the Vermont Veteran's Home. While there, he made it his mission to lobby for and be the voice for helping his fellow residents. He was a people person and enjoyed bringing smiles of joy and comfort to those around him. As the Resident Council President (for multiple years) Richard was an active resident. Not only was he a member of the facility Germ Team and hand-washing advocate for several years, he organized resident (staff) talent shows, brought in entertainment, and organized a dance. One of his proudest moments was when he re-opened the VVH Merchandise Store. Via his efforts of running the store, the store was able to contribute to donations made by the VVH to the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless and to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. Richard will be remembered as an avid fisherman, a NASCAR fan, and a supporter of the Syracuse Orangemen and New York Giants. He will also be remembered as a cancer fighter and survivor who was a regular attendant of the Relay for Life. He could proudly be seen there each year rounding the track with other survivors including his best friend of over 65 years, Larry Johnson. Surviving are his daughter Rebecca Ruth (Vachon) Stuter and son-in-law Ronald Stuter of Harpursville, NY, brother Joseph Thomas (Kathleen) Vachon, sister Pamela Vachon-Duprea, brother-in-law, Stephen (Sue Ellen) Grover and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Paula Ann Grover and daughter-to-be, Chloe Mae. The funeral was held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 11:30 AM from Four Chaplains All Faiths Chapel at the Vermont Veterans Home where the Liturgy of Christian Burial was offered. Friends came to visit at the Chapel on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The burial took place in the family lot in Park Lawn Cemetery. Should friends desire memorial contributions in Richard Vachon's memory may be made to the Activities Fund at the Vermont Veterans Home through the office of the Mahar and Son Funeral Home, 628 Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201. Guestbook condolences may be made at www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net.



JOSEPH EDWARD "Jody" WALRIVEN (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Batavia, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 17, 1946. He was the devoted husband of the late Elzad Peggy Walriven (2017). He was the loving father of Joseph A. (Sandra) and Bryon E. (Vonicha) Walriven; brother of Tim,

Mark and Monty Walriven; cherished grandfather of Joey Walriven, and; survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He served in both the United States Army and the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. The family received family and friends on Friday March 6, 2020 at Moore Family Funeral Home, 225 Spring Street, Batavia, OH from 9:00 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM. The interment was in the Graceland Memorial Gardens, Milford, Ohio. Memorials may be directed to VFW Post #9630, 4283 Stoddard Lane, Batavia, OH 45103.



RONALD LEE WARE - Died Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 74. He was a resident of Martinsburg. The cause of death was undetermined natural causes (according to the death certificate). He was born on September 29, 1944 in Winchester, West Virginia to the late Everette Oscar Ware, Jr. and Jeanne Iris (née Gruber) Lunceford. He was a member of Pikeside United Methodist Church and a member of the Loyal Order Moose 120, VFW Post #896, and American Legion Post #14. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**. He was a Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Army and was employed as an operation's chief for the 167th West Virginia Army National Guard. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Tena Gail (née Custer) Ware; two daughters, Jody Shull and husband Erle and Melissa Hyatt and husband Matthew; and two granddaughters, Jenna Shull and Isabella Hyatt. The family received friends on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home. The funeral services were held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home with Pastor Bill Ball officiating. Military graveside services were held at the Mausoleum at Pleasant View Memory Gardens. Donations may be made in Ronald's name to Pikeside United Methodist Church, 25 Paynes Ford Road, Martinsburg, WV, 25405 or to a charity of one's choice.



RICHARD LEE "Cowboy" WELLNITZ - Died Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Avantara – Milbank in Milbank, South Dakota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 29, 1945 in Milbank to the late Ralph and Allkie (née Blum) Wellnitz. He grew up in the Milbank area and attended Revillo School, Corona School, Alban #5, and one year of high school in Milbank. Richard joined the United States Navy after high school and served in Vietnam on many different ships. He took four trips to Vietnam and in 1967, he was honorably discharged from the Navy. He joined the Army National Guard and served from 1975 to 1993. After his time served in the Navy, Richard returned to Milbank and started working at Cold Spring Granite Quarry and worked there for about six years. He then took a job at Flanery's Bracht Transportation and a few other trucking companies. He went to work for Cliff Viessman, Inc. and drove truck for that company for about 15 years. Richard retired in 2012. Richard had

two children; his son, Darrin, was born in 1970 and his daughter, Lynn, was born in 1972. On July 2, 2010, Richard was united in marriage with Marjorie Ann Trapp at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank. He was a proud member of the VFW, American Legion and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054*. Richard enjoyed outdoor activities such as golfing, fishing, and hunting. He could always be found with a cup of coffee in his hand and having a good time just visiting with people. Richard enjoyed traveling and saw a lot of the Midwest part of the United States while he was driving truck. The light of his life was his granddaughter, McKayla, and he spent as much time with her as he was able. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Marge of Milbank, SD; daughter, Lynn (John) Wendorf of Mason City, IA; granddaughter, McKayla Wendorf; step-children: Tina Rudebusch, Tara (Don) Wilkerson, and Elvis (Heidi) Mielitz; step-grandchildren: Brock Rudebusch, Jadin Rudebusch, Bryson Rudebusch, Karissa Wilkerson, Tracy Wilkerson, Kylee Mielitz, and Elvis Mielitz, Jr.; step-great-grandchildren: K'aLicia Rudebusch, Khloe Rudebusch, Jerico Rudebusch, and Jacoby Rudebusch; siblings: Donald (Carol) Wellnitz, Arnold (Sharon) Wellnitz, Joyce (Floyd) Hermans, and Earl (Marlys) Wellnitz; and sister-in-law, Sandy Wellnitz. Richard was preceded in death by his parents; son, Darrin; and brother, Dale. Private family funeral services were held at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank. Reverend Timothy Koch officiated and the burial with military honors was at the Albee Cemetery. There was not a time for public visitation.



DAVID ALLEN WENTE - Died Sunday, September 22, 2019 in Emporia, Kansas at the age of 71, with family present at bedside. He was formerly of Topeka, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. David was born on November 12, 1947 in Emporia to the late William and Sylvia Wente. After graduating from Blackwell High School in 1967, he went on to serve our country in the United States Army. David was deployed to Cu Chi, Vietnam and served in the Vietnam War from March 1968 – October 1969. After David returned from his service in the Army, he worked numerous jobs driving for companies, including Coca-Cola, UPS, and Evco (Emporia Wholesale Coffee Co.). Most of his career, however, was with the City of Emporia; Sanitation/Recycling Department. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912*. David is survived by his former wife, Barbara Wente of Fremont, Nebraska, with whom he shared 47 years of marriage, three daughters, Christina Harvey (Michael Rouser) of Hutchinson, Kansas, Nancy Harp (Bill Harp) of Fort Worth, Texas, and Amanda Moore (James Moore) of Fremont, Nebraska. Also, his grandchildren, Jacob Wente of Rockford, Illinois, Shelby Harvey and Leland Rouser of Hutchinson, Kansas, Sgt. Andrew Harp of Honolulu, Hawaii, Ethan Harp and Liam Harp of Fort Worth, Texas, Joel Moore, Micah Moore, Caleb Moore, and Jonah Moore of Fremont, Nebraska. Also, his father, William Wente (Gerry Wente) of Blackwell, Oklahoma, and brother, John Wente (Linda Wente) of Yukon, Oklahoma. David was predeceased by his mother, Sylvia Wente. Private inurnment took place in Braman, Oklahoma. Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the First

Church of the Nazarene, 2931 West 24th Avenue, Emporia, KS. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Disabled American Veterans <https://www.dav.org/>.

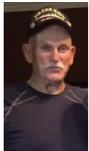


CHARLES ELWOOD WHITMORE - Died Friday, February 7, 2020 at his home in Mount Crawford, Virginia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. Elwood was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia on June 18, 1947 to Mary Margaret (née Wheelbarger) Whitmore of Penn Laird, Virginia and the late Stanley Hartman Whitmore. After graduating JMU, Elwood served in the United States Army as a Lieutenant during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061*. He would later retire from Degesch America in Weyers Cave where he served as a Vice President of Finance and Operations. He was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, and enjoyed spending time with family, traveling, gardening, the outdoors, and sleeping in late. On Aug. 5, 1978, he was united in marriage to Mary Lou (née Fisher) Whitmore, who survives. Elwood is also survived by a daughter, Dr. Maria Smith and husband, Evan, of Fishersville; a son, Dr. Jeremy Whitmore and wife, Sarah, of Elkton; siblings, Warren Whitmore and wife, Carolyn, of Dayton, Donna Hill and husband, Lynn, of Harrisonburg, and Marvin Whitmore and wife, Melinda, of Rockingham; six grandchildren, Caiden Whitmore, Judah Smith, Micah Smith, Carson Whitmore, Asher Smith, and Evangeline Smith. Family and friends visited Johnson Funeral Service in Bridgewater anytime on Sunday February 9th or Monday, February 10, 2020, when the casket will be open. A memorial service was conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 12th at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, with Burruss McCombe and Steve Draper co-officiating. The burial was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 546 West Mosby Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, Bridgewater Rescue Squad, PO Box 268, Bridgewater, VA 22812, and/or The Doorways (VCU Hospitality house), 612 East Marshall Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

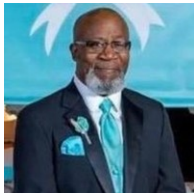


LEE WALTER WHITTAKER - Died Tuesday, October 8, 2019 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts to the late Lee and Emma Jane Whittaker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Elizabeth McGovern, Barbara Chase and Judith Clay. He attended South High Community School, Holy Cross College, Resurrection College in Kitchener, Ontario, Gloucester Monastery, and Atlantic University in Florida. Lee was a Corporal with the United States Marine Corps and Purple Heart recipient during Vietnam. He was the first K-9 Unit Police Officer with the City of Oakland Park, FL. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge,

Shriners, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Knight Mason, charter member of Veritas Lodge #769, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #81, Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th Degree, Marine Corps League, NRA member, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**, Veterans of Foreign Affairs, and the American Legion. He served as a past president of the Booster Club of Franklin High School, Chaplain of Junaluskee Lodge #145, Past President of Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, Past Venerable Master of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Past High Priest of York Right Mason #95, Chaplain of Glenville Lodge #551, Chaplain of Blue Ridge Lodge #435. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Natalie Whittaker of Franklin; three children, Natalie Whittaker of Franklin, Lee W. Whittaker (Courtney) of Newton, NC and Paul R. Whittaker (Dana) of Mills River, NC; two sisters, Beverly Griffin of Lester, MA and Susan Gilchrist of Whitinsville, MA; two grandchildren, Ethan and Madison Whittaker and fourteen nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 13, 2019 in the Chapel of the Macon Funeral Home. The burial was at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 14th in the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain, NC. The family received friends from 2:00-3:00 PM prior to the service at the funeral home. Condolences can be made to the family at www.maconfuneralhome.com. The family respectfully requested no flowers be sent and preferred donations to be made to either Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, c/o Andrew Norton, 274 Crestview Heights, Franklin, NC 28734 or VVA Chapter #994, 249 Sloan Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

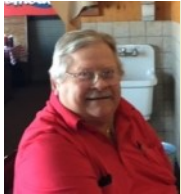


RAYMOND HENRY “Wick” WICKHAM - Died Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in Wright City, Missouri at the age of 75. The cause of death was heart failure. Wick was born on July 10, 1944 in San Diego, California to the late Emory and Mary Wickham. Raymond was known as Big Wick to most of his family and friends. Wick was preceded in death by his loving wife Suzi, parents and brothers John (Ed) and Bruce Wickham. Wick is survived by brother Scott (Judy) Wickham and sister Robin (Gary) Keller as well as multiple nieces, nephews and his loyal canine companion, Koda. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. A celebration of life was held on Friday, March 20, 2020, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon with the funeral following at Noon at the Martin Funeral Home in Warrenton, Missouri. The celebration provided family and friends a time to gather and honor Wick with shared stories old and new. As a proud Navy Veteran, Wick was laid to rest at Jefferson Barracks following the funeral, March 20, 2020, at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to a local organization that supports Veterans to honor Wick. Online condolences may be made at www.martinfuneral.net.



LARRY D. WILSON, SR. - Died Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at the Pender Memorial Hospital in Burgaw, North Carolina at the age of 64. He was a resident of Ivanhoe,

North Carolina. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on June 27, 1955. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at the Middle District Baptist Association, Highway 53, Burgaw, NC. The interment was in the Moore Swamp A.M.E. Church Cemetery, Ivanhoe, NC. A viewing for relatives and friends was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at the Dunn Funeral Home, 810 West Wilmington Street, Burgaw, NC.



DENNIS ALAN WOODFORD - Died Friday, February 7, 2020 at Marshfield Clinic Hospital in Eau Claire, Wisconsin at the age of 68. He was a resident of Eau Claire. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis was born on June 9, 1951 in Eau Claire to the late Clarence and Shirley Woodford. He proudly served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #5**. Dennis enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was one of the founding members of the Chippewa Valley Fishing Club. He was a very caring and giving person that had lots of passion in his life and loved his dogs Lucy and Haley. Dennis also enjoyed listening to all types of music, except country. His granddaughter was the light of his life. Dennis is survived by his wife Margaret; his stepdaughter, Tasha Ellis; his granddaughter, CJ Ellis; his brothers and sisters, Michael Woodford, Sue Woodford, Linda (Steve) Kumferman, Trisha Woodford, Jini Woodstock, Larry Woodford, Holly (Ron) Johnson and Charles Woodford, and; best friends Bob Ryan and Mike Rooney. He is further survived by other relatives and friends. A celebration of life was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Stokes, Prock & Mundt Funeral Chapel, 535 South Hillcrest Parkway, Altoona. Visitation was held one hour prior to services. The burial was in the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.



BURKS ALLEN WOODS – Died Wednesday, October 24, 2018 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 65. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Huntsville on February 6, 1953 to the late Rosco Looney and Minnie Ree (née Woods) Looney. He was preceded in death by his father and mother; brothers: Mr. William Woods and Lindsey Gurley, Jr.; grandson, Dezmond Dennis. Burks is survived by his wife of 24 years, Gaynell; son, EnRico McCrary; brother, Archie Gurley, Sr. (Lois); sisters: Mary White, Alice Cawthorn (Levi) and Nancy Flint (Charlie); granddaughters: Destiny McCrary Dennis and Akasha McCrary; one aunt, Grace Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and dear friends. He served in the United States Army from March 9, 1971 to March 9, 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from September 26, 1971 to March 2, 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**

Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067. The funeral service was at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Saint Mark Baptist Church, 6475 Moores Mill Road, Huntsville, AL with Pastor Jeremiah Chester officiating. The interment was in the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace. He laid in repose one hour prior to funeral time. The Woods Family received guests from 4:00 until 5:00 PM on Monday, October 29, 2018 at the Royal Chapel of Memories. Public viewing was from 2:00 until 8:00 PM on Monday, October 29, 2018 and from 8:30 until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Royal Funeral Home.



DUANE WILLARD “Woody” WOODS - Died Sunday, February 16, 2020 in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in DeSmet, South Dakota on September 10, 1947 to the late George and Muriel (née Barber) Woods in DeSmet, South Dakota. He grew up at Lake Preston, Henry and Garden City, South Dakota, graduating from Garden City. He enlisted in the United States Navy on January 5, 1967 and was honorably discharged on October 28, 1970. He re-enlisted into the Naval Reserves from 1973 to 1980. Woody was a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Watertown Chapter #1054**, of Northeast South Dakota. Woody was united in marriage to Linda Borns on January 29, 1971 at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Henry. The couple raised their three children, Troy, Jason and Tracie in Watertown, South Dakota. Woody was a truck driver employed at Harms Oil Company for 32 years. Then he worked at Stromseth Construction and Clausen Construction. He always enjoyed his coffee with his coffee friends and Woody loved to talk. He also loved spending time with his grandkids who were his pride and Woody would go out of his way to help them with anything. Woody is survived by his wife, Linda Woods of Watertown, SD; his children, Troy (Kristie) Woods of Brookings, SD, Jason (Kay) Woods of Watertown, SD and Tracie (Garry) Rabine of Watertown, SD; his three grandchildren, Madison Rabine, Brandon Schuldt and Abby Schuldt; his brother, Dean (Glenda) Woods of Florence, SD; his sister, Helen Woods of Watertown, SD; and brothers-in-law, Virg (Sue) Borns, Steve Borns, David (Cindy) Borns, Jerry Borns and Doug (Char) Borns; and his many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Muriel Woods; his brother, LeRoy Woods; his parents-in-law, Virgil Sr. and Donna Borns; and his sister-in-law, Mickie Woods. Funeral services were at 1:30 PM on Friday, February 21, 2020 at Saint Martin Lutheran Church in Watertown with Reverend Paul Janke officiating and Julie Sulzle as the organist. Visitation hours were from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. The interment was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown. Military Honors were conducted by South Dakota Navy Funeral Honors Team with Vietnam Veterans of America of NE SD Chapter #1054. The pallbearers were Tom and Bill Woods, Tom, Eric and Aaron Borns and John Wookey. The Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel served the family, www.wightandcomes.com.

CHARLES EDWARD WYKLE - Died Wednesday, December 11, 2019 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 73. He was formerly of Ellenwood, Georgia. The cause of death was morbid obesity.

He was born on December 18, 1945 in Franklin. He served in the United States Army from April 1967 to April 1969 with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. The Bryant-Grant Funeral Home served the Wykle family.



FERMIN ZARAGOZA – Died Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in Arlington, Texas at the age of 71, surrounded by family and friends. The cause of death was pulmonary failure. He was born on July 7, 1948 in Temple, Texas to the late Leon and Catarina Zaragoza. He grew up in Temple and moved to Arlington, Texas as a teenager. He worked various jobs in retail and food service and managed a restaurant in Dallas for 15 years before going to work for the Department of Treasury in 1987 until his retirement in July 2010. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and member of Church on the Hill in Cedar Hill, Texas and had a genuine, loving spirit toward everyone he met. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**. He is survived by his wife, Viola, of Arlington, Texas, daughter and son-in-law Catarina and Arthur Zaragoza-Dodge, of Hilo, Hawaii, sisters Candy Mungia, Lola Zaragoza, Victoria Iquebal and Rachel Sanchez of Temple and brother David Zaragoza of Brownsville, Texas. The viewing was held on Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Aria Funeral Home in Irving. The service occurred on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at Church on the Hill, Cedar Hill. The burial was in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to one of his two favorite charities, St. Jude Research or Wounded Warriors.

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