



**MICHAEL D. ADDINGTON** Died Wednesday evening, May 20, 2020, at Hospice Buffalo, Inc. in Cheektowaga, New York, at the age of 68. He was a resident of Dunkirk, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dunkirk on August 8, 1951, to the late Roy and Ruth (née Stevens) Addington. He lived in Dunkirk for most of his life. Michael was a graduate of Dunkirk High School, Class of 1970. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1971-72, where he received two bronze stars. A member of United Auto Workers local 897. He retired from the Ford Motor Co. Buffalo Stamping Plant,

where he was an electrician for many years. Prior to that, he also worked at the Kraft plant in Dunkirk until their closing. He also worked at General Electric in Erie, PA and Better Baked Foods in Westfield. He was a *Life Member* and the *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunkirk Chapter #459** for several years. In his prior years, he was also a member of the VVA Color Guard; he marched in parades for many years and carried the American flag. A chaplain and life member of the John T. Murray VFW Post #1017 for many years. He was also a past commander and served in every office of the post. A life member of Moniusko Club, a life member of Dom Polski Club and a member of Kosciuszko Club. He was a member of the former Lakeshore Marine Corps in Silver Creek and the former Acquavia Post #1344. A loving husband, father and grandfather, he enjoyed the simple things in life. He liked to tinker in his garage, ride his John Deere lawn tractor, watch the deer and the birds and even the squirrels. A member of Allegany Mountain Resort in East Otto, he would camp there often. He enjoyed socializing with his family and friends and his fellow veterans. An all-around nice guy who stood firm by his own values and who would help anyone in need out of kindness alone. He never expected repayment, a selfless heart. Survivors include his wife, Becky J. (Ceranowicz) Addington, whom he married on August 15, 1987; one son, James Addington of Dunkirk; one daughter, Lori Franklin of Salamanca; his grandson, Hendrick Franklin; brother, Jay (late Valerie) Addington of Delta, CO; sister-in-law, Elaine Addington of Oviedo, FL; brother-in-law, Ed Fierro of Reno, NV; and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Roy S. Addington; and one sister, Lorraine Fierro. Full military honors and a celebration of life were held at a later date. Arrangements were made by the McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home.

**HAROLD HENRY “Butch” AHERN** – Died Monday, July 10, 2020, in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 25, 1951. He served in the United States Army both in Korea and Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**.

**EDWARD KALUNA AKI, JR.** – Died Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in Morgan Hill, California at the age of 84. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure, septic shock, aspiration pneumonia ischerichia, bacterial etiology and end-state renal disease. He was born in Hawaii on September 5, 1935. He is survived by his wife, Ann J. Aki. He served in the United States Marine Corps with two tours of duty in Vietnam from June 13, 1965 to October 14, 1965 and from March 19, 1969 to March 11, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose Chapter #201**.



**CHARLES L. "Chuck" ALBERS** - Died Friday, June 19, 2020 at home in Germantown, Illinois, at the age of 71, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was bladder cancer. He was born on October 18, 1948 in Belleville, Illinois to the late Ray and Florence (née Vollmer) Albers. After high school, following his parents' deaths, Chuck moved to Germantown to live with his grandparents, the late Henry and Catherine Albers. There, he met Diane "Mert" Dierkes, whom he married May 8, 1971, at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown by Father Francis Seyer. She survives in Germantown. Chuck's favorite songs were "When a Man Loves a Woman" and "Look at Us;" his favorite car was his 1966 blue 396 Chevelle SS; his favorite truck was a Silverado; his favorite boat was a Ranger; his favorite vacation locations were anywhere there were mountains and trees, and all of the national parks plus Alaska, especially Yellowstone and Jackson Hole, WY; and his favorite pastimes were fishing and hunting and fishing and fishing and fishing. He and his wife, "Mert," vacationed in Florida every spring, where they attended Cardinals spring training games; and in the fall, they drove to locations as far east as Nova Scotia, as far north as Crater Lake in Oregon, and anywhere in between. And we almost forgot to mention that his favorite pastime was Fishing! While Chuck and Mert did not have children, in the '70s and '80s, kids from all over town came to their yard to play whiffle ball in the summer, with Chuck as the pitcher, and to play football in the fall, with Chuck as the quarterback. He also coached softball. He was the biggest kid in town! Chuck retired from General Motors (GM) in Wentzville, MO. On January 25, 1989, he saved a coworker's life by administering the Heimlich Maneuver. For his heroic efforts, Chuck was honored by GM with a gold watch, plaque, and luncheon. He proudly served as a medic in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and was stationed at Scott Air Force Base. He was a member and adjutant of Germantown American Legion Post 325 and a *Life Member* and *Secretary* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**. In addition to Mert, his wife of forty-nine years, Chuck is survived by his brother, Gary "Goober" (JoAnn) Albers; sisters-in-law, Carolyn (John) Santel, Marita Dierkes Hilmes, Janet Bach, Patricia (Steve) Reed, Shirley (Skip) Etter, JoAnn Sellers, and Kathy Rakers; brother-in-law Leroy "Perk" (Phyllis) Dierkes; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, George and Leona, nee Maue, Dierkes; and brothers-in-law Donald "Pete" Dierkes, Gene Hilmes, Stan Bach, Rich Sellers, and Joe Rakers. In lieu of floral pieces, plants, concrete stones and benches, lanterns, wind chimes, and other gifts, the Albers family requests that memorials be made to Germantown American Legion Post #325, Saint Boniface Cemetery, or Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #269. Memorials will be received at church or through Moss Funeral Home, who is serving the family (535 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Breese, IL). Expressions of sympathy can be sent to the family at [www.mossfuneralhome.com](http://www.mossfuneralhome.com) Visitation hours were on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Moss Funeral Home in Breese. The Mass of Christian Burial was on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown with Reverend Father James Buerster presiding. Interment with full military honors was in the Saint Boniface Cemetery in Germantown. The Albers family kindly

requested that guests wear a mask, practice social distancing, and refrain from hugs and handshakes at both the visitation and the funeral.



**SHIELA ANN "Nanny" ANDERSON** – Died Thursday, April 2, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart failure. She was born on July 18, 1951. A mother to all, she was known for her generous spirit, passion for life, and always open door. An educator for most of her life, she worked for both Lawrence and Washington townships and devoted much of her free time to volunteering. She doted on her garden and her grandchildren in equal measure and could always be counted on to host a euchre game or sit and talk over a cup of coffee. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis Chapter #295**. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wes Anderson, whom she is now reunited with in heaven. She is survived by her two children, Melanie Brizzi and David Anderson, her six grandchildren—Catherine, Emily, Lauren, CJ, Ella, and Nick—and her "adopted family" the Parks. A memorial service and celebration of her life was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages people to give to one of Nanny's favorite charities: Operation School Bell. <https://www.alindy.org/operation-school-bell.html>.



**JAMES GEORGE "Jim" ASHWELL** - Died Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at his home in Newington, Connecticut at the age of 72, with his beloved wife Kathleen at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 19, 1948 in Southington, Connecticut to the late William Henry Ashwell and Eleanor (née Ferguson) Ashwell. Jim grew up in Plantsville, CT in the Selah Barnes house (circa 1774). Jim graduated from Cheshire Academy and Valley Forge Military Academy & College in 1968. It was at Valley Forge where Jim's love of God and Country, strength and character, consideration of others, and high sense of duty, honor, loyalty, and courage were fostered. Continuing a family legacy of military service, Jim enlisted in the United States Army and served with the Americal Division (23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division) in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hartford Chapter #120**. Following his discharge, Jim began his professional career. He became a certified member of the Professional Golfers' Association and worked as the Head Golf Professional at Indian Hill Country Club in Newington, CT. During his tenure there, he especially enjoyed working with the young golfers to develop their skills and to teach the rules and etiquette of the game. Jim spent 35 years in sales positions at Stanley Works, Butler Paper, Amstek Metal, and Gibbs Wire and Steel. He traveled throughout the country and worked tirelessly to promote good customer relationships and provide quality personal service. In his retirement, Jim was employed part-time at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home in West Hartford, CT where he felt privileged to serve families and guests. Additionally, Jim was an active member at

Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, CT where he and Kathleen were married on June 18, 1983. Jim served in many leadership capacities at Emanuel. He was a member of the Church Council for several years, including a term as President. He also served on the Board of Capitol Towers. His position as Head Usher was a natural fit for Jim. He never missed a Sunday to welcome churchgoers with a strong handshake, warm smile, and personal greeting. Throughout Jim's life he had a true passion for golf. He loved being out on the course as a caddy, player, coach, or spectator, and he considered himself lucky to attend several Masters Tournaments. One of his greatest joys was to be his niece's golf mentor during her high school and college years. Jim's mission in life was to lift others up, and he instinctively knew how to connect with people and to make them feel special. Jim made it a habit to carry American flag pins to hand out to any veterans he met. This was his way of thanking them for their service. He loved his family deeply and was always there to celebrate with them in good times and to support and sustain them in hard times. His positive and optimistic spirit never waned, and he will truly be missed by all. Jim lived a life of honorable service to our country, steadfast devotion to his wife and family, and utmost dedication to his church, his professions, and the game of golf. Jim is survived by his wife Kathleen (née Wilson) Ashwell, his sister-in-law Ella Ashwell, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law Irving and Elaine Wilson. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Kathryn LaPointe and husband Thomas, his brother-in-law James Wilson and wife Pamela, and his brother-in-law John Wilson and partner Patricia. In addition, he is survived by his nieces Erika Corredine and husband T. J., Kirsten LaPointe and husband Daniel, Anne Hadley and husband Garrett, and Amy Wilson. Jim was predeceased by his father William Henry Ashwell and his mother Eleanor Ferguson Ashwell. He was also predeceased by his brother William J. Ashwell and his beloved niece Stephanie Ashwell. A private graveside service took place at Cedar Hill Cemetery. If circumstances permit, a memorial service to honor Jim's life will be held at a later date. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to Valley Forge Military Academy and College, Development Office, 1001 Eagle Road, Wayne, PA 19087 or a charity of the donor's choice. The Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford was in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).



**ROSS T. BARBARINO** – Died Wednesday, July 15, 2020 in Williamsville, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo on April 20, 1948. He was the beloved husband of 48 years to Joyce (née Pelosi); dearest father of Jason (Angela Pacholczak) and Daniel Barbarino; cherished grandfather of Brianna Lotz, Zoe Barbarino and Chase and Olivia Lisnerski; dear brother of the late Edward (late Joan) Hebden; dear cousin of Joe and Darlene Hampton and brother-in-law of Thomas (Janice) Milbrand and Jeff (Joanne) Lucas and Joyce Pelosi and dear friend of Tom (Judi) Kawalec, and; also survived by nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Air Force from May 1967 to April 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. The family received friends on Sunday from 2:00-6:00 PM at the Perna, Dengler, Roberts

Funeral Home 1671 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY where funeral services were held on Monday at 10:00 AM. Reopening restrictions limit the number of individuals allowed in the funeral home at the same time. We welcome you to visit with the family and ask for your patience should you experience delays. Face masks are required. Flowers gratefully declined, if desired, contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America or Hospice Buffalo, Inc. Online condolences and donations may be shared at [www.denglerrobertspernafuneral.com](http://www.denglerrobertspernafuneral.com)



**ROBERT MICHAEL "Rob" BARTLETT** - Died Friday, July 3, 2020 in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 74, following a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wausau, Wisconsin on June 28, 1946 to the late James E. and Louise (née McCoury) Bartlett. He received his education in Bennington and is a graduate of Bennington High School. Robert proudly served two tours of duty in Vietnam with the United States Air Force, where he was discharged as a Staff Sergeant and had also served in the Army Reserve. For many years he had been employed as a Union Carpenter working several heavy construction jobs through the local Union Halls. He has also been employed at Union Carbide in Bennington, Hale Company in Arlington, VT and Cushman Furniture in North Bennington. He loved hunting, fishing and ice fishing. Thanks to the dedication of his good friends, Mark Santelli and Mike Lettre, he was able to continue to hunt while suffering disabilities. Rob was a long-time member of the NRA and a life member of the VFW Post #133 and was also a member of the American Legion Post #13, the Moose Lodge, the Elks Club and the Eagle Lodge, all in Bennington. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. He married the former Sandi Rose on May 27, 1989 in Bennington, she survives. Besides his wife, he is survived by four children: Gene (Collette) Becker of Deerfield, NH, Robert Bartlett of Florida, Kimberley Hooper of Texas, and Kelly Becker of Bennington. He leaves nine grandchildren including Nikki Becker, who was very dear to him. Robert also has eight great grandchildren, and his brother and sister-in-law, James and Mary Bartlett of Spiegelstown, NY, and his special sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Linda and Rob Gratz of Pownal, VT. Graveside services were held at Park Lawn Cemetery in Bennington on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM. There were no calling hours scheduled. Memorial contributions may be made to the Council on Aging or the USO, supporting our military through the Mahar and Son Funeral Home in Bennington. Guestbook condolences can be left at [www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net).



**THOMAS JOSEPH BERGER** – Died Friday, June 26, 2020 in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 74. He was found death in his apartment about two days after his death likely of a heart attack. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on July 2, 1945. He graduated



from Rockhurst High School in Kansas City. He enlisted in the United States Navy on October 19, 1965 and after basic training and advance training entered active duty on October 4, 1966. He was a culinary specialist. He served as a cook on the USS Stribling, a Gearing-class destroyer, from March 16, 1967 to October 1, 1968. He was honorably discharged at the Cecil Field Naval Air Station (NAS) on October 9, 1968. He then served in the Naval Reserves from October 10, 1968 to October 18, 1971. There was no visitation or funeral services for him. The Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home in Springfield, Missouri handled the funeral. The burial was also private.

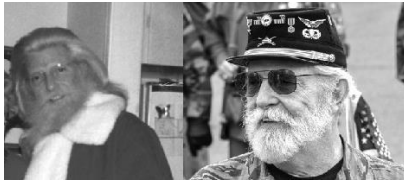
**GORDON W. "Skip" BIDLACK** – Died Friday ay 8, 2020 in Atlantic Beach, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born in Sayer, Pennsylvania on July 12, 1948. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**.



**HAROLD RAY BOLES** – Died Saturday, May 30, 2020 in Concord, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in High Point, North Carolina on August 17, 1948. It has been a long time since the day Harold and Georgia first met. Harold's brother Rusty brought Harold along to see Nick, Georgia's brother. Georgia would often describe the first moment she met Harold. She would say "Out of the vehicle stepped a tall, handsome man fully dressed in his Army uniform." They spent a short while getting to know each other. Years later, proud of the family they had created she always spoke of that day saying she knew in that moment that she had met the man she would marry. Harold loved Georgia more deeply than any fairytale or any Hollywood love story one could imagine. Both grew up in the High Point and Thomasville areas. Harold's father died when he was just 13. In 1969, the war in Vietnam beckoned his service. Harold was drafted to the United States Army where he excelled. Stateside, he became a paratrooper as a member of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He was transferred to the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Division when deployed to Vietnam. Harold was a radioman and orienteer, a very important but deadly position to hold. At some point during his service, a General visited his location to go over operations with several superior officers. When those superiors were unable to provide the General with the information he was seeking, Harold spoke up and did so in such an impressive manner that the General asked if Harold would spend his remaining time in Vietnam as his driver. Harold accepted. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kannapolis Chapter #909**. Georgia and Harold wrote to each other throughout his years in Vietnam. The passion and promise of joy within those letters can only be penned by true love. Upon returning home they were engaged and married. Harold volunteered with the Civil Air Patrol. He went on to earn a Civil Engineering degree from AB Tech. Harold was hired by the North Carolina Department of Transportation where he worked for 35 years. Harold and Georgia spent time in Charlotte and Sanford before finally settling in Midland, NC. Harold worked very hard to provide for his bride and later for the

children he loved so deeply. Throughout the years, Harold rose in rank within the NCDOT. Before retiring he served as supervisor in District 1 of Division 8 in Asheboro overseeing the planning and design of much of central Piedmont's roadways and bridges. The only days he missed work was a yearly vacation to celebrate his marriage to Georgia. Harold adored Georgia deeply and infinitely. He loved to surprise her with flowers and dresses. He made sure she always drove a new car. Their last years together on Earth were spent in the home they designed together. For Harold, these possessions were not for status. Instead, they served as proof that he would do anything and everything to provide the life for his bride which he believed she deserved. When Georgia became ill with Alzheimer's, Harold utilized his stored vacation and PTO days to stay home and take care of her. He had saved several years-worth of time-off hoping he and Georgia might travel the world. He never could have imagined needing it for that reason. Instead of retirement abroad with the love of his life, he spent his days by Georgia's side as the disease within her stole away the memories they had worked so hard to create. Lying next to her he comforted her as she passed. Harold then volunteered with Hospice, hoping to serve those that had helped him as Georgia passed. He volunteered with the VFW and several churches he attended. Harold considered moving to the beach but never did. He visited Georgia's grave every day after her passing. He made sure fresh flowers remained by her plaque. Every woman who later entered his life would visit that grave with him and hear their love story. His love and devotion to Georgia defined him. His integrity, honor, and sense of duty shown in everything he did. He faced challenges head-on which was no match for his will and determination. The love shared between Harold and Georgia transcended the physical world; one that bound their souls for eternity. Their separation was one he never accepted. His bride, waiting at her house with God, dressed as she was in 1971. His passing is not death but rather arrival at her doorstep in full Army dress, service ribbons and pins adorned, pressed and polished or as he'd say, "Sharp as a tack." Just as he returned from the war in Vietnam, he now greets her victorious of his last battle on Earth. A union temporarily separated by the mortal world now reunited with the thunder of fireworks and splendor of a rising sun. Just as rain cannot exist without a sky, their inseparable love pours over all of us, never-ending from this day forth, throughout eternity. His days living life longing to see her again have passed. Rest together, Harold and Georgia Boles. What God joins death cannot separate. Harold joined Georgia, the love of his life, to fulfill his forever promise to her in Heaven on May 30, 2020. His passage granted by our Magnificent Christ Jesus saying "Well done my good and faithful servant." In his passing, he leaves shoes impossible to fill. He is succeeded by his daughter Maria Boles, his son Mark Boles and his wife Rachel Boles, his beautiful granddaughters Savannah Boles, Helena Boles, and Breanna Boles, and his unofficial daughter Nicole Mosher. Harold also leaves to continue this journey on Earth his siblings Libby Tate, Billy Boles and his wife Shirley, and Rusty Boles. He is preceded by his brothers Joe Boles and Tommy Boles, and his sister Dotty Boles. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at Hartsell Funeral Home of Concord. The funeral service will be on Thursday at 11:00 am at West Concord Cemetery in Concord officiated by Pastor Corey Alley. Burial will follow at the West Concord Cemetery at 331 Union Cemetery Rd SW, Concord. In place of flowers, please help others in their fight against Alzheimer's by donating to the Alzheimer's Association. Visit their website at <https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/donate/>, or if you would like to contribute to a local organization please consider donating to Hospice & Palliative Care

Charlotte Region at <https://www.hpccr.org/give/make-a-donation>. The Hartsell Funeral Home in Concord was in charge of the arrangements for the Boles family.



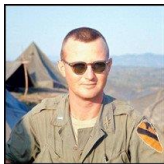
**PATRICK LOWRY "Pat" BOLTINGHOUSE** (USA, CPT-Ret.) – Died Friday, February 21, 2020 in Sacramento, California at the age of 75. The cause of death was abdominal aortic aneurysm. He was born in Phoenix, Arizona on June 29, 1944. Patrick was a man of his times. He was raised in "the fortress" as an Army brat by the post-World War Two generation. He understood the Cold War, stepped up to fight three times for America in Southeast Asia with the United States Army, once with the Special Forces, twice as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, won the Bronze Star (with Valor device). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sacramento Chapter #500**. He came back as a poster boy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a result. He never felt adequately welcomed or appreciated by his country. As his VA psychiatrist, once said, "calm waters do not a good sailor make" and combat changes a man. Patrick lived his life in accordance with the Cadet Honor Code of West Point, where a man does not lie, cheat or steal, and when he found others wanting in that regard Patrick did not suffer fools gladly, and neither do we. In his later years Pat played Santa Claus, not only for our former Governor Deukmejian, but at the Macy's Parade in San Francisco, and played the part, so well, for many a child in hospitals throughout our area, something of which he was justifiably proud. "Those who stand and wait also serve" ...and suffer the consequences. Patrick is survived by three loving siblings, Philip, Pamela (Wilbur), and Paul, who struggled to understand him along with his four wives; Ann, Patricia, Rita and Pam, his daughters, Ellen and Lori, his two grandchildren whom he never met, Henry and Violet, his Cousin Glenda from Arizona who knew him as well as any of us, three generations of nieces and nephews that gave him happiness by being their avuncular Uncle Daddy-o, as well as the two generations of Green Berets of our family he inspired, and helped through their time in the barrel. Captain Boltinghouse bravely dealt with disabling injuries sustained in service of his country, both physical and psychological. We loved him, and for all of his faults we shall remember the better angels of his nature. As per his wishes, there will be no services and his ashes will be scattered in a lovely California location yet to be determined. Remembrances can be made to disabled veterans support groups.



**PETER EDWARD BOULEY** - Died Monday, July 29, 2019 in Chepachet, Rhode Island at the age of 73, after a long and brave eight-month recovery attempt following severe spinal injuries sustained in a car accident. Peter was able to spend precious last moments with cherished family and friends. Peter was born on June 15, 1946 and raised in Harrisville, Rhode

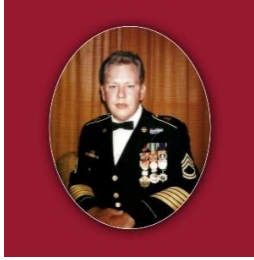


Island to the late Aldore and Ellen Bouley. The oldest of five children, Peter spent his youth playing backyard games on Conley Lane and biking around town with family and neighborhood children. A life-long love of heavy machinery began when Peter worked on local farms, including a passion for steam power which eventually would lead him to various corners of the world. Peter's mother instilled a passion for music when she taught him to play the piano. Peter became an accomplished pianist and organist, sharing his talents with many throughout his life at church services, events in Vietnam for his fellow soldiers, and showcased his skills, with the Boston Pops while attending Berkley. Peter's tenacious personality and strong moral conviction guided his decisions throughout his life. Rather than waiting to be drafted into the military during the Vietnam Conflict, Peter enlisted with the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country. Peter relished all future conversations with fellow veterans from all branches of the military. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. After his time in the military, Peter followed his passions in all things related to big equipment and steam powered machines. He happily traveled to all fifty states and several countries building and fixing boilers and train engines and providing training in welding. Some of his proudest accomplishments include restoring the E.P. Ripley steam train at Disneyland and the train used in the historical fiction mini-series North and South. During these years, Peter perfected his ability to connect with like-minded people wherever he went and earning a reputation as a caring and kind-hearted person, affectionately known by the moniker "Dr. Steam". Peter had always envisioned having a large immediate family which was realized in 2007 after meeting and marrying Sandra Phillips-Bouley. Sandy, her three daughters, and their families completed his dreams. Peter and Sandy spent many happy years together traveling and enjoying their grandchildren. Peter immensely enjoyed attending his grandchildren's many school and sporting events, joking with them, listening to them play their instruments, and teaching them everything he could about trains. Peter is survived by his wife, Sandra Phillips-Bouley; his three daughters, Christine Phillips and her husband Joe Gnatek, Sharon Bovia and her husband Mike, and Kathryn Washington and her husband Jay; and his six grandchildren Craig, Carter, Hannah, Emilie, Camryn, and Jameson. In addition, Peter leaves his loving siblings, John Bouley and his wife Kathy, Mary Ellen Bouley and her husband Thomas Clark, Emily Lucas and her husband Armand, and Jane Blanchette; his six nieces and nephews; and many other friends and relatives. Peter is predeceased by his parents Ellen and Aldore Bouley and brother-in-law, Thomas Blanchette. Calling hours were held on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the Tucker Quinn Funeral Home, 643 Putnam Avenue (Route #44), Greenville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM at Saint Patrick Church 45 Main Street., Harrisville. A private burial was held at the Rhode Island Veteran's Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island. Memorial donations may be made to Fisher House Boston, P.O. Box 230, South Walpole, MA 02071.



**JAMES JEFFERSON "Jim" BOWERS, SR.** (USA, MAJ-Ret) – Died Saturday, March 14, 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 79, after a lengthy battle with numerous health issues. The cause of death is unknown. Known to many as Jim and as Jimmy to close family, he

was born in Saint Petersburg, Florida on January 22, 1941 to the late Jefferson T. Bowers and Lillian Bowers. His family moved to Jacksonville, Florida in the mid-1940's before eventually settling in Fernandina Beach, Florida where his parents operated the Blue Seas restaurant. He graduated from Fernandina Beach High School in 1959 where he was class president and co-captain of the football team. After a brief stint at Florida State University, he joined the United States Army and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery branch and assigned to the famed First Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at Fort Benning, Georgia. It was there in 1963 he met and wed the love of his life, Lana, of Dawson, Georgia. He served with distinction in the Army for twenty years which included two tours of combat duty in Vietnam. He took part in the 1965 battles of LZ X-Ray and LZ Albany which were featured in the movie "We Were Soldiers" and played a crucial role in the 1970 siege of Fire Base Illingworth. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for his actions in Vietnam, received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat, awarded thirteen Air Medals for air combat operations and numerous other awards and decorations. Other duty assignments took him to Oklahoma, Germany and Turkey where, in the latter, he was entrusted with command of a NATO nuclear missile detachment. He retired from active duty service in 1980 with the rank of Major. Upon retirement, he settled in Jacksonville and pursued a second career in the "new" field of personal computers and became the first to bring the Apple Mac to the Jacksonville market in 1984. He later wrote custom software applications for businesses before declining health led to his second retirement in 2014. He was very active with the Arlington Optimist Club of Jacksonville for many years, served as its president for several terms and received numerous awards for his outstanding volunteer efforts to the club. He was also very active in the 1/77<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Association and enjoyed organizing many of the association's reunions and veteran outreach efforts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**. He loved his dogs, was passionate about Florida State Seminole football, enjoyed boating immensely, pursued extensive family genealogy research and always had some type of DIY project in progress. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jefferson T. Bowers and Lillian Bowers both of Fernandina Beach, FL; and sister, Shirley Ann Croft of Brewton, AL. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Lana Bowers of Jacksonville, FL; children, Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Bowers (Magdalena) of Memphis, TN and Jana Hickman of Jacksonville, FL; brother David (Susan) Bowers of Orlando, FL; grandchildren, Zackary Hickman, Keira Bowers, Jamie Bowers, J.T. Bowers and Theresa Bowers; nieces and nephews, Cleve McRee, Laurie Martin, Lance Croft, Hilary Crandall and Ian Bowers. A Graveside Service was held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 11:30 AM at the Jacksonville National Cemetery where military honors were rendered. The family received friends on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 5:00–7:00 PM at the funeral home. The arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services at Beaches Memorial Park, 1500 Main Street, Atlantic Beach, FL. Visit [www.ferreirafuneralservices.com](http://www.ferreirafuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.



**RAYMOND D. "Ray" BRINDLEY, JR.** (USA, SFC-Ret) - Died

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico at the age of 75. He was a resident of Hurley, New Mexico. The cause of death is unknown. Ray was born on January 18, 1944 in Highland Park, Michigan to the late Raymond D. Brindley, Sr. and the late Ellen Marie (née McCaw) Brindley. He was a twenty-year retiree from the United States Army he served with the 10th Airborne, 2/502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry and II Field Force from 1967-1969. In Vietnam he was awarded Medals and Decorations, among these were the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendations, Army Commendations Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, and Combat Infantry Badge (CIB). He served in three tours in Germany, Vietnam, and the United States, retiring at Fort Campbell, KY in 1982. After his Military service he attended Western New Mexico University and received his degree. In 1985 he was back in his country service working at Fort Bliss as a Vulcan instructor until he returned home in 1992. In 1997 he took a job at the Department of Labor in Silver City, NM. In 2007 he retired from the state. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico**. He was the father of five. He was preceded in death by his two eldest sons Raymond C. and Joseph Albert. Left to mourn his passing is his loving wife Darlene of Hurley, NM and two sons Raymond D. and John B. and daughter Cheryl A. all of California, many special grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also leaves behind four sisters, Ellen Marie Kellen of Texas, Shirlee (Bunny) Satchell of Texas, Blanche Baxter of NM and Nancy Belconis of Ohio, special nephews and nieces. Assisted Pallbearers were Brian Bates, Jeff Bates, Jeremy Sanchez, Tommy Villalobos, Rion Sanchez, and John Torres. Ray was a member of Mason, York Rite, York Rite College. The Bright Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements, "Traditional services and care for your family and friends." 210 West College Avenue, Silver City, NM. A private service has taken place at the Masonic Cemetery; Gene Stailey performed the rites. Remembrances can be made at [www.hbrightfuneral.net](http://www.hbrightfuneral.net).



**STEVEN W. BROWNFIELD** – Died Wednesday, July 1, 2020 in Omaha,

Nebraska at the age of 72. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on March 15, 1948 in Des Moines, Iowa to the late Wayne and Louise Brownfield. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1966. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1968 and served until 1974. He attended Marine Boot camp in Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA, where he graduated as top recruit at boot camp. He was selected Honor Man at boot camp. He received the Leatherneck Award and Meritorious promotion to Private First Class. His Military

Service in the Marine Corps is as follows: Steven earned three field combat promotions during his service in Vietnam 1968-69. He served with the Mike Company 3rd Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division and 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Battalion S-2 Scout. His Military Awards include: Purple Heart (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Navy Achievement Medal with Valor, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Civilian Education: A graduate of Drake University in 1974, he attended University of Michigan 1982 Graduate Studies, University of Pittsburg College of Law 1986, Bellevue University MS-Scouting 2016. Steven's civilian work record is exemplary. He has held positions in the following companies: Regional Manager with Northwestern Bell/US West where he retired in 1997. During his time with this company he received the Bronze Vail award for saving a life. He was Chief Information Officer with Insituform Technology from 1997-2002. He was Vice President of Ameriwood Industries from 2002-2004, Chief Procurement Officer with Precision Industries 2004-2005. Senior Vice President and Global Chief. Procurement Officer Northern Trust 2005-2009, Senior Director Procurement ConAgra Foods -2009-2015; he retired in December 2015. Civilian awards and organizations: Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow (Scouting Honor Society), Merit Badge Counselor, Master Mason 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Boy Scouts Troop 331 Life to Eagle Chair, Soaring Eagle and Black Hawk District-Eagle Board of Review Representative, National Eagle Scouts Association, Shriner Tangiers Shrine, and the Board of Directors NE Veterans Home Board. Military organizations: Marine Corps League Detachment 60-Judge Advocate; Marine Honor Society-Military Order Devil Dogs. Life Memberships: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, and he was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Weston Chapter #279**. Steven was preceded in death by his father, Wayne; mother, Louise; sister, Peggy Brownfield; and nephew, Brett Monen. Steven is survived by his wife Judy (52 years of marriage); two children; Stephanie (Mike) Rosenberger and their two sons Benjamin and Steven and two daughters Megan and Caitlin; Rebecca (Matt) Vanderholm and their three daughters Lauren, Annabel and Meryl and four great-granddaughters; his sister-in-law, Joyce Modeland; and nephew, Jay (Jenny) Monen. Visitation following CDC guidelines was held on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the West Center Chapel. The funeral service was on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the West Center Chapel. The interment was on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Omaha National Cemetery with military honors. Memorials were suggested to Paralyzed Veterans of America, Boy Scouts of America or the American Cancer Society.



**RICHARD DONALD "Rich" BUDZINSKI** - Died peacefully Thursday, July 2, 2020 at the Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin at the age of 72. He was a resident of Rudolph, Wisconsin. The cause of death was stage four pancreatic cancer due to diabetes mellitus-type II. Rich was born on July 8, 1947 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin to the late Alex and Madlin

"Marge" Budzinski. He married Joanne Altmann on April 22, 1995, in Blenker, WI. Rich was drafted into the United States Army from June 26, 1968, to February 14, 1970, serving his time in Vietnam. He worked at Preway in Wisconsin Rapids and The Feed Mill Inc. in Rudolph until both businesses closed. He also did fieldwork for his best friend Jack Reber for many years. On March 1, 2002, he proudly opened Rich's Chainsaw Sales and Service in Rudolph. He was very talented at repairing used chainsaws, lawn mowers, and any small engines, and worked at his shop until the time of his death. Rich enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, and watching NASCAR races, anything about history, and old Westerns on TV. He also enjoyed scrapping for metals. Rich is survived by his wife, Joanne; brothers Alex (Lea), Michael (Jan), John (Donna), Leonard (Sue), and Edward (Diane); sisters Mary Ann Joosten, Dorothy Handrick, Margaret Dorshorst Zimmerman, Theresa (Roger) Peters, and Alice Mayer; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by in-laws Jim (Judy) Altmann, Bev (Duke) Weidman, Karen (Bill) Cherney, Susie Pankratz, and Deb (Dan) Novotny. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-law Eugene Joosten, Warren Handrick, Darwin Dorshorst, Robert Zimmerman, Michael Mayer and Roger Pankratz; and four nephews and two nieces. He was a member of American Legion Post #485 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101**. Funeral services were at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at Saint Philip Catholic Church in Rudolph, WI. Reverend Father Janusz Kowalski officiated. The burial was in the St. Kilian Cemetery in Blenker, WI. Visitation for family and friends was held from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Saint Philip's prior to the service. The Herman-Taylor Funeral Home assisted the family. Memorials and donations will be given to Aspirus Riverview Hospital Cancer Care because of the wonderful care they gave Richard. Due to concerns with COVID-19, we will be following social distancing guidelines and seats for the funeral will be limited. Masks will be left to the individual's discretion.



**THOMAS GEORGE BUEHLER** - Died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 15, 2020 in Kensington, Connecticut at the age of 72. The cause of death was suicide subsequent to cancers of the lungs and larynx. He was born in New Britain, Connecticut to the late John N. Buehler and Dorothy I. (née Kramer) Buehler. Thomas was a long time New Britain resident and a former Manchester and Enfield resident before moving to Kensington in 1996. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War. Thomas was employed as a postal worker and was a member of the Marine Corps League. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Connecticut**. Surviving are his son, Sean Thomas Buehler; his daughter, Jessica Morgan Buehler; a brother, Harold L. Buehler; and a sister, Judith A. Mahoney. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his former wife, Patricia Buehler; a sister, Nancy Bendas, and by a brother, John Buehler. A memorial service was held on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin/Porter's, 111 Chamberlain Highway, Kensington, CT. The burial, with military honors, was held at the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. A calling hour was held on Friday from 12:00 Noon until the time of the service.

**RANDAL DEAN BURDETTE** - Died Thursday, February 8, 2018 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1949. He was a member of Central Avenue Baptist Church and a Vietnam veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cecilia Chapter #1051**. He was preceded in death by his brother, Dennis Burdette. He is survived by his loving wife, Sue Burdette; two daughters, Tammy (Chad) Taylor and Angie (Chris) Worley, both of Princeton, West Virginia; a stepdaughter, Jennye Gardner of Grapevine, Texas; a stepson, Jamie (Stacia) Gardner of Mount Washington; his parents, Marie and Bill Nelson; two brothers, Billy of Elma, New York, and Jimmy of Brownsville; five sisters, Rita (Michael) Regan of Elizabethtown, Diane (John) Boone of Hudson, Faye (Gary) Pack of Cool Ridge, West Virginia, Donna (Tom Skees) Burdette of Elizabethtown and Rhonda (Bob) Olliges of Bloomfield; four grandchildren, Whitney (Matt) Hurt, Dillon (Savannah) Taylor, Madeline and Marshall Worley, all of Princeton, and Delaney Gardner of Mount Washington; three great-grandchildren, Laken Hurt, Cole and Korie Taylor, all of Princeton; and a special friend, Steve Bell and his daughters of Pendleton. The funeral was at 2:00 PM on Sunday at the Brown Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. The burial was in the Raymond Baptist Church Cemetery in Breckinridge County. The visitation was from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday and continued at Noon on Sunday at the funeral home. Condolences may be expressed at [www.brownsfuneral.com](http://www.brownsfuneral.com).



**REVEREND MR. JERRY G. BUSTILLOS** - Died Thursday, June 11, 2020 at his home in Silver City, New Mexico at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. Deacon Jerry was born on April 2, 1948 in Silver City to the late Elisario and Loretta Bustillos. A lifelong Silver City resident, he had served his country honorably during the Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps. Upon his return he worked and retired from the Kennecott Copper and Phelps Dodge Mines after 32 years as a Mill Wright and repair mechanic where he was also a strong and confident union member. Jerry was a devoted Roman Catholic, helping at church fiestas, teaching religious education, playing his guitars and leading church choirs. He was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in 2003 and faithfully served his faith community at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Jerry enjoyed visiting and talking with other veterans over coffee and was a *Life Member* and *Color Guard Member* with the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bayard Chapter #358**. He took joy in helping his kids learn about machinery and basic car repair, encouraging their love of music, and teaching them what he knew about life. After retirement he enjoyed a bit of travelling with his wife and working around the house. Jerry will be dearly missed by all the many people who knew and loved him. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Virginia; two sons, Edwardo Bustillos and William Bustillos; daughter, Katrina Bustillos and her partner, Michael; two brothers, Michael Bustillos, and Tom Bustillos, many nieces, nephews, beloved family and friends. Deacon Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Elisario and Loretta Bustillos; a brother, Eddie Bustillos; and a



sister, Dorothy Dominguez. Visitation for Deacon Jerry Bustillos was from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Baca's Funeral Chapels. The recitation of the Holy Rosary was at 7:00 PM led by Deacon Bill Holguin. The Funeral Liturgy was at 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Saint Vincent De Paul Catholic Church with Reverend Father Oliver Obele officiating. Concluding service and burial was at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers was Michael Bustillos, Nathaniel Sherman, Joshua Abalos, Billy Dominguez, Paul Dominguez, and Eugene Bustillos



**JOHN CRAIG "J.C." CARLSON** – Died Monday, March 9, 2020 at home in Holland, Michigan at the age of 76, with his loving wife of 52 years, Nancy (née Strunk) Carlson, by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Holland, Michigan on March 24, 1943 to the late Ernest Carlson and Helen (née Bittner) Carlson. During his brief illness, John was blessed to be home, surrounded by the light of love and an outpouring of prayers and support from countless friends. Survived by his wife Nancy, he is also survived by his brother, Owen (Dolores) Carlson, of Jacksonville, FL; daughter, Erica (Mark) Shirey of Holland; son, Dirk Carlson of Holland; son, Niel (Lisa Ann) Carlson of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Maya Carlson, Sophie Maddox, Miles Carlson, Phoebe Maddox, Samuel Maddox, Daphne Maddox, Elsie Carlson, Ambrosia Heintz, Rebee (Jesse) Stewart, Madi Heintz, and one great-granddaughter, Juniper Stewart. John was an avid historian and genealogist. He was a proud patriot, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (descended from 8 Revolutionary War patriots), and a veteran of the Vietnam War, having served 8 years in the United States Navy. He earned his Navy Shellback status when he crossed the equator. John was the founder of the U.S.S. Wainwright's reunion group, which has met bi-annually since 1987. It gave him great joy to see his shipmates reunited to share laughter and adventures together. John was a member of the VFW and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veteran of America – Holland Chapter #73*. He served on the board of the Michigan Veteran's Trust Fund for many years. He always did whatever he could to help his fellow veterans. John retired from the Holland Board of Public Works where he served as the Chief Electrician at the James DeYoung Power Plant. He loved his family, American traditional music, trains, pyrotechnics, the Green Bay Packers, marshmallows, making goofy faces at babies, rubber chickens, and he was very proud of his Viking heritage. He also loved playing cribbage and was dealt two perfect hands in his lifetime. John had a laugh that was both hearty and infamous. John, his wife Nancy, and family have been life-long members of Zion Lutheran Church in Holland. Visitation and memorial services were held at Zion, 77 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Holland, on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Visitation was from 10:00 to 11:30 AM with the service beginning at 11:30 AM. A luncheon followed the ceremony. The United States Navy Honor Guard, VFW Post #2144, and the Saugatuck American Legion bestowed military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church or Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Boulevard, Holland, Michigan 49423. Professional services were entrusted to the Mulder Chapel.



**LARRY DEAN CARPENTER** - Died Thursday, June 11, 2020 in Williston, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Highland, Kansas on October 27, 1945 to the late Loren Henry Carpenter and Helen (née Nightingale) Carpenter. He was a member of Edisto Baptist Church and retired after working 28 years from Bechtel Savannah River, Inc. as a Heavy Equipment Foreman. He was a member of the Hope Masonic Lodge #126, was a Shriner, and was a member of the Ackerman Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #198. He was a United States Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**. Survivors include his loving wife Belinda Harris Carpenter; daughters Sally (Scott) Lyle of Martinez, GA, Cristy (Joe) Coretti of Evans, GA; sons Shannon (Beth) Carpenter of Alpharetta, GA, Glen (Libby) Wilson of Catron, MO; his sister RaVae (Sonny) Langford of Hilton Head Island, SC; grandchildren Kiley, Macy, Meighan, Sidney, Zoe, Camille, Charlotte, Corinne, Lindsey (Ethan) Hamilton and Brady; great grandchildren Everett and Granger. A Graveside Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Barnwell Memory Gardens on Reynolds Road with U.S. Army and Masonic Rites accorded. The family received friends on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Folk Funeral Home, Williston, SC. Due to the current pandemic and the CDC regulations, social distancing and other guidelines were observed. Memorial contributions may be sent in Larry's memory to the Ackerman Chapter Order of the Eastern Star # 198, c/o Joan Pascall, 344 Pascallas Street, Blackville, SC 29817.



**DANIEL MILTON “Dan” CARR III** – Died Friday, July 17, 2020 in Bend, Oregon at the age of 76. The cause of death was esophageal obstruction metastatic small cell cancer, metastatic small cell bronchogenic carcinoma, left upper lobe, centrilobular emphysema and coronary artery disease. He was born on February 7, 1944 in Natick, Massachusetts. He graduated from Natick High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1966. He was a *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** and a *Life Member and Founding Member* of **Leominster Chapter #116**. He was a longtime leader of VVA at the state and national level. He spent decades walking point on the issue of POW/MIAs. Dan was a relentless advocate for Vietnam Veterans and their families. His intense resolve and commitment will be missed. Dan was an engineer at Raytheon Corporation. Later in life, he was the founder and CEO of Danang Enterprises. He provided wholesale and retail military memorabilia worldwide. He is survived by his wife, Charlene of the home and two daughters and their families.

**ERWIN J. CERNOCH** – Died Monday, March 9, 2020 in Schulenburg, Texas at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1929. He was a veteran of the

Vietnam War. He was a *Life member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**.



**PAMELA JANE “Pam” CHARBENEAU** - Died Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 68, surrounded by her loved ones. He was a resident of Clinton Township, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 4, 1951 to the late Emerson and Marie Martz. Pam was the beloved wife of Charles Charbeneau; loving mother of Kimberly (Keith) Maslowski, Melisa (Dante) Williams, and Craig (Andrea) Sorensen; step-mother of Charles(Sara) Charbeneau, Courtenay (David) Grabowski, and Gillian Charbeneau; devoted grandmother of Kyle, Karalyn, Gino, Marco, Santino, Vincenzo, Haley, Ava, Rachel, Julia, Elizabeth, Ciaran, and Evelyn; sister of Douglas (Patricia) Martz, Nancy (Mark) Ehrler; loving aunt to her only niece, Jessica Ehrler (Michelle Blake). Pam was predeceased by her parents Emerson and Marie Martz, stepfather Lloyd Bayer, Aunt and Uncle, Jane and Earl Caber. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #141**. Pam cherished spending time with family and really loved that there were so many cousins for her grandchildren. She enjoyed playing solitaire, reading, watching her reality and cooking shows. Due to Covid-19 concerns friends and family gathered to celebrate her life at a future date.



**WALLACE LEE CHEUVRONT** - Died Wednesday, July 8, 2020 in Baden, Pennsylvania at the age of 73, after a battle with cancer. He was born in East Liverpool, Ohio on December 10, 1946 to the late James and Mildred Cheuvront. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was retired from The Ruffed Grouse Society. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He was preceded in death by his sister Geraldine Cheuvront. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Teresa (Andrews) Cheuvront; five children and their spouses, Annette (Sean) Trehar, Teresa (Michael) Hajtol, Wallace A. Cheuvront, Melissa (Michael) Coley and Beth (Glenn) Yocum; seven grandchildren, Hannah and Ethan Trehar, Taylor and Connor Hajtol, Madison and Maralyn Coley, and Isabella Yocum; siblings, Shirley Cheuvront, Cathy Reed, Jeannie Kirkpatrick, Herb Cheuvront, Brenda Hull and numerous nieces, nephews and brother/sisters-in-laws. Family and friends were received for a memorial visitation on Sunday, July 12, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Kasper Hahn Funeral and Cremation Services Inc., 547 Eighth Street, Ambridge, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Good Samaritan Church on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 8:45 AM with interment in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Wounded Warrior Project.



**GARY W. CHRISCINSKE** – Died Saturday, June 13, 2020 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 73. He was a resident of Saline, Michigan. The cause of death was diabetes, chronic kidney failure, cardiomyopathy and congestive heart failure. Gary was born on September 11, 1946, in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Richard and Betty (née Hormel) Chriscinske. Gary graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1964 and was drafted into the United States Army, where he served with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Vietnam. He worked as a machinist at R&B in Saline for many years, before retiring from Moehrle Inc. in Whitmore Lake, MI. Over the years, Gary was an active member of various golf and bowling leagues, the Saline Jaycees (where he enjoyed working the Rodeo, handing out presents at the annual Christmas party while dressed as Santa, hosting and participating in extracurricular social activities, and proudly displaying a very large “Cut the Mustard” award on a basement wall – if anyone knows the story behind this award, his children would really like to hear from you...), and the First United Methodist Church of Saline. Gary volunteered with the Saline Celtic Festival for many years and assisted with the Maplewood Lanes instructional program for youth bowling. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. He was a long-time member of the Saline American Legion and had also started participating in Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 310, activities. Gary enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing pinochle, euchre, and Farkle, watching sports, gardening (which usually involved launching several ground offensives against the resident groundhogs), and spending time with his grandchildren, Gracie and Max, and his granddog, Hendrix. He was a fan of Corvettes and a collector of frogs. Following the divorce from his first wife, Ann, his culinary skills evolved from meat and potatoes baked with onion soup mix and served with a side of canned vegetables to flavorful recipe experiments in the kitchen or on the grill that were enjoyed (along with a glass of good wine) by his second wife, LuAnn, and family and friends. Survivors include wife, LuAnn; two daughters, Margret (Margi) Chriscinske of Milan, MI, and Debra (Dan) Prajzner and granddaughters Lyndsai and Emeleah of Jackson, MI; son, Eric (Meaghan Hughes) Chriscinske and grandchildren Gracie and Max of Ann Arbor, MI; two brothers, Dean (Myra) Chriscinske of Richmond, KY, and Dale (Debi) Chriscinske of The Villages, FL; along with a niece, nephews, and cousins. Gary was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Alan. Gary may not have said it enough, but he loved and was proud of his family. Cremation has taken place, with arrangements being facilitated by the Neptune Society. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Saline or to a charity of your choice – or simply spend time with your family, sharing stories, and letting them know that they are loved. A private celebration of Gary’s life is being planned for his birthday.



**DAVID J. CODD, SR.** – Died Monday, May 25, 2020 in Dearborn, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 12, 1949 to the late Robert Codd and Beatrice (née Lenzy) Codd. He was the loving father of Tammy (Mark) Larson and David (Jennifer) Codd, Jr.; dearest grandfather of Nicholas and Anthony; dear brother of Diane Qualls and Walter Codd. David will be deeply missed by family, friends and Marine Corps Brothers. David was a prfivoud United States Marine and Vietnam Veteran. He participated in many veteran parades across the country and was an active member of VFW and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. David enjoyed bowling, playing poker and other games. He was an active member of the Marine Corps League (Dearborn Detachment #152) and Parkside Church of Christ. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Dearborn Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23701 Ford Road. Due to the current restrictions on public gathering and for the safety of our family and the community, visitors were asked that services be limited and private. The interment was the Great Lakes National Cemetery. Please share memories or leave condolences on David's guestbook.



**JAMES RICHARD COLE** - Died Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, Illinois at the age of 78. He was a resident of Antioch, Illinois. The cause of death was bi-lateral COVID-19 pneumonia and acute hypoxic respiratory failure. He was born on July 2, 1941 in Hammond, Indiana to the late Harry and Olivia Cole. James was a Channel Lake summer resident from the age of 7 until he joined the United States Navy in 1960. He served for 8 years, before returning to Antioch in 1975. James married Margaret DeVries on February 14, 1981 and they've been Antioch residents ever since. He retired from Abbott Laboratories in October 2003 after 25 years of service. James was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish – St. Peter Catholic Church, longtime member of the Antioch Volunteer Fire Department, Knights of Columbus Father Henderson Council No. 3800, Antioch Lions Club, Past Commander of Antioch American Legion Post No. 748, and member of the Antioch VFW Sequoit Post #4551. He was also very active with the Open Arms Mission in Antioch. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (née DeVries); his son, Edward; his sisters-in-law, Christine (Kenneth) Smith, Colleen Valentine, Dianna (Jack) Baseley; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry D. Cole and Olivia Cole Manis; his second mother, Alma M. Cole and second father, Lester Manis; his brother, Donald; his sister, Marilyn (Gordon) Whitney; and brother-in-law, David Valentine. Due to COVID-19 and CDC guidelines, funeral services for James will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Strang Funeral

Home, 1055 Main Street, Antioch, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to Lakes Regional Historical Society, 965 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002.



**JEAN A. (née Colasurdo) CONNOLLY** - Died at home in Bayonne, New Jersey on Monday, July 22, 2013 at the age of 70, with her husband, Teddy, and her sister, Carmen, at her side. The cause of death was stage three ovarian cancer. She was born in Bayonne in 1943. Jean was married for 30 years to former First Ward Councilman Theodore (Ted) Connolly. She was a mother to Michael James, deceased. Jean's grandparents emigrated from Italy to America in the early 1900's and, on arrival, settled in Bayonne. Mrs Connolly worked for 50 years in the stevedore and shipping business. She retired 3-1/2 years ago from Mitsui OSK Lines, where she worked for 20 years. In her early 20s Jean and her sister, Carmie, often inseparable, started working together at Maidenform. Shortly thereafter, Jean began working for Maher Terminal. Furthering her career, she worked at Port Jersey Distribution and Transportation, as well as SeaLand. Her work included daily interaction with U.S. customs, steamship lines, truckers and warehouses. In her adult life, Jean suffered from a number of incurable illnesses, one of them being her debilitating illness of rheumatoid arthritis. With continuing courage, she survived full knuckle replacements, three times on both hands, and most recently, a full hip replacement, but there was nothing that could keep her from living a full and satisfying life. In the last months of her life, Jean was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, stage 3c, which was further complicated by thrombosis, a blood condition she had had since she was young. Jean was active in Bayonne as a longtime member of the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne, where she served the organization as member, recording secretary, and, lastly, as a trustee. Frank and Jean Perrucci and the Connollys became lifetime friends. Jean volunteered her time to many efforts of charity close to the community of Bayonne. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America**. She served as a board member. Mrs. Connolly was a longtime communicant of Saint Andrew Church, Bayonne. She loved to travel with her husband, Teddy. Together they made trips to Italy, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Hawaii and locations in the U.S. She also enjoyed cruises, having cruised on board the first maiden ship of Royal Caribbean to depart their new home at Bayonne Peninsula, along with well over 100 other Bayonne residents. Every year, the couple looked forward to traveling to a different state for reunions with veterans who served with her husband in Vietnam. Over the years, it became one big family affair. Jean was the loving daughter of Frances (Ciullo) Colasurdo, deceased, and Sam Colasurdo; loving sister to Carmen (Carmie) Klick and brother-in-law, Ted Klick, of Bayonne, and brother, Sam (Butchie) Colasurdo, deceased, and sister to Fran Grudecki and husband, Greg, of Texas. Jean was a loving aunt to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and had many loving cousins. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 25, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Migliaccio Funeral Home, 851 Kennedy Boulevard (at 33<sup>rd</sup>), Bayonne. A Mass was offered on Friday, July 26, at 10:45 A at Saint Andrew Church, Bayonne. Cremation was private. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society or to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.





**KATHLEEN D. CORMACK** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) – Died recently in Kerrville, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on March 4, 1950. She is survived by her husband and children. She served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**.



**TED WAYNE COX, SR.** – Died Thursday, January 16, 2020 in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Ted was born in Donaldsonville, Louisiana on April 2, 1944 to the late Taze Milton Cox and Georgia (née Carr) Cox. Ted proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After his service he went on to work as an Insurance Agent/ owner of Jeff Davis Insurance, Inc. until his retirement. He loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing, playing golf, working in his yard, and traveling. Most of all Ted loved the time he was able to spend with all of his family and friends. Ted belong to several organizations throughout his life, he was a member of American Legion Post #19, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**, Veterans of Foreign War, Knights of Columbus, Cruisin-Cajuns, Friend of Optimist, Lions Clubs, and proudly served on the Board of Directors of the Jennings American Legion Hospital. Ted was a kind and loving man who was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Ted is survived by beloved wife, Lenor Broussard Cox of Jennings, LA; his son, Ted Wayne Cox, Jr. (Brandi) of Jennings, LA; his step-son, Jude Dupuis, II (Jessica Meche) of Lacassine, LA; his daughter, April Ann Cox of Jennings, LA; his step-daughter, Lenzie Beth Dupuis Fontenot (Dillon) of Jennings, LA; his ten grandchildren, Mandy, Carlin, Addison, William, Seth, Sadie, Clay, Kyle, Hudd, & Keri; his five step-grandchildren, Gavin, Bailee, Alaina, Bronson, & Kartar; three special boys, Hayden Nunez, Braedon Trahan, Kane Smith; his five great grandchildren; his four sisters, Barbara St. Pierre (Bobby) of Larose, LA, Sondra Perry (Bob) of Jennings, LA, Myrna Lantia of Raceland, LA, Linda Miller of Bridge City, TX. Ted is now rejoicing with those who preceded in death, his parents, Taze Milton Cox and Georgia Carr Frenxel; his sister, Jo Marie Vincent. A Mass of Christian burial was held at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 2:00 PM with Reverend Father Charles McMillin officiating. A gathering of family and friends was held at the Matthews and Son Funeral Home beginning on Monday, January 20, 2020 from 4:30 PM until 9:00 PM with a rosary recited at 6:00 PM. The family requested that visitation resume on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM until the time of his Funeral Mass at 2:00 PM. Carrying Ted to his final resting place was Jude Dupuis II, Dillon Fontenot, Seth Cox, Jay Menard, Brock Smith, Kyle St. Pierre and Joel Durham. Honorary pallbearers were Kyle, Clay and Hudd Cox, William Saucier, John Phillip Crochet, Gavin and Bronson Dupuis, Hayden Nunez,

Braedon Trahan, Kartar Fontenot and Kane Smith. The family would like to send a special Thanks to Dr. Wilder, LA Hospice and Palliative Care, Luke and Lauren Guidry, Kelly Breaux, his caregivers, Nicole Savoie and Theresa Cradeur and all the family and friends that helped care for Ted in his time of need. To extend online condolences, please visit our website at [www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net). The arrangements were entrusted to Matthews and Son Funeral Home.



**CLARK RICHARD CRAIN** – Died Saturday, January 11, 2020 in Westland, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 28, 1951 in Marshall, Minnesota to the late Virgil (Dick) and Gladys Crain. Clark and Mary were married on August 29, 1991 in Toledo, OH. He earned numerous Bachelor of Arts Degrees which was capped by earning his Master of Arts Degree of Information Security from University of Michigan. He served in the United States Air Force from 1973 to 1977. He enjoyed volunteering his time for veteran services. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528*. He enjoyed collecting and shooting guns, hunting, and spending time with his grandchildren. Throughout his life he was an accomplished troubleshooter, speaker, and inventor. He was an avid sports fan and was very passionate about baseball. Clark is survived by his wife Mary and five children: Evangeline Marie, Clark Abraham, Joseph Michael (Sheryl), Michelle Marie, and Kristin Marie (Donnie); six grandchildren: Tricia, Brooke, Alexander, Nicholas, Hannah, and Dominick; two sisters: Sharon and Nadine; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were held on January 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia with a funeral service on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

**PETER STANISLAUS CZELOWALNIK** – Died Sunday, May 24, 2020 in Spring Hill, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was chronic renal failure. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 7, 1949. He is survived by his longtime companion, Diane Mohan Druce, of Spring Hill, Florida. He served in the United States Army with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida*.



**JOHN THOMAS DAVIS, JR.** - Died Sunday, May 10, 2020 in Orange Park, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related kidney failure. He was born on January 24, 1950 in Arizona. John faithfully served his country as a military police officer in the United States Navy for more than two decades. After retirement from the Navy he worked as a

correctional officer for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. John grew up in Arizona outside of an Indian reservation where he learned to ride horses and bulls, an experience he cherished all his life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. John leaves to cherish his memory his sons: John (Jami) Davis, III, and Robert Hogan Jr.; daughter, Jennie Davis; grandchildren: Khalil, John IV, and Layla; and faithful dogs Angel and Tee-bone. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 40 years Sarah E. Davis. A celebration of John's life was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 15, 2020 at the Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, FL 32073, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Monday May, 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM.



**DENNIS A. DIBBLE** – Died peacefully on Monday, July 13, 2020 in Greensburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 72, after a courageous battle with Pulmonary Lung Disease/Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Dennis was born on September 9, 1947 in Erie, Pennsylvania to the late Ralph M. and Alice Marie (née Dotterway) Dibble. He graduated from Academy High School in Erie. Dennis met his significant other, Florence Wilt; and, they quickly fell in love and supported each other with much love over their many years together. Dennis honorably and proudly served in the United States Air Force as a mechanical repairman and kept the planes flying to help protect our country. He did two Tours of Duty in Vietnam and received numerous awards while serving his 4 years, 10 months and 11 days in the Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Smyrna Beach (Florida) Chapter #1048**. Welding in the Erie's manufacturing industry and working in various prison systems in several states were two positions Dennis most enjoyed. Some of his favorite activities in his later years were playing cards with friends, going to the ocean daily, movies, gambling and numerous day trips and cruises while living in Fla. and Ariz. Mostly, his gun collection and shooting were things he truly enjoyed. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers: Ralph Dibble and Jack Dibble. In addition to Flo, he is survived by his most loved son, Sean and his wife Jackie Armstrong Dibble and family, and his sister Barbara (Dan) Kuenzig, all of Erie. Dennis loved all his nieces and nephews and was especially close to his sister-in-law, Daisy Dibble and Flo's family. At Dennis' request he was blessed by a Catholic priest and cremated. There was no public visitation or service. Memorial gifts, if so desired, may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation, 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067, to support our Veterans. The care Dennis received from Excela Hospice was outstanding especially from Jillian and Lori for both Dennis and Flo. Dennis also appreciated the special attention of Renee, who worked for AHN Hospice.



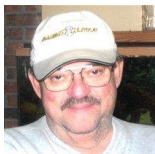
**RICHARD ANTHONY “Dick” “Dickie D.” D’IMPERIO** – Died Sunday, July 12, 2020 in Greece, New York at age 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on October 11, 1943 to the late Anthony, and Clara D’Imperio. He is survived by his sons, Timothy (Doreen) and Anthony (Heather) D’Imperio; daughter, Lenae D’Imperio; grandchildren, Nicholas, Kelsey, Claire, Dominic and Gianna; great-granddaughter, Mila; special friend, Nick Sassano; many loving family and dear friends. Dick was a proud veteran of the United States Army and served our Country in the Vietnam War. He retired after 36 years from the City of Rochester Fire Department and was a Rochester Police Cadet for 5 years. After retirement, he was a member of the Gates Auxiliary Police and when in Florida during winter, he was a member of the Lee County Sheriffs Dept “V.O.I.C.E Unit”. Dick was dedicated to his family, profession, his country and the community. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Dick’s services and interment were held privately in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #20 ([www.vva20.org](http://www.vva20.org)) or Lollypop Farm ([www.lollypop.org](http://www.lollypop.org)) in his memory. For more information and to sign his online guestbook, visit [www.meesonfamily.com](http://www.meesonfamily.com).

**MICHAEL J. DORIO** – Died Monday, July 20, 2020 in Millwood, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on June 4, 1941. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. A graveside service was held on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the Mount Calvary Cemetery, 575 West Hillside Avenue, White Plains, New York. The Becher Flooks Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of the arrangements.

**RONALD JAMES “Ron” DREWREY** - Died Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at a local hospital at the age of 74. He was a resident of Greenwood, Arkansas. The cause of death was sepsis, pneumonia, Diabetes Mellitus – Type II, bilateral pleural effusion, thrombocytopenia and transaminitis. He was born in Mansfield, Arkansas on June 3, 1945 to the late Lee Drewrey and Lottie (née Emery) Drewrey. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and was sent to Cu Chi with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry “*Tropic Lightning*” Division. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas**. He is survived by his wife, Judy (née Martin) Drewrey; and a sister, Linda Fury of Mansfield. Viewing was held from 1:00-8:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home, where the family visited with friends from 5:00–7:00 PM. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Monday at the U.S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith under the direction of McConnell Funeral Home in Greenwood.

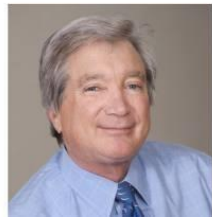


**ROGER B. DRUCKER** - Died Thursday, January 24, 2019 in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 7, 1945 to the late Joseph and Gladys (née Harris) Drucker. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bee Chapter #727**. He was the founder of VVA Chapter #127 and the Veterans Memorial Garden. Roger was a lifetime member of HOG, VFW #10617, DAV, National Order of Trench Rats. He was also a member of Shriners International, Scottish Rite, Mason Liberty Lodge #300 and Iron Nobles. Roger is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen; sons, Ryan Drucker and Joel Batten; daughter, Angelyce Batten; grandchildren, Sariah Adams and Noah Batten; brother, David (Deb) Drucker; sister, Connie (Wayne) Gadt. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Dennis Drucker. A celebration of life took place at a later date. Condolences at Wyuka.com.

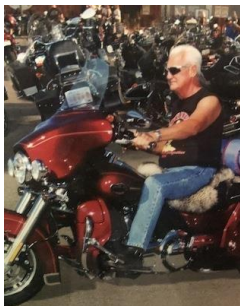


**WALTER J. "Wally" DUDEK** - Died Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the Dayton VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 79. He was a resident of New Madison, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 12, 1940 in Dearborn, Michigan to the late Walter J. and Genevieve Dudek. Wally graduated from Cody High School in Detroit, Michigan. In 1957, Wally joined the United States Army and served his country honorably in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was a proud veteran and was involved with the AMVETS in Michigan, Vets for Vets in Indianapolis and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777** in Richmond, Indiana. Wally was also a MIA-POW Representative for many years. Later in life, Wally attended a JVS for A&P Mechanics and also worked for several airlines at the airport. Wally had many hobbies; riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, woodworking, and fishing just to name a few. He loved supporting the archery team at Tri-Village and supported Hooked on Fishing in Darke County. Wally was a family man. He loved spending time with his entire family and supporting them in their endeavors. He loved cheering on his grandchildren in all their activities. Wally attended St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in New Paris, Ohio, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Wally is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marlene (née Schramm) Dudek, who he married on January 5, 1963; his children, Kim Villasenor of New Madison, Angie Crisp of Hollansburg, Ohio, Ed Dudek and his wife, Karen, of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and Tammy Ketring and her husband, Jon, of New Madison; his grandchildren, Jennifer Morgan and her husband, Nate, of Richmond, Indiana, Sharon Gaynor and her husband, Bob, of Union City, Ohio, Andrea Villasenor of New Madison, Jerry Crisp of Miami, Florida, Jason, Katie, and Jonathon Dudek, all of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and Harley and Wyatt Ketring of New Madison; his great grandchildren, Jensen and Caid Morgan and Chasity and Cohen Gaynor; his brother, John Dudek and his wife, Angela, of White Lake Michigan; his

sisters, Maryanne Bagley of Bloomfield, Michigan, and Sister Antoinette Dudek of Sylvania, Ohio; his sister-in-law, Denise Chudzinski and her husband Denver, of Michigan; and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of Wally's life took place in the spring of 2020 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, Indiana. Guests visited with Wally's family on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at Tribute Funeral Homes, New Madison Campus, from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be given, in memory of Wally, to the Veterans Memorial Park or the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [www.tributefuneralhomes.com](http://www.tributefuneralhomes.com).



**BARTON MAYER ECKERT** – Died Thursday, May 14, 2020 in Rockville, Maryland at the age of 75. The cause of death was sepsis due to an infected type II diabetic foot ulcer. He was born on April 6, 1945 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the beloved husband of Donna (née Rinis) Eckert; devoted father of Andrew Eckert and Hillary (David) Shutak; brother of Lois Stein, and; brother-in-law of Michael Rinis and Babette Rinis. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from June 7, 1970 to May 22, 1971 as an Officer with the Psychological Warfare Detachment Group. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**. Then he came home after his tour without a scratch as far as I know. He fell into a career in Journalism that he loved more than anybody I personally have known has ever loved what they did. Winning himself a News Emmy Award along the way. He got to fly with the Blue Angels for a story. Was there when Ronald Reagan was shot. Because of a career he never originally planned from WIP in Philly through WASH-FM, then to TV with WTTG Channel 5 in DC, The Chamber of Commerce, and finally closed it out back on the radio with WTOP and Westwood. He got to do what he wanted to do and was excellent at it. A private burial service was held in King David Memorial Garden. Memorial Contributions in his memory may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America ([vva.org](http://vva.org)) or the Jewish Social Service Agency ([jssa.org](http://jssa.org)). The arrangements were made under the care of Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, LLC under the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington.



**LEONARD "Butch" ECKSTEIN** – Died Thursday, June 25, 2020 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Oshkosh on September 17, 1947 to the late Leonard and Lois (née Stewart) Eckstein. Butch Eckstein went



through life like he drove his Corvette, full tilt, taking a wrong turn now and then, side-swiping a few potholes and blaring Country music. He got himself lost on occasion but would never admit it or ask for directions. If given a choice, Butch would rather have come to a screeching halt with his tires still burning rubber, but God sent him on a more prolonged exit ramp. This detour gave him precious time to share memories and say his goodbyes. Those moments will be cherished by his family and closest friends. Butch was raised in Oshkosh and made many lifelong friends here. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Air Force, proudly serving for 13 years. While Butch travelled the world, he always called Oshkosh home. Butch settled back in Oshkosh after he finished his time in the Air Force. Butch then spent some time behind the wheel of an 18-wheeler and travelled the entire U.S. He then worked at the Post Office, where he retired in 2006. Butch was probably most known for owning and operating the Back Again Stadium Bar for over 30 years. He heartily shared his infamous stories and words of wisdom on both sides of the bar to any willing or unwilling listener. Some are still recovering. Butch loved to be surrounded by friends and family and would often initiate motorcycle trips fully decked out in his Harley attire, the standard Butch dress code. Destinations were irrelevant, sometimes short jaunts would do, but he relished the long hauls to Sturgis or Florida as well. He'd always manage to make his rounds to various restaurants and taverns, try his luck on the gambling machines, go fishing if he could dupe someone into taking him, take excursions to casinos or just sit at the Stadium and talk to his customers. He particularly loved going on Ratch's bus to attend Packer games. Although Butch tried to give the impression that he was as tough as nails through his colorful language and hard-shell demeanor, those who knew him best recognized his caring and sensitive heart. He sponsored fundraisers and donated his time and money to various causes including the United Veterans Honor Guard and other Veteran organizations. He was a lifelong member of the Disabled American Vets, the Marine Corps League and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437**. He believed in the constitutional rights of the individuals he fought to protect, and he sponsored countless events to raise money for the less fortunate, a testimony of his gratefulness. Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Lois (Siewart) Eckstein; three brothers, Dale, Harlan and Marshall; and his grandson Maddex Eckstein. He is survived by his children, Lenny (Trudy) Eckstein and Kelly (John) McHugh; stepchildren, Phil, Mark, Sara and Mitch; grandchildren, Lainey and Paige, Jennifer, John and Alyssa; brother Wally Eckstein; and sisters, Sue (Bill) Bernier and Marcy (Jeff) Berger; many nieces and nephews; special friend Deb Folske; and his three ex-wives, Carol, Linda and Jessie, all still considered friends. In lieu of flowers, Butch requested that donations be made to: Maddex Eckstein Kind Heart Scholarship Fund Oshkosh Area Community Foundation 230 Ohio St, Suite 100 Oshkosh, WI 54902. The family would like to thank Dr. Sahajpal and his team at St. Luke's in Milwaukee; Dr. Bos and his team at Aurora Oshkosh; Hospice of Aurora; Mary, Brittney, KaBao, and Dr. Dar for all their support and care for Butch. He had a special relationship with each of them. In true Butch Eckstein fashion, a party was held rather than a funeral service. The party was on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Back Again Stadium Bar. Throughout his illness, Butch continued to show his strength and determination, never complaining even in the most challenging circumstances. Even though Butch may have taken a different highway, he knew he was a forgiven child of God and shared his hope of seeing those who were already waiting for him in heaven. He was ready to jump start the next road trip but was looking forward to a better driver at the wheel this

time. Butch would want you to remember, "Don't fear dying, fear not living. Let's ride!" (Harley Davidson quote)



**RONALD W. "Ron" ELLIOTT** - Died peacefully Monday, June 8, 2020 at his home in Wilmington, Delaware at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wilmington on August 14, 1945 to the late Mildred and Walter Elliott. Most of Ron's life was dedicated to his country. From 1963 to 1966 he served in both the Dominican Civil War then Vietnam War as a paratrooper of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. Upon returning home, he worked as a heavy machinery mechanic for 30 years at Worthy Bros Pipeline Construction. Ron also had a small engine repair shop that he operated out of his garage. Ron continued to serve his country by offering free transportation for any fallen soldier to their final resting place in his custom, "one-of-a-kind" decorated truck that he transformed into a hearse. He was also a strong advocate for POW MIA and veteran suicide prevention. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark (Delaware) Chapter #83*. He enjoyed welding, camping, riding his Harley, working on his antique 1940 Ford Coupe, but mostly enjoyed fishing on his boat. Ron is also remembered for his exemplary dedication to community service. Ron is survived by his wife, Fran of 48 years; two daughters, Ronni McCarthy and Tammy Nichols; 3 granddaughters, Alicia, Amanda, and Jailyn; and a great granddaughter, E'veah. He is also preceded in death by his grandson Robbie McCarthy and four siblings, Virginia Crowe, Joanne Zuchowski, Charles Elliott and Bobby Elliott. Friends were invited to share in memories of Ron, with his family during visitation at the McCreary and Harra Funeral Homes, 3710 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington on June 18, 2020 from 9:00-11:00 Am, with the funeral service immediately following. There was a ceremony held at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 1:00 PM. \*\* NOTE: Due to COVID restrictions, admittance was regulated and social distancing requirements were enforced. Following the ceremony, a celebration of Ron's life was held at Firebase Floyd, 474 Flemings Landing Road (Route 9), Townsend, DE. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to A Veteran's Dream, Ron's Brigade % MSgt Mitchell Gauge 1372 Alley Mill Road, Clayton, DE 19938 or go to A Veteran's Dream, Ron's Brigade on Facebook and use the Gofundme link. For online condolences visit [mccreryandharra.com](http://mccreryandharra.com).

**SUSAN JEAN (née Lounsbury) ELLSWORTH** – Died Monday May 18, 2020 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 18, 1964. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Visitation was on Saturday, May 23, 2020 from 12:00 Noon to 1:45 PM in the Sellars Funeral Home (Lebanon), 313 West Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN. Graveside services were conducted on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, 609 South Maple, Lebanon, TN.



**CHARLES WAYNE EVANS** (USAF, TSGT-Ret) - Died Monday, May 25, 2020 at his residence in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 23, 1946 in Fitzgerald, to the late Buell and Beatrice (née Stone) Evans. He was a 1964 graduate of Fitzgerald High School. He was a very athletic student and loved sports. He excelled as a fullback for the Purple Hurricane football team and also participated in track and wrestling. He broke the previous Class A State Record in shot put with a throw of 52'-8 7/8" and held that State Record for several years. At the same State Meet, he placed first with a discus throw of 133'-8". He attended South Georgia College and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Mr. Evans entered the United States Air Force in 1967 and served his country honorably for 21 years, retiring as a Technical Sergeant. He was stationed at Charleston AFB, South Carolina, Eglin AFB, Florida, DaNang AFB, Vietnam, and Plattsburgh AFB, New York. He was decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation medal among many others. He worked as a structural planner and a production control technician in the Civil Engineering Unit. Following his retirement, Mr. Evans worked for the New York State Division of Veterans Services for 20 years where he worked tirelessly to help fellow veterans receive the benefits they earned and deserved. He was active in the American Legion while in New York and later transferred his membership to Post #99 in Fitzgerald. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. He enjoyed working on classic cars and was passionate about restoring older cars back to their original glory. He completely restored a 1968 Roadrunner from the frame up. He was a member of Prospect Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Linda (née Young) Evans of Fitzgerald; daughter, Cheri Renee' Evans of Plattsburgh, New York; son, Charles Wayne "D.J." Evans, Jr. & Heather of Plattsburgh, New York; two grandchildren. Private graveside services were held. The Paulk Funeral Home in Fitzgerald was in charge of the arrangements.

**RICHARD S. EVANS** - Died Friday evening, July 17, 2020 in Greene Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 73, after a brief illness. He was also a resident of Fort Pierce, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 12, 1947 in Rochester, Pennsylvania to the late Michael J. Evans, Sr. and Dorothy (née Bartosh) Evans. A graduate of South Side High School class of 1964, he was drafted into the United States Army in September 1966. He served our country during the Vietnam War where he was wounded during combat by rocket fragments in Edape Nang, Vietnam. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in November 1968 and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He was employed by Westinghouse and Cutler Hammer retiring after 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie (née Andrews) Evans; his children, Michael (Amanda) Evans and Michelle (Ian) Donaldson; his grandchildren, Beatrix, Savannah, Emmitt and Noah; his brothers, Michael J. Jr. and Janet Evans and Joseph Evans; also surviving are two nieces, two nephews, three great-nieces and two great-nephews. As per his wishes, no viewing

or services were held and cremation took place. Professional services were provided by the McConnell Funeral Home, 447 Pine Street, Hookstown, PA.



**MICHAEL KNOWLTON "Mike" FARRELL** - Died peacefully Thursday, June 11, 2020 at home in Tipp City, Ohio at the age of 73, with his family by his side after a courageous battle with cholangiocarcinoma. He was born on February 1, 1947 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Joseph Edward Farrell and Dorothy Belle (née Knowlton) Farrell. Mike is survived by his wife, Patricia "Pat" (née Mooney); daughter, Mary Katherine "Katie" (Nick) Culbreth; granddaughter, Kiera; sister, Barbara; and many cousins. He graduated from Troy High School in 1965. Mike enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed in California where he met his future wife, Pat, prior to his deployment to Vietnam. Upon his return he married Pat and finished his bachelor's degree at The University of Dayton. The couple had one child. Mike went on to have a successful career in aviation sales and marketing. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**, past member of Tipp City Rotary, and a former board member at The Entrepreneurs Center. Mike was passionate about aviation and flying. He also enjoyed fly fishing. However, nothing brought him as much joy as his girls who he loved more than anything in the world. He never missed a swim competition, volleyball match, or basketball game. He was a strong man who courageously fought for extra time with his family. His spirit, positivity, and strength endeared him to many medical professionals he met throughout the course of his treatment. He leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, positivity, and persistence. Due to the pandemic, the family held private visitation services prior to a private committal service and interment at the Dayton National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1235 South Clark Street, Suite #910, Arlington, VA 22202. Arrangements were entrusted to the Frings and Bayliff Funeral Home, 327 West Main Street, Tipp City, OH. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.fringsandbayliff.com](http://www.fringsandbayliff.com).



**DAVID A. FENTZ** - 80, from Indianapolis, Died Thursday, May 7, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 80. The cause of death was complications from COVID-19. He was born on March 13, 1940 in Indianapolis to the late Ernest "Max" and Helen "Irene" Fentz. David was a retired United States Naval and United States Army officer and was also retired for Eli Lilly and Company. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis Chapter #295**. He is survived by his daughter Annie (Joe) Sullivan and son John (Tiffany) Fentz. Granddaughters: Hunter Sullivan, Harleigh Sullivan, and Isabella Fentz, all of Indianapolis. Also several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both his parents; his brother, Tom Fentz; and his sister Tina Ramsey. Visitation services were held at 10:00 AM on Monday, May

18<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana Funeral Care-Greenwood Chap, 2433 East Main Street, Greenwood, IN. Visitation was from 10:00-11:00 AM. A private memorial service was held at 11:00 AM. The interment was at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana. In Lieu of Flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society in David's name.

**DAVID LAWRENCE FITCHPATRICK** – Died Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death was cardiac arrest, myocardial infarction and acute renal failure. He was born in Ithaca, New York on February 28, 1944 to the late Lawrence Marion Fitchpatrick and Arlene Gertrude (née McRavy) Fitchpatrick. He is survived by his wife, Eliane (née Hubbell) Fitchpatrick. He served in the United States Army from May 10, 1968 to May 8, 1970 with a one-year tour in Vietnam from October 1, 1968 to September 23, 1969 assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 36<sup>th</sup> Artillery Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was honorary discharged at the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocala Chapter #1085*. The Fero Funeral Home and Crematory of Beverly Hills, Florida was in charge of the arrangements.

**EDWARD A. "Ed" FORD** (USMC, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Thursday October 17, 2019 at North Mississippi Medical Center at the age of 82, after a short illness. He was a resident of Tupelo, Mississippi. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 15, 1937 in Tremont, Mississippi to the late Elsie and Lucille (née Davis) Ford. Ed served his country proudly and gallantly in Vietnam and retired a Master Sergeant after 22 years in the United States Marine Corp. After his military services he sold cars for the Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Tupelo for several years. He then began a stellar career with the United States Postal Service, retiring after 18 years. He was a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Marine Corp League, an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Mississippi* and the Tupelo Car Club. Ed enjoyed collecting model cars and was an enthusiastic coin collector and held an extensive collection of coins both foreign and domestic. He was also an avid reader of Westerns, John Grisham novels and all the political and military themed books he could get his hands on. He attended the Priceville Baptist Church. Survivors include his three daughters, Talisa Newman of Simpsonville, SC, Kay Cummings and significant other, Matt Kerr of Simpsonville, SC and Cynthia Gail Rutledge and her husband, Kenny of Tupelo; one brother, Rex Ford of Vina, AL; six grandchildren, Matthew Maybery and his wife, Morgan of Anthem, AZ, Mark Maybery of Simpsonville, SC, Jessica Fannin of Simpsonville, SC, Kimberly Harper and her husband, Robert of Fountain Inn, SC, Jamie Satterfield and her husband Randall of Taylors, SC and Jennifer Carroll of Tupelo and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann (née Marcy) Ford; son, Mark Edward Ford; parents, Elsie and Lucille Ford; and brother, Jim Ford. Visitation hours were held from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday October 18, 2019 at W. E. Pegues, Tupelo. Services with full military honors was at 11:00 AM on Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Jefferson Street Chapel of W. E. Pegues with Reverends Tim McMillen, Dale Carr and Brother Bart Latner co-officiating. The burial was in the Priceville Cemetery. The service was live-streamed and recorded for those who were not able to attend at [www.peguesfuneralhome.com](http://www.peguesfuneralhome.com). Expressions of sympathy may be left at [www.peguesfuneralhome.com](http://www.peguesfuneralhome.com).



**BRIAN EVAN GARMAN** – Died Monday, July 13, 2020 in El Dorado Hills, California at the age of 76. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction. He was born in Oxnard, California on October 23, 1943. How do I write this goodbye for my Father, my best friend, my advocate for over 50 years? How do you sum up the life of a person in a few words and phrases? No tribute will adequately honor my Dad and the sacrifices he made his entire life, which was cut way too short from a massive heart attack. I don't know much about his childhood, but I do know he was the life of the party and kind to everyone. He traveled easily among different groups. He nurtured those in need, from people to animals. That kind spirit would remain his entire life. My Dad was a proud and incredibly distinguished Vietnam Veteran. In 1966 he enlisted in the United States Army as a helicopter pilot. He flew many missions and was shot down many times. The suffering he witnessed and endured made it impossible for him to talk about his experiences. I can only piece together some amazing accomplishments. Because of his valor, he was awarded 22 Airman's Medals during his tenure. He flew Huey Helicopters and, I later learned, Heavy Chinook Helicopters for rescue missions. He was a humble man who saved many lives before his honorable discharge as Chief Warrant Officer 2 in 1970. More than any medals or awards, he was proudest of the nickname given to him by his platoon, "Happy Garman." They gifted him an engraved silver lighter with that moniker. It is now with him. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. Because of his missions in Vietnam, he was exposed to Agent Orange. Physically, he suffered greatly throughout his life as a result. But that did not prevent him from living life to the fullest. And for my Dad, his best life started when he met my beautiful Mom! She was a widowed single mother raising my brother and me. Sadly, due to complications, she could not have more biological children. Despite her circumstance, my Dad fell hopelessly in love with her and took on the responsibilities of two young kids. My Dad NEVER made a distinction that we were not his biological children. He loved my Mom more than anything in this world. That unwavering devotion lasted 50 years. Their 50th Anniversary would have been November 6, 2020. And the nurturing skills he honed as a child were tenderly put to use when my Mom developed dementia. My Dad was her primary caregiver and did everything possible to make her feel safe, loved and beautiful, even when she no longer recognized him. They were each other's world – one heart, one soul, one life. A few other fun facts about my Dad. He never met a stray animal he didn't adopt or care for! That included feral cats, raccoons, deer, voles and even a family of skunks! It was his lifelong mission to care for those that couldn't always care for themselves. He also loved fast cars, motorcycles, Glenfiddich Scotch, surfing, sunsets and the California coast he grew up around. I have no words to describe how much I will miss him. I find some comfort knowing he is now free and untethered of life's burdens. In my mind, he is riding down Pacific Coast Highway in his '65 Silver Blue Corvette. He is young and happy. He is waiting for my Mom to hop in the passenger seat and be young and happy with him...forever. Dad, you are Loved. Written by his loving daughter, Joy Wiseblood.





**RODNEY LOWELL GASKILL** - Died Sunday, July 5, 2020 in Nolanville, Texas at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1942 in Olympia, Washington. He retired from the United States Army and later worked as a builder in the area. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He is survived by his wife Johanna, a daughter Johanna Hill and a son Rodney Gaskill.



**JOAN A. (née Mitchell) GAULIN** - Died Sunday, September 22, 2019 in Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, Rhode Island at the age of 70. She was a resident of Woonsocket. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on ay 23, 1949 to the late Ovila and Georgette (née Perry) Mitchell. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert “Limpy” Gaulin. Joan was a program support assistant for the VA for many years retiring in 2013. She was very devoted to veteran’s and disabled veteran’s programs and was a life member of the Amvets Ladies Auxillary. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. She is survived by her son William Myhill of Bellingham, MA, her daughter Carlene Watts of Woonsocket, seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and her siblings: Charles Mitchell of Pawtucket, Paul Mitchell of Vance, SC, Edward Mitchell of Elloree, SC, Georgette Henry of CT, and Mary Reynolds of Attleboro. She was also the sister of the late: Ovila Mitchell Jr, Robert Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Louise Bouchard, and Dale Mabe. Her funeral was held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM from the Fournier and Fournier Funeral Home, 463 South Main Street, Woonsocket, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Precious Blood Church, Carrington Street, Woonsocket. The burial was private. Visitation hours were on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517, or woundedwarriorproject.org.



**GREGORY A. “Greg” GICK** - Died suddenly during the night of Friday, July 17, 2020 in Nokomis, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on January 10, 1946 and lived in Lawrenceburg, Indiana before moving to Florida in 2003. Greg worked his entire career at Procter and Gamble and retired in 2001 to play golf for the

rest of his life. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary (Graf), his sister, Elaine Fuell (Jerry), and his brother Gordon (Kathy). He is also the proud uncle to 14 nieces and nephews. Greg was a golfer (Mission Valley Country Club), a motorcycle enthusiast (Harley Davidson of course), and a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and the Vietnam War (1969-1970). He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He was a wonderful, warm human being and will be greatly missed. A Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Osprey. The burial was in the Sarasota National Cemetery on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America (8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910).



**JOHN WEAVER GLUNT, JR.** - Died Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Fairdale, Kentucky at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kittanning, Pennsylvania on January 25, 1936. He was a retired United States Army Veteran and also retired from Civil Service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Lynn Glunt Dezarn Arnold. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 64 years, the former Meriam Bradway; daughter, Ruth Ann Power (Michael) and Carol Sue Combs (Larry); his son, Stanley Glunt; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Cremation was chosen. The Fairdale-McDaniel Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

**DON B. GOLD** – Died recently in 2020 in Fairfax, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Rafael Chapter #547**.



**RONALD J. "Ron" GOODHART** - Died Monday, June 15, 2020 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 72. He was formerly of Saint Charles, Missouri. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on June 21, 1947 to the late Joseph and Rose (née Waeltermann) Goodhart. Ron was a union electrician with the IBEW Local 1 and retired a decade ago after working more than 40 years in the trade. He was active in the community, and was a member of several organizations, including VFW Post #4105, American Legion Post #444, Knights of Columbus Duchesne Council #2951 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #794**, where he began an educational program that gave Saint Louis area students first-hand knowledge of the Vietnam-era. Ron served in the United States Marine Corps with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart. Ron was a good father who cared deeply about his family, a traveler, and a man who lived his life in service to his family, community and country. Ron is survived by his wife, Rebecca Hart-

Goodhart, sons, Brian (Michael Wilson) Goodhart, and Jeffrey (Jessica) Goodhart, daughter, Katie (Christopher) VanDaele, four grandchildren: Paige, Tyler, Henry, and Charlie, two sisters: Judy (Bill) Foley, and Elaine (Tom) Carroll and a host of other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Goodhart and Rose Marr, and his wife of 41 years JoAnn Goodhart. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1355 Motherhead Road, Cottleville. A private interment was held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Saint Louis, MO. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Stroke Association at [www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org).



**FREDERICK GORBATUK, JR.** - Died peacefully on Saturday, June 20, 2020 in Manville, New Jersey at the age of 72, with his loving family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Somerville, New Jersey on April 25, 1948 to the late Frederick and Olga Gorbaturk. Mr. Gorbaturk was a lifelong resident of Manville. He was a 1966 Manville High School graduate. Mr. Gorbaturk served his Country Honorably, as a Staff Sergeant, in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He worked for the Lehn and Fink Corporation in Hillsborough, NJ for 34 years before retiring. Mr. Gorbaturk was a loving and dedicated husband, father, brother, and grandfather. He was very friendly, was always telling stories and made people laugh. Mr. Gorbaturk spent lots of time with his wife Claire of 48 years dining out, taking walks, and vacationing in Wildwood. He enjoyed watching his oldest son David compete in auto-racing and his youngest son Patrick coach football and wrestling at Manville High School. Mr. Gorbaturk loved watching his grandchildren play football, soccer, gymnastics and wrestling. He was also an avid fisherman and gardener. Mr. Gorbaturk was very dedicated to the community and to the Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post #2290 where he served multiple terms as VFW Post #2290 Commander with multiple All-State Honors including All-American Status in 2009. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philipsburg Chapter #452**. He was also Grand Marshall of the Manville Memorial Day Parade in 2014. He is survived by his wife Claire Gorbaturk of Manville, NJ, his two sons David Gorbaturk and his wife Christine of Manville, NJ and Patrick Gorbaturk and his wife Amanda of Manville, NJ and by a brother Peter Gorbaturk and his wife Susan of Manville, NJ. He is also survived by his five cherished grandchildren Adrianna, Matthew, David, Alexis and Olivia. The arrangements were made under the direction of the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks, Boulevard, Manville, NJ. The services were private. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions everyone attending must wear a mask at all times and social distancing must be practiced. Thank you for your consideration in advance. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to: Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post #2290, 600 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835. Please make checks payable to "VFW Post 2290". He was interred in Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Cemetery, 1166 Millstone River Road in Hillsborough, New Jersey.

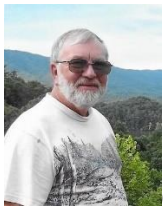


**GEORGE DARRELL GORSUCH** – Died Friday, May 29, 2020 in Muncie, Indiana at the age of 82. The cause of death was cardiogenic shock. George was born on November 13, 1937 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the 5<sup>th</sup> of 9 siblings to the late Rupert and Edna Gorsuch. He joined the United States Army in 1955 and stayed in the military until retiring from the United States Air Force in 1976. He served in Germany, Spain, England, Canada, Vietnam, and several stateside bases as well, including his time as a drill sergeant in Texas. An eagle and American flag were always seen when in his presence. They may have been on a hat, a shirt or a sticker but guaranteed, they were nearby. He wore his military pride well and would share his "war stories" with anyone who would listen. After retiring from the Air Force, he earned an Associate of Arts Degree in building construction and worked at the Indiana Reformatory in Pendleton, IN. He had attended Selma United Methodist Church and held life-time memberships with the VFW Post #651 and DAV Chapter #25. He was also a member of the American Legion #19, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana*, Vietnam Veterans of America #434, the Masonic Lodge of Sulphur Springs #348, The Scottish Rite Temple in Indianapolis being a 32nd Mason in the Murat Shrine Temple and he served as a hospice volunteer for many years following the death of Karen Sue. George and Karen Sue (Cowgill) were married for 35 years before she succumbed to cancer in 1995. They were a pair! She was his true North and he missed her terribly, until the morning of May 29, when they were reunited again. George's family has two amazing and humble daughters, Cherrise Gorsuch and Melissa (Bert) Mitchell; two grandsons, Derek (Krista) Johnson and Drew (Shelley) Ragland; three great-grandchildren, Sirius and JoJo Ragland, and Merida Johnson. His remaining siblings are brothers Robert, Donnie (Carmen) and Sonny and sister Sherry (Dennis) Jones; sister-in-law Shelia Flanagan, nephews John (Kassie) and Steven (Jackie) Flanagan; great-nieces and great-nephew, Kayla, Blake and Karlie Flanagan; sister-in-law, Marsha and Scott Weger and any other person who crossed the threshold of his home was considered a friend and quickly became family to him. George was at his best when wearing his bib overalls, working his grill, and telling a story that was at least remotely based on a parcel of truth. When pursuing a task, it would always involve any combination of zip ties, JBWeld, fishing spinners, parachute cord, and cup hooks. Everything had his name on it and oftentimes was labeled with what the item actually was. He was a teddy bear of a man of great principle, especially to his grands and great-grands. There wasn't a food he didn't like or spice too spicy. He could recite dialog from every John Wayne movie including his top 3-- The Green Berets, The Shootist and The Cowboys. And don't even think about interrupting him during Price is Right, Let's make a Deal, or Wheel of Fortune. He was a dog lover; enjoyed feeding and watching birds; as well as reading, especially non-fiction military and autobiographies. He loved to do craft work and make bird houses that could withstand any F5 tornado. We want to extend our praises and gratitude to the medical staff, nurses, aids, and all personnel at the Marion VA. You cared for our non-compliant dad very well and he grew to love you in spite of himself. At the time of writing this obituary, it's highly likely Dad's 2020 Christmas cards have already been mailed, which could have been part of his plan

to receive an early open-up. Calling hours were on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and his service was at 1:00 PM at the Parson Mortuary, 801 West Adams Street, Muncie, IN. The burial was in the Tomlinson Cemetery, 5301 South Old State Road 67, Muncie. Pastor Bill Bruneau was the officiant at the services. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic masks were recommended by the Parson Mortuary and social distancing protocol observed. In lieu of flowers, please contribute as Dad did to: 1) Marion VA Voluntary and Community Resources Department, 1700 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Marion, IN 46953, Donation in memo line of check to go specifically to Unit #172-1B, GPS 4432; 2) Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or; 3) Ronald McDonald House Charities, 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263.

**NICHOLAS A. GRAZIANO** – Died Wednesday, May 6, 2020 in Island Park, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 3, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. The funeral service was held on May 11, 2020 at 10:30 AM in the Lieber Funeral Home, 266 North Central Avenue, Valley Stream, New York.

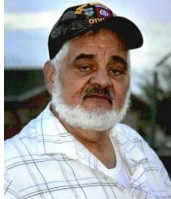
**GEORGE HERBERT GREEN** – Died Wednesday, June 3, 2020 in Dunnellon, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was suicide due to severe Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was born in Warrenton, Virginia on September 23, 1947. He is survived by his wife Lori. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam with the C 1/7<sup>th</sup> Marines. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



**GARLEN MICHAEL GRUENHAGEN** – Died Saturday, July 4, 2020 in the VA Medical Center in Saint Cloud, Minnesota at the age of 71. He was a resident of Clear Lake, Minnesota. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota on June 15, 1949 to the late Kenneth and Helen (née Uecker) Gruenhagen. He grew up in Howard Lake, Minnesota, was baptized and confirmed and attended school at Saint James Lutheran. He graduated from Howard Lake High school in 1967. After high school Garlen joined the United States Marine Corps. He spent part of his tour of duty in Vietnam and was a recipient of the Purple Heart medal. Following his time in the service Garlen came home and worked first at Advanced Machine in Minneapolis then took a job as a letter carrier for the United States Post office. On September 20, 1986 Garlen married Kim Trittaugh, at Saint Mark Lutheran Church in New Germany. They lived in Howard Lake prior to moving to Clear Lake in 1989. Kim passed away on May 6, 2013. Garlen enjoyed the outdoors; hunting, fishing, 4 wheeling, and spending time at his cabin. He was a member of the Sauk Rapids VFW, and the American Rifle Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290**. Survivors include his sisters, Noreen (Donnie) Horsch and Jane (Tom) Boeson; his cousin, Gerald (Budda) and Connie Gruenhagen; his uncle, Ron (Joyce) Uecker; his aunt, Ruth Uecker, and; many



cousins, nieces, nephews other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his wife, Kim; his brother, Russell, and; his parents, parents Kenny and Helen. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Saint James Lutheran Church. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. There was an honorary gun salute, flag presentation and luncheon following service at the Howard Lake Legion. The interment was in Fort Ripley Cemetery in Little Falls, Minnesota.



**ANTONIO M. GUERRERO** – Died Saturday, May 23, 2020 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on May 24, 1950 in San Antonio, Texas. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. The Hillcrest Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**DONALD M. "Don" HARBIN** - Died Monday, June 15, 2020 in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 30, 1946 in Morristown to the late Don and Mildred Harbin. He was a member of Manley Baptist Church and was a veteran of the United States Army from December 1965 to October 1967 with a tour in Vietnam in 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. Don was a wonderful Christian gentleman, amazing father and grandfather, faithful friend, and a great servant of Manley Baptist Church. He retired in January 2010 after forty-two years in the finance business. He enjoyed his retirement on the golf course with his friends and being able to spend quality time with his family. Don was an avid University of Tennessee Volunteers fan and enjoyed attending UT football, basketball, and Lady Vols games. He enjoyed playing softball for the Manley Reds for many years, even past age 50. Don was a devoted husband, daddy, granddaddy "Dada" to his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and friend, and will be dearly missed. He will be remembered as being the most friendly, kind-hearted, and loving servant of our Lord. Our loss is Heaven's gain. He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Mildred Harbin; father and mother-in-law, Charles and Elizabeth Wright; and great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Emma Mabb. He is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Brenda Harbin; sons, Jeff (Susan) Harbin and Kerry Harbin; daughter, Heather (Shawn) Wilson; grandchildren, Megan Harbin, Emilee (Chris) Mowl, Brimley Wilson, Zander Wilson, and William Wilson; great-grandchildren, Marah Mowl, Cody Weston, Ella Booher, and Harper Myers; sister, Phyllis (Eddie) Epps; brother-in-law, Billy (Becky) Johnson; nieces, Mary Beth Drinnon, Jaymie (Donnie) Jones, and Sheila (Jason) Evans; nephew, Greg (Tamatha) Epps; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on



Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Manley Baptist Church. A Celebration of Life service was at 7:00 PM with Dr. Tony Buchanan officiating. Family had a private military service at East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to Manley Baptist Church. The arrangements were made by the Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown.



**RICHARD C. HEBENSTREIT** - Died Tuesday April 21, 2020 in his home in Bethel, Ohio at the age of 73, with his dearest wife, Marjorie L. (née Stephens) Hebenstreit holding his hand. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 25, 1947 to the late Clifford and Catherine "Babe" (née Griffin) Hebenstreit. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter 649**. In addition to his wife, he was the respected father of Christopher (Beth) and Mark (Tiffany); proud grandfather of Will, Libby, Max, Quinn and Griffin; also survived by brother-in-law, Russell Stephens, Jr. and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Larry, as well as his in-laws Russell and Violet Stephens (née Grimmer) and brother-in-law Gerald Stephens. He was laid to rest in New Saint Joseph Cemetery (West Price Hill), the same place as his parents and dearest uncle, William "Bud" Griffin. On account of the covid-19 pandemic, burial services were restricted to immediate family. A celebration of life was planned for later in the summer, details forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Rick's name to either the Vietnam Veterans of America (<https://vva.org/donate/>) or the Military Order of the Purple Heart (<https://www.purpleheart.org/donate/>).

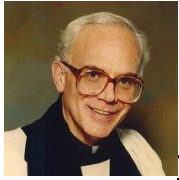


**DONALD LARRY "Don" HENDON** - Died Tuesday, June 16, 2020 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 76, after 20 years active United States Navy duty. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. The cause of death was colon cancer. He was born in Hendron, Bledsoe County, Tennessee on June 3, 1944 to the late Willie and Dortha Hendon. He was also predeceased by his sister, Linda Faye. Survivors are his wife, Joan (née Dennis) Hendon; sons, Donald (Wanda) Hendon and Craig (Laurie) Hendon; grandson, Matthew (Shaleigh) Hendon; granddaughters, Annaliessa Michelotti-Hendon, Sophia Hendon, and Grace Hendon; and great granddaughter, Payton Hendon. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. Graveside services were held in Hendon Cemetery on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM with Reverend Grant Chauncey presiding with Navy honors. Condolences and memories can be shared at [www.williamsonandsons.com](http://www.williamsonandsons.com). The arrangements were made by the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN.



**JIM W. "Ish" HERMAN** – Died Thursday, March 19, 2020 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Green Bay, on October 29, 1950 to the late Warren and Elsie Herman. Jim took his role of big brother to heart and was always there as family protector and guide. His love of fishing, hunting, and golf were well known and he used those opportunities to bond with his brothers, nephews, and friends. Jim graduated from West High in 1969 and then joined the United States Army. He served from 1969-1972 including two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224*. He worked for Morning Glory for many years until his retirement in October 2012. Jim enjoyed his monthly breakfasts with old friends and especially the 5th Street boys. And he will always be fondly remembered by his nephews, nieces, and their families as "Uncle Ish". Jim dealt with the effects of agent orange exposure for many years and now it has beaten him. He was able to spend his last few days lovingly cared for by his sister, Judy and her husband, Bob. Judy and Bob opened their home to family and friends so many were able to visit Jim one last time to say their good-byes. God bless them for doing that! Jim is survived by five brothers and one sister, twin brother, Jerry (Luanne) Herman, Wausaukee, Jeff (Susie) Herman, Green Bay, sister, Judy (Bob) Schaetz, De Pere, Joe (Debby) Herman, Bob Herman, and Doug (Chris) Herman, all of Green Bay. Also survived by 8 nephews, 5 nieces, good friend and hunting and fishing buddy, Ken "Bulldog" Francois, aunts and uncles, Junie and Claudette Renard, Joanne Herman, Gary and Mary Renard, Helen Herwald, and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Elsie Herman, aunts and uncles: Lloyd Herman, Harold and Ruth King, and Rudy Herwald. Visitation was at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 210 South Oneida Street, Green Bay on Saturday, July 18, 2020 from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The memorial service was at 12:00 Noon in the church with Pastor Paul Pett officiating followed with full military honors. Due to the current health situation, the family requested that everyone wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.

**STEVEN D. "Steve" HICKMAN** – Died Sunday, January 19, 2020 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kellogg, Idaho on April 13, 1942 to the late Bill and Eileen Hickman. Steve served in the United States Army for 20 years, with three tours in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. Steve was a member of the Elks Lodge and a life member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista Chapter #1093*. Steve is survived by his wife, Laura Hickman; his daughters, Karyn (Ronn) Mayer, Leah (Trevor) Ferguson, and Raquel (Justin) Turner; his 6 grandchildren, Cameron, Chance, Stefanie, Teresa, Hanne, and Gibson; and his 2 sisters Wanda (Dave) Ketchum and Lenora (Lyle) Kendoll. A memorial was held at the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge on January 24, 2020 at 2:30 PM. The graveside service was pushed back to a later date.



**THE REVEREND ALLEN ARTHUR HINMAN** - Died Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the VA Medical Center in East Orange, New Jersey at the age of 77, from complications of treatment for lung cancer and a recent fall. He was a resident of Passaic, New Jersey. Reverend Hinman served as Rector of Saint John Episcopal Church in Passaic for 19 years before retiring in 2004. He was born on September 28, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky but was raised in Oklahoma, Brooklyn, NY, Memphis, TN, St. Joseph, MO, Cranford, NJ, and Winnetka, IL as his father received promotions with The Quaker Oats Company. After graduating in 1964 from Cornell University, where he took ROTC, Allen served as Captain in the United States Army Medical Service Corps with the Wolfhounds. He earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for Valor while in Vietnam, 1966-67. Upon his honorable discharge, he joined Vietnam Veterans Against the War, walking in a three-day protest march from Morristown, NJ to Valley Forge State Park, PA with over 200 veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. Allen was a 1970 graduate of Union Theological Seminary, NYC, and received postgraduate training at the General Theological Seminary, NYC. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1970 and to the priesthood in 1971 at Saint Paul Church, Englewood, NJ. He married Marion (Mon) van Gelder, a fellow student at Union, in 1969, and they celebrated 50 years together last year in Germany. His first position as a priest was All Souls Church in Harlem (1970-1974) as assistant to the Reverend Clifford Lauder until Lauder's retirement, then priest-in-charge until a replacement was selected. Rev Hinman served as administrative director of the Manhattan North Inter-Parish Council in 1974-75, then became assistant to Dr. M. Moran Weston at St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Harlem in June 1975. Upon Dr. Weston's retirement, he was priest-in-charge till he led the church's search committee to find a permanent rector in 1985. Reverend Hinman became rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Passaic, NJ (1985-2004) succeeding Father Ed Partridge, who had been sent by the Diocese to close this Parish that could not support itself. During Rev. Hinman's tenure, St. John's endowment tripled, which allowed the church to continue and to undertake significant structural upkeep to both the church building and St. John's Thrift Shop. Rev. Hinman's ministry was remembered for many things: his concise and insightful sermons, his visits to sick parishioners, Wednesday night Lenten series, ending with Good Friday services on the Seven Last Words of Christ, a Boy's Choir for several years, New Year's Day Open House with soup, bus trips to St. Thomas Church in NYC for Epiphany, and once the neighborhood became largely Jewish, his observing the Night of Broken Glass with Jewish speakers. Throughout his professional life in New York and New Jersey, and after his retirement, Allen served in many capacities on NY and NJ boards of Planned Parenthood. He was President of the Board of Trustees of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan NJ for several years from 1997. Allen was instrumental in securing over \$2 million through an agreement between Wayne General Hospital, Saint Barnabas Health Care Systems, and Saint Joseph Hospital for PPMNJ to provide reproductive health care services to the Wayne general population. Allen was an early member of The United Passaic Organization, a Federal Community Agency of interfaith clergy and lay people organized to improve the quality of life in Passaic by such programs as Utility Assistance, Sink or Swim Mentoring Program, The

Emergency Food Pantry, and a guaranteed job for high school graduates who met certain attendance and other qualifications during their schooling. After retirement, he attended a weekly Veteran's PTSD group. Allen loved his family, friends, fellow veterans, Wolfhound reunions, restaurants, theater, and dance concerts in NY and NJ, pets, fishing, gardening, cooking, hosting friends for Christmas, Easter, Saint Patrick's Day, Labor Day, etc., and cooking for church youth groups or potlucks. He wrote weekly wry movie reviews for his friends of his Friday night movie dates with his wife. Allen is survived by his wife Mon, brother Dick Hinman, nephew Charles and niece Betty of CA, sister Mary Kelly of Sun City, AZ, and cousin Alice Buchanan of Charlottesville, VA. Allen also is remembered by his Liberian family: Helena, David, David, Jr. and Tracy Holmes, Gabriel and Nicole Daniels, Hannah and Urais Youboty. Allen's funeral mass with ashes and choir was on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley, NJ. The arrangements were by the Cremation Society of New Jersey – 470 Colfax Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.



**MICHAEL P. HORNICK** -Died unexpectedly, but peacefully on Friday, June 12, 2020 in Ohioville, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. He was a resident of Industry, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 14, 1943 in East Liverpool, Ohio. He graduated in 1960 from Lincoln High School, Midland, going on to receive his B.S. Degree in Pharmacy from the University of Michigan in 1965. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, he served as a Corpsman with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division during the Vietnam War. Michael was a local business owner, as co-owner of Ernie's Pharmacy in Midland, PA and Porter's Pharmacy in Moon Twp., PA. He retired in 2007. Michael served as a former President of the Western Beaver School Board and the Midland Lions Club. He volunteered at local Greek Catholic Union events and was active with many veteran activities. In his spare time, he loved to swim and cut grass. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Michael was preceded in death by his beloved wife Norma Murdock Hornick, in 2018; and an infant son, Samuel, in 1978. He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Sally (Stanton) Anderson, Winnetka, IL, and son, James (Jennifer) Hornick, Chicago, IL; as well as his sister, Evelyn (Ernie) Dostalick, Ohioville, PA; one brother-in-law, Keith (Janine) Murdock, Wintersville, OH; sister-in-law, Diane (Delma) Hughes, Tallahassee, FL; three grandchildren, Sadie, Sloane, and Stanton Anderson, Jr.; along with numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of life was scheduled for the future. Professional arrangements have been entrusted to the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver. Online condolences may be shared at [nollfuneral.com](http://nollfuneral.com). Memorial donations in Michael's name may be made online or mailed to the Carnegie Free Library, 61 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Midland, PA 15059, or the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center, 1 Lincoln Park, Midland, PA 15059.



**GERALD CLAYRON "Gerry" HUHNS, JR.** - Died Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the VA Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio at the age of 72, after a short illness. The cause of death was metastatic prostate cancer. He was born in Akron, Ohio on March 8, 1947 to the late Gerald Clayton Huhn, Sr. and Thelma (née Colvin) Huhn. Gerry currently resided in Uniontown. He graduated from Garfield High School in 1965 and served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Gerry retired from S. A. Comunale after many years of service. He was a member of Uniontown United Methodist Church, Summit County Metro Parks Ensemble, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**, and VFW Firestone Park Post #3383. He was also a member of the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogy Society, where he served as President for two years. Gerry enjoyed church, music, genealogy, and sports, but above all else, he loved spending time with his family. Gerry is survived by his wife of 32 years, Donna; children, Michele (Jaramie) Louderback, Dana Harris, and Scott (Rae Jean) Harris; grandchildren, Michael, Joshua, Lauren, and Christopher; great-grandson, Asher; brothers, Ken and Kevin Huhn, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Friends and family were received on Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Hopkins Lawver Funeral Home, 3553 Northdale Street NW (one block NW of the square of 619 and Cleveland Avenue), Uniontown, Ohio. The funeral service was held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Uniontown United Methodist Church, 13370 Cleveland Avenue NW, Uniontown, OH with Reverend Derek Kubilus officiating. The burial was in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery on Wednesday at 2:00 PM. The family suggested memorials to Gerry's Church or to the Wounded Warrior Project ([support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org)).



**WILLIE JACKSON, JR.** – Died Monday, May 18, 2020 in Capitol Heights, Maryland at the age of 77. The cause of death head trauma sustained after a fall. He was born in Washington, DC on February 18, 1943. He served in the United States Army Reserves and served one year in Vietnam from January 22, 1968 to November 9, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**. Visitation was held from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM on May 31, 2020 at the Sewell Funeral Home, 1451 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD.

**RICHARD LEE JOHNSON** - Died unexpectedly on Thursday, April 23, 2020 in Lakeland, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was malignant bladder cancer. He was born on August 31, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Carol; his sister, Loralie Swan, of Port Orange, Florida; his nephew, Christopher Swan; his great-nephew, Ethan Swan, and; his great-niece, Hannah Swan, of Bloomington, Illinois. He was a longtime resident of Lakeland. He was a United States Air Force Vietnam Veteran from October 3, 1966 to August 18, 1967. Airman Second Class

34distinguished himself by meritorious service as a Munitions Specialist, Munitions Storage Section, 303<sup>rd</sup> Munitions Maintenance Squadron, Bien Hoa Air Base in the Republic of South Vietnam. During this period, Airman Johnson unloaded and stored thousands of tons of munitions to be used on strike aircraft. His knowledge, ability and devotion to duty have made a significant contribution to the combat effectiveness of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing. Unfortunately, he worked directly with Agent Orange. Among his other awards, he earned the Air Force Commendation Medal. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburndale Chapter #1040**. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason at local lodge 91. He loved flying and had earned a single engine private pilot's license. He enjoyed volunteering for the annual Sun & Fun Fly-In at Lakeland's Drane Field. He retired from the telephone company after a long career. He met monthly with a group of Lakeland High Alumni, Class of '62, where he loved swapping stories. He was a NASCAR enthusiast. Grilling on his Green Egg grill and gardening were other passions of his. He was a jolly little kid and was a kind, caring and fun-loving adult. He will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.



**HERSHEL E. JUNKINS, JR.** - Died Monday, May 4, 2020 at the Frostburg Village Sterling Care Center in Frostburg, Maryland at the age of 73. He was a resident of Rawlings, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 21, 1946 in Keyser, West Virginia to the late Hershel E. Junkins, Sr. and Nellie G. (née Kile) Junkins. He also was preceded in death by a sister, Darlene Pierce and a brother, Ronald Junkins. Mr. Junkins was a graduate of Bruce High School and served his country proudly and honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veteran of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** and also was a member of Boyce-Houser Post #41, American Legion in Keyser. He was a member of the Potomac Valley Revival Center in Rawlings and in his younger years, was an avid hunter, fisherman, outdoorsman and horseman, He was a former member of the Hi-Rock Saddle Club. Surviving are his wife of nearly 22 years, Catherine J. (née Dawson) Junkins; two daughters, Teresa Knotts and husband Donnie of New Creek, WV and Tara Haggerty and husband Mike of Maysville, WV; two stepchildren, Lisa Dolly and husband Randy of Fort Ashby, WV and Howie Courtney and wife Tina of Ridgeley, WV; two brothers, William Junkins and wife Carol of Burlington, WV and Elwood Junkins and wife Jen of Keyser; five grandchildren, Samantha and Ethan Knotts, Courtney Mullenax, Brandy Oates and Megan LaGratta and six great-grandchildren, Jonah, Jana and Jace Mullenax and Bryson, Aubrey and Camden Warner. Due to the current health concerns, graveside services were private for the family with Pastor David Stottlemeyer officiating. The interment was in the Thrush Cemetery, Antioch, WV, where graveside military honors were accorded. The Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

**DEBRA KENNEDY** – Died recently in 2020 in Fontana, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on May 17, 1951. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Inland Empire (Riverside) Chapter #47**.





**JOSEPH SILAS KENNEY, JR.** - Died Sunday, November 10, 2019 at his home in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 18, 1946, in Cumberland to the late Joseph Silas Kenney, Sr., and Audra Pearl (née Bean) Kenney. He was also preceded in death by a brother: Jeffrey Kenney; two nephews and one niece. A United States Marine Corps Veteran, Joseph retired from the Mill Wright Iron Workers Union Local 1102 out of Michigan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He is survived by his loving wife of 18.5 years: Valarie Kenney; his daughters: Aimee Parth and husband, Frank; and Tammy Lynn Miller and husband, Durwin; and his son: Scott L. Bussard. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Casey, Aidan, Cassidy, Jacob, Mason, and Howard; his great-grandson: Emerson Joseph; his brothers: Paul and Sam Kenney; as well as several brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law: and his little fur babies, Maggie and Mae. Per his wishes, Joseph was cremated and a memorial service was held at a later date.

**JOHN KESSLER** – Died recently in 2020 in Belleville, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 15, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**.

**DAVID A. KNAPP** – Died recently in 2020 in West Palm Beach, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 2, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Palm Beach Chapter #25**.



**JOHN W. KNAPP, SR.** - Died unexpectedly Tuesday March 17, 2020 at his residence in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in North Adams, Massachusetts on December 11, 1944 to the late Raymond F. Knapp, Sr. and Carrie (née Gravel) Knapp. John received his education in North Adams, MA, Pownal, VT and Hoosick Falls, NY. He served in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and later attended Hudson Valley Community College where he studied mortuary science. He married the former Elizabeth Hall at the Methodist Church in Williamstown, MA in 1965. In earlier years John had been employed at Sibley Manufacturing, Johnson Controls, the Pownal Tannery and had also driven school bus. He most recently worked at the Watervliet Arsenal from which he retired. He was a member of the American Legion Post #13 in Bennington. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. John enjoyed hunting and fishing. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Knapp, of Bennington; his children, John W. Knapp, Jr., of Bennington, Jeffrey and Happy Knapp of Shaftsbury, Scott Knapp and Cheryl Bennington and Tamara and Mitchel Harris of Pownal, VT; seven grandchildren, and; four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Raymond Knapp and his wife Cynthia, of North Bennington and several nieces, nephews and cousins and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. A

graveside service with military honors was held at the family lot at East Lawn Cemetery in Williamstown, MA at the convenience of the family. If friends desire contributions in memory of John W. Knapp, Sr. may be made to either the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association through the office of the Mahar and Son Funeral Home, 628 Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201. Guest book condolences may be made at [www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net).

**DAVID F. KNIGHT** – Died Friday, June 12, 2020 in Florissant, Missouri at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 16, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #794**. Funeral Home Services for David were provided by the Neptune Society – St. Louis of Creve Coeur, MO.



**JAMES HENRY KOWITZ** - Died Wednesday, June 17, 2020 in Saint Cloud, Minnesota at the age of 73, after a two-year battle with lung cancer at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saint Cloud. James was born on April 28, 1947 in Saint Cloud to the late Clarence and Elizabeth M. (née Sufka) Kowitz. He was married to Jeani Gregory (1967 to 1988). He was later married to Cyndie Tyrell (1989 to 2010). After graduating from Technical High School in 1965, James had a 20-year military career as a Veteran who served in the United States Army and in the Vietnam war. His family had a three year stay in Tokyo, Japan from 1969 to 1972 where he cultivated an interest in racing cars, especially his Z28 Camaro. When he returned to the United States, James worked for the Soo Line Railroad in Minnesota for five years. In 1978 he moved to Arizona where he served in the Army National Guard including the Desert Hawks Apache Helicopter Unit. He also served in the Phoenix division of the DEA – Technical Operations. James moved back to St. Cloud in 2010 and was a member of the Sauk Rapids VFW Post #6992, Sauk Rapids, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290**, St. Cloud Elks Club, The Pan-towners, and the legendary Rock City Rods. Survivors include his son James (Stacey) Kowitz of Gilbert, AZ; daughter Joni (Mike) Pettice of Peoria, AZ; daughter Michelle (Mike) Mowrey of Chandler, AZ; daughter Julie Friedly of Chandler, AZ; sister Judy (Lonnie) Cagle of St. Cloud, MN; and brother Gerald (Dianna) Kowitz of Phoenix, AZ. Additional survivors include six grandchildren - Katrina, Joanna, Kiki, Julian, Jacob, Emma and his beloved canine companions Molly, Buddy and Rusty. A Mass was celebrated on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 11:30 AM at Saint Anthony Catholic Church in Saint Cloud. Visitation was 90 minutes prior to the service. The burial with full military honors was at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Masks were encouraged to be worn and social distancing appreciated. Funeral arrangements were made by the Benson Funeral Home in Saint Cloud.



**KENNETH ROBERT “Ken” LaFOREST, SR.** - of Clinton Township, Died Monday, July 20, 2020 in hospice care at the age of 80. He was a resident of Clinton Township, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 12, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Harry and Marion (née Hausler) LaForest. Ken was the owner of Litho Graphics Printing Company. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and loved 1950’s memorabilia. Ken was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Anyone who has met Ken knows that when you’re with him, you’re among friends and in just a matter of minutes, you’re a part of the family. Leather on the outside, silk on the inside is how his kids describe him. Always a kind word to lend or checking in to see how your day was going, he got a lot of joy from being with his grand babies too. Ken LaForest, or “Slick” as his motorcycle club and friends know him as - has been someone who has always cared about helping other people. He has a BIG heart....sometimes even getting him in trouble. Printing, supporting the veterans and his motorcycle club and Hog Chapter, have been some of the biggest influences and passions in his life. It wasn’t uncommon for him to drop everything to help someone else. Mr. LaForest is survived by four children, Shari Lamoreaux, Kenneth (Kimberly) LaForest Jr., Michelle (Andrew) Odoerfer and Audrey (Jeff) LaForest; seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and his brother, Gerald (Eileen) LaForest. Ken was predeceased by siblings, Mason and Audrey LaForest. Visiting hours were on Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 9:30 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 38900 Harper Avenue, Clinton Township, MI 48036 with Pastor Gary Richard officiating. The burial was in the Clinton Grove Cemetery, Clinton Township. In lieu of flowers, donations to VVA Chapter #154, 18025 East 15 Mile Road, Clinton Township 48035 would be appreciated.



**KURT MICHAEL LAMMERS** (USAF, LtCol-Ret.) - Died at 2:53 PM on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Ohio State University of the colongcal Center in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 87. He was a resident of Minster, Ohio. The cause of death was cancers of the colon, prostate and liver and MDS (myelodysplastic syndrome). He was born on August 17, 1932 in Minster, Ohio to the late Benjamin and Bertha (née Hartman) Lammers. He married Marilyn Krohn from Portland, Oregon on December 19, 1959 at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland and she survives in Minster. He is also survived by children, Michael K. and Anne Lammers, Minster and Lori K. and William Hammett, Dublin, Ohio; grandchildren, Dr. Jennifer Lammers and Jack Webb, Michael J. Lammers, Erin T. Hammett and Ashley B. Hammett. He was preceded in death by his parents and his only brother Ben Lammers and sisters-in-law Diane (Gould) Lammers and Judy (Wiegall) Lammers. Kurt was a graduate of Minster High School, class of 1950 and an Ohio State University graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering class of 1955. He worked for Stampco in New Bremen for two years before entering the United States Air Force as an engineer at the National Security Agency at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland where he met

his wife, Marilyn. He graduated from the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, Ohio and received a master's degree in Nuclear Engineering. He was selected to attend the United States Military Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Virginia then was assigned to The Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Air Force where he was a Command Pilot in the C-124 aircraft where he logged over 5000 hours of flight time on missions all over the globe. He was also a pilot in the C-47. He had served in Vietnam as a liaison with the Army 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces. He received many service awards including the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He traveled extensively all over the world and had so many interesting stories to relate about his many travels. After retirement from the Air Force, he became a lead engineer at the Lima, Ohio Tank Plant where the first Abrams M-1 tank was developed. He was a past Councilman for the Village of Minster, a life member of the Minster American Legion Post #387 and the Minster VFW Post #6432. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Celina Chapter #783**. He served on the Veterans Service Commission in Auglaize County for several years. Served as a member of the Western Ohio Rail Authority and was a member of the Airport Authority for Auglaize County. He was also a member of Saint Augustine Catholic Church, Minster. Kurt enjoyed his retirement by meeting with his friends for coffee in the mornings and where "They solved all the problems of the world". He loved to travel with his wife, especially to Florida and to his son's lake house in Tennessee. A quiet man with a quick smile and willing to help whenever he could. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Minster Area Life Squad. Condolences may be left at [www.hogenkampfh.com](http://www.hogenkampfh.com).



**RICHARD B. "Dick" LANE** - Died Sunday, July 5, 2020 at his residence in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 31, 1942 in Goodwin, South Dakota to the late Theodore and Evelyn (née Ritter) Lane. He graduated from high school in Ellendale, ND. Upon graduating he entered the United States Air Force. After being honorably discharged Richard started farming with his brother Dale near Henry, SD. On May 28, 1967, Dick married Jeanne Ingalls. The couple relocated to Illinois where Dick sold insurance. They returned to Henry and began farming and raising cattle until retiring in Watertown in 2010. Dick was a member of the American Legion, First United Methodist Church, and the SD Fast Pitch Hall of Fame. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He loved sports in general, but especially fast pitch softball, fishing and hunting. His favorite pastimes were watching the Minnesota Twins and Gunsmoke on TV and going to his coffee groups and auction sales. He was very proud of his family, kids and grandchildren and always enjoyed going to their events. Dick is survived by his wife, Jeanne of Watertown; his children: Michael (Shauna) Lane of Henry, SD, Mark (Pamela) Lane of Warner, SD and Amy Jenson of Rapid City, SD; eight grandchildren: Cameron, Kory, CaLeigh, Macey, Carter, Gavin, Jed, Chloe; his four great-grandchildren: Graidy, Alba, Lyndon

and Vaeda; his brother, Chester (Dora) Lane of Yuma, AZ; and his sisters; Lila Giedd of Peoria, AZ and Ellie Barnett of Watertown. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Friday, July 10, 2020 at First United Methodist Church in Watertown. Reverend Jen Tyler officiated. Music was provided by Blair Titze as pianist and soloist. Kim Bellum delivered the eulogy. The service was live-streamed on our website. The family is requested to meet at the church by 10:00 AM for a prayer service. Honorary pallbearers will be all of Dick's coffee buddies and his Senior Citizen's Center card playing friends. Active pallbearers were Kory Lane, Carter Lane, Cameron Johnson, Gavin Lane, Jed Jenson, Jim Waba and Bernie Stoel. Visitation was at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 PM. The burial was at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Watertown, SD. Military graveside honors were conducted by the Codington County Post #17 of the American Legion, Watertown, and the Military Funeral Honors Team of the U.S. Air Force. The arrangements were made by the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel [www.crawfordosthus.com](http://www.crawfordosthus.com).



**PAUL R. LARIVIERE** - Died Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at Our Lady's Haven, Fairhaven, Massachusetts at the age of 71. He was formerly of Fall River, Massachusetts. The cause of death was due to the COVID-19 virus. He was born on June 25, 1948 in Fall River to the late Rene J. and Phyllis (née Clark) Lariviere. Paul was a United States Army disabled veteran for about 20 years, since his last gainful employment. He was very active in and a *Founding Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**, Westport, MA, whenever help was needed or requested and he was a very avid and loyal New England sports fan. Paul was the brother of Anne Marie Belanger and husband Russell of Swansea, Richard John Lariviere of Fall River and the late David J. and William E. Lariviere. He was also survived by three nieces, two nephews and one great-nephew. Due to the current events, the family has chosen to have a celebration of Paul's life at a later date, when safe to do so. The arrangements were entrusted with the Boule Funeral Home, 615 Broadway, Fall River, MA. Please offer your condolences to the family, or a memory of Paul in our online guestbook available at [www.boulefuneralhome.com](http://www.boulefuneralhome.com). The family would like to thank the staff at Our Lady's Haven for the care and compassion Paul received for almost 8 years.



**GARY I. LARSON** - Died unexpectedly Monday, June 8, 2020 at Sanford Health in Bismarck, North Dakota at the age of 75, from complications after a fall. He was a resident of Mandan, North Dakota. He was surrounded with love and friendship. Gary was born on July 12, 1944 in Minot, North Dakota to the late Selmer "Sam" and Grace (née Newman) Larson. Raised and educated in Minot, he graduated from Minot High School in 1962. Gary

attended Minot State College and was studying at the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science when he volunteered for the draft. He was inducted into the United States Army on April 13, 1967 and arrived in Vietnam in September of that year. He was first assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division as a clerk, but later, during the Tet Offensive, was reassigned to the mortuary. After 15 months, he extended his tour to immediately get out of the Army when he returned home. Gary Larson left Vietnam, but Vietnam never left him. He was forever changed because of his time in Saigon but said he'd do it all over again, because he helped grieving families back in the US to get closure. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150**. On January 4, 1971, Gary married Patricia Tonkin in Minneapolis. They moved to Neenah, WI and later to Chicago, IL where Gary finished mortuary school. In 1979, they moved to Mandan where Gary worked for Buehler Funeral Home. In 1989, Gary and Pat purchased the funeral home from Warren Buehler and they worked side by side for the next 25 years. Gary was a sharp dressed man with a quiet and gentle demeanor. He helped countless families say farewell to their loved ones with the utmost care and dignity. He took great pride in his work and was dedicated to the families of the communities he served. Gary made many friends and connections through his years of funeral service. They sold the funeral home and retired in 2014. Although their free time was limited with the work they did, Gary and Pat enjoyed numerous trips to Mexico as well as a memorable trip to China. They were season ticket holders to the Minnesota Vikings for many years and loved spending time at their cabin in Pick City on Lake Sakakawea. Gary was a huge Minnesota Twins fan, always had a news channel on the TV, and loved feeding the birds and dreaming about woodworking projects. He was a catalog shopping addict and enjoyed getting new gadgets and tools. He had an impressively full closet and a hat and shoe collection that anyone would love to have if it wasn't for his incredibly long arms and narrow feet that made him a unique size. Gary was a storyteller second to none and if he chose to share his stories with you, it was generally the moment you realized you wanted him in your life. He was an introvert but once you got to know him he would share anything he had to offer. Generous and giving, Gary usually had a \$20 bill in his pocket for kids who helped him with things around the yard or funeral home and was the kind of guy who always had candy in his pocket to share. Gary and Pat always had dogs in their home and any pup who was blessed to live with them was loved and spoiled to no end. Pat died in 2016 and Gary's loyal pets gave him much love and companionship to his final day. Gary is survived by his sister, Vivian (Rob) King, Bismarck; brother-in-law, Bernie (Eloise) Pellenwessell, Minot; mother-in-law, Edna Tonkin, Roseville, MN; special sister-in-law, Penny (Andrew) Hoffman, Roseville, MN; brothers-in-law, Ross (Sue) Tonkin, Phoenix, AZ, Jeff Tonkin, Roseville, MN, and Jon (Debbie) Tonkin, Bloomington, MN; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. Blessed to have shared in his life is a former employee and her family who became family to Gary and took care of him until his last breath. Jessie and Bill Hilfer and their boys, Kaden, Ryan, and Liam, who loved "Uncle Gary" and visited him often making sure he had all the comforts he wanted as well as a great stash of munchies, ice cream, and cookies. Also, funeral home handyman and dear friend, James (Sue) Allmer who showed selfless dedication and willingness to help Gary with anything he needed without ever wanting anything in return. And finally, his beloved dogs, lap warmers, crumb eaters, and home security alarms, Trooper and Lacie. Gary was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Patricia "Pat" Larson; his parents; sister, Jeanette Pellenwessel; brother, Rich (Mardi) Larson; father-in-law,

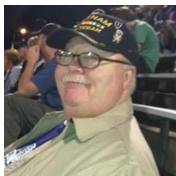


Robert Tonkin; and nieces, Mary (King) Fiechtner and Lori Rae Larson. Gary was greeted in Heaven by numerous dogs who he'd cared for until their last day. Since his passing many have said "Gary was one of the good ones." Your work here is done my friend, may the work you have done speak for you. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 15, 2020 at the Buehler-Larson Funeral Home, Mandan, with Reverend Christina Martin officiating. The burial was at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation hours were held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Buehler-Larson Funeral Home, Mandan, and continued from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are preferred to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Central Dakota Humane Society, or Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue.



**IVAL V. LAWHON, JR.** - Died Saturday, October 3, 2009 at a local hospital in Saint Joseph, Missouri at the age of 61. He was a resident of Saint Joseph. Diagnosed 16 months ago with pancreatic cancer, he used his remaining time to the fullest. Ival was born on February 1, 1948 in Saint Joseph to the late Ival V. Lawhon, Sr. and Bertha L. (née Higgins) Lawhon. He lived his entire life in the home he was born in. He married Renée Wintcher on November 24, 1979. She survives of the home. Ival was a graduate of Central High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Radio and Television Broadcasting from Arizona State University. He was a veteran of the United States Army Infantry, serving during the Vietnam War. For his service to his country, he received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign (with four Campaign Stars), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Individual Award), and the Vietnamese Service Medal from the Vietnamese Government. Ival was a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge 1<sup>st</sup> Award, Missouri Medal for Vietnam Service, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation (Unit Award). Ival was a lifetime member of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regimental Society, Triple Deuce Society, VFW; Military Order of the Purple Heart, Combat Infantrymen's Association, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Society, 25<sup>th</sup> Division Association. In June 2009 the Secretary of the Army designated him a distinguished member of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry in front of the soldiers of the Regiment at Fort Drum, NY. He began his career as a Photo-Journalist with the Saint Joseph News Press in 1977, retiring after 31 years of service. He taught photography at Missouri Western State University for 31 years and was awarded three lifetime teaching Certificate from the University. He was also a freelance photographer. While working at the News Press, the NPPA honored him with a First-Place award in the 2003 competition and he also received many other state awards. He was one of the 'first on the scene' at fires, crimes, and major events in Saint. Joseph and his photos helped preserve part of the history of St. Joseph during his tenure. In May, he was selected to be inducted into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Midland Empire Audubon Society, Midwest Artist Association (past President), National Press Photographer's Association (NPPA), Area Vice-President of the American Society of Military Insigna Collectors (ASMIC),

Ohio Valley Military Society, an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Missouri**, and past president of the F-16 Photo Club, St. Joseph. (Additional Survivors:) brother-in-law, Harold 'Bud' Wintcher (Sandy), Colorado Springs, CO.; nieces, Amanda Wintcher-Vince (Timothy), New Castle, England and Jamie Thompson (Zachary), Colorado Springs, CO; great-nephew, Alexander Thompson; nephew, Jeremy Lawhon, St. Joseph; and brother, Mark Lawhon (Bobby), Blue Springs, MO. Services were held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at the Wyatt Park Baptist Church. The inurnment was held at a later date. The Family received friends from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday at the Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory. In lieu of flowers, the Family suggests memorial gifts to the Ival V. Lawhon, Jr. Scholarship Fund c/o Nodaway Valley Bank. The Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.



**RICHARD L. LEWIS** - Died Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the Rhea Medical Center at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Greenville, Ohio on June 2, 1951 to the late George and Harriet (née Lephart) Lewis. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served his country during the Vietnam War. Richard and his wife, Mary, moved from Portland, Tennessee to the Spring City community in 2006. He had been employed by SSM Industries in Spring City. Richard was a member of the Wolf Creek Baptist Church in Spring City. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**, the VFW Versailles, Ohio and the American Legion Post #203. Richard was preceded in death by his brothers Michael Lewis and Jim Lewis. Survivors include his wife Mary S. Lewis, of Spring City; his children, Jason Lewis, of Nashville, Amanda Lewis (Jerry) Cook, of Spring City and Renae (Tracy) Richardson, of Ashland City, Tennessee; his brother, Tom (Peg) Lewis, of Henderson, Kentucky; his sister, Judy Logan, of Spring City, and; his grandchildren, Cade Cook and Maelyn Cook. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Wolf Creek Baptist Church in Spring City with Reverend Paul Forgey officiating. The interment with full military honors was in the Spring City Cemetery. The family received friends on Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 at the Wolf Creek Baptist Church. The Vaughn Funeral Home, Spring City was in charge of the arrangements. Please share your condolences and memories of Richard on our website [www.vaughn-funeral-home.com](http://www.vaughn-funeral-home.com).

**JOSEPH EDWARD “Joe” LIS** - Died Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in Toms River, New Jersey at the age of 70. He suffered with complications of Parkinson's disease which was the cause of his passing. He was born on September 17, 1947 to the late Joseph Lis and Marie (née Greenemeier) Lis. Joe served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries incurred. Joe became a nurse after his service in Vietnam for which he received six medals, including the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. He was deceased by his parents, Joseph Lis and Marie (Greenemeier). Although Joe never married, he enjoyed the company of his nieces,

nephews, and great nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, when the family gathered together. He also studied art and drawing over the years and enjoyed this hobby throughout his life. He leaves two sisters, Cate Alexander and Carol Pante, and a brother, Charles, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and great-nephews and cousins. Visitation was held on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until the funeral service at 11:00 AM at the Anderson and Campbell Funeral Home, 703 Main Street, Toms River, NJ. Joe was laid to rest at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ. Family and friends were invited to visit [andersonandcampbell.com](http://andersonandcampbell.com) to leave condolences to his family.



**JEFFERY E. "Jeff" LONG** - Died unexpectedly on his birthday, Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the Adena Regional Medical Center in Chillicothe, Ohio at the age of 69. He was a resident of Chillicothe. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Monday, April 16, 1951 in Washington Court House to the late Emil Burton and Jane Louise (née Combs) Long. He is survived by four children, Chad (Toby) Long of Columbus, Kyle (Ethan) Long Jones of Portsmouth, Joseph Price of Chillicothe, Michael Metzger of Chillicothe, two sisters, Connie Parson of Frankfort and Susie Lightle of Chillicothe and a number of family members who referred to him as Uncle Jeff. In addition to his parents, Jeff was preceded in death by one sister, Bonnie Candlish and one brother, Robert Dean Long. Jeff was a 1970 graduate of Adena High School. He was a United States Army veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Chillicothe Veterans Affairs Medical Center where he worked in the Maintenance Department. Jeff was a member of American Legion Post #62 and the Chillicothe AMVETS and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chillicothe Chapter #810**. Our Dad, brother and friend deserves a beautiful tribute. However, in this unknown time with the COVID 19 pandemic, having that is not possible. A private family graveside service was held in Greenlawn Cemetery, Frankfort. The Ebright Funeral Home in Frankfort is serving the family. Friends and relatives were encouraged to leave a personal remembrance of Jeff on his online register.



**DAVID KENNETH LOOMIS** - Died away Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Edgewater Haven Nursing Home in Port Edwards, Wisconsin at the age of 71. He was a resident of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. The cause of death was non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver. David was born on October 5, 1948 in Neillsville, Wisconsin to the late Kenneth and Ellie (née Wellman) Loomis. He graduated from Marshfield High School. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101**. He married Elizabeth Fischer on May 1, 1982 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Edwards. They were blessed with 38 years of marriage. David

was employed in the finishing room at Domtar Papers until his retirement. David was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and woodworking. He also enjoyed watching eagles. As an amateur photographer, he loved taking photos of nature and even some weddings. His greatest joy was his family, who he always treated with love, especially his children and grandchildren. He was the best husband ever. David is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth; ten children: Lee (Amanda) Loomis of Stevens Point, Becky Holding of Mosinee, Jeff (Cheryl) Brown of Wisconsin Rapids, Judy (Irv) Paul of Wisconsin Rapids, Julie (Mark) Hiles of Granton, Jeanna (Ernest) Kroll of Wisconsin Rapids, Jay (Bonnie) Brown of Wisconsin Rapids, Bonnie (Rodger) Herold of Minnesota, David Brown of Tomah, and Diane Brown of Sparta; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and his sister, Kendra (Dick) Wadell of Burnsville, Minnesota. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Steve Loomis; sister, Kimber Johnson; stepsons, Jack Brown, Jim Brown, and Bob Brown; and stepdaughter, Betty Symicek. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Edwards. Reverend Kevin Ader officiated. The burial was in the Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. A time of visitation for relatives and friends was held from 9:00 AM until the time of services on Thursday at the church. The Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids was honored to assist the family. Memorials may be designated to Raptor Education Group, N2160 West Rollwood Road, Antigo, WI 54409.



**RONALD CLAYTON "Ron" LUNEAU** - Died Friday, May 1, 2020 at home in Center Point, Louisiana at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. 'Ron' was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on March 16, 1948 to the late Milton and Jetty Josephine (née Voorhies) Luneau. Ron graduated from Lafargue High School. He then served his country by serving four years in the United States Army, and combat in Vietnam. Ron attended Northwestern State University then worked over twenty years for Walker Automotive. Ron loved the Lord and was a parishioner of Saint Rita Catholic Church. Ron was compassionate and very friendly. Ron never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand, no matter what the need! He was very active within the Veterans' community. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter 1131**. And did a fine job of keeping his younger sisters and brother in line. Mr. Luneau was preceded in death by: father: Milton Luneau, mother Jetty Josephine Voorhies Luneau, and Nephew Brady Lafargue. Ron is survived by: son, Shawn Luneau, brother, Greg Luneau; sisters, Sharon Luneau Rudisill, Paula Luneau (& Walt) Cardwell, Laura 'Pookie' Luneau (& Paula Perry); granddaughter, Kiersten Jolie Luneau; along with numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and one great-great niece. A visitation was held at French Cemetery, Center Point, LA at 10:00 AM, until time of the committal at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> with Reverend Father Craig Scott presiding. Serving as pallbearers were: Mike Cowley, Sherman Clifton, Brian Ace, Steven Owen, Mark Spencer, and Chad Bordes. The honorary pallbearers were Trey Harvey and Jacob Luneau.



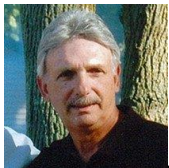
**JOSEPH DANIEL "Joe" MALONE** – Died Friday, April 3, 2020 in Essex, Maryland at the age of 72. The cause of death was kidney failure. He was born on September 15, 1947 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a life-long resident of the Essex/Middle River area. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #965**. Joe was predeceased by his wife, Peggy and more recently Marguerite, his daughter, Kelly and grandson, Justin. He is survived by his two sons, Joseph and Jason; two brothers, George and Chuck; grandchildren, Courtney, Megan, Jade, Jason Mathew, Autumn Rose, Andrew and Melody; great-grandchildren Layla and Skyler; stepchildren, Steven Ayers, Shelly Ayers and Linda Elston, and; stepgrandchildren, Stephanie Ayers and Johnathon Bodkins. A Celebration of Life was held for Joe. Visit [www.connellyfuneralhome.com](http://www.connellyfuneralhome.com) for updates.



**LEOPOLDO P. "Leo" "Pacho" MARES** – Died Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in Silver City, New Mexico at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 1, 1940 in Tucumcari, New Mexico the first born of twelve children to the late Leo and Frances Mares. Known by his family and close friends as "Pacho". He was a man of many different accomplishments and talents. First would be his distinguished service to his country where he served honorably in the United States Army for over 20 years, serving in Vietnam and Korea earning various medals including the Bronze Star. Continuing his love for country and the military, he took a job as liaison for Veterans with the New Mexico Department of Labor. He was also an active member of the American Legion and VFW holding appointed positions. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bayard Chapter #358**. Leo also had a love for music, he played guitar, bass along with an attempt at vocals, he also played in various bands, ranging in Spanish to country western music. Leo is preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Frances Mares, his brothers Roberto and Stephen Mares, his sister Rita Aragon, his wife, Esther Mares, and his son, Michael Mares. He is survived by his close and dear friend Opie Vasquez, his daughter Jean Francis and her husband Richard Luera (Texas); son Leo James and his wife Melanie Rauch (Montana); son Stephen Robert and his wife Tasha Rauch (California); adopted son Ruben and his wife Mary Alice Vasquez (New Mexico), son Pataleon (Tuffy) Ulibarri; stepson Billy Burch (Utah); stepson Ruben Burch (Montana). Sister Connie and her husband Howard Moffitt (New Mexico), sister Shirley and her husband Joe Gonzales (Nevada), sister Mary and her husband Margarito Marquez (New Mexico), brother Abel and his wife Debbie Mares (Texas), sister Betty Jo and her husband Russell Braziel (New Mexico), brother Juan and his wife Sally Mares (New Mexico), sister Debbie and her husband Paul O'Donnell (Florida), and brother Romolo and his wife Sarah Mares (New Mexico). Grandchildren: Rene',



Armando, Marisol, Julian, Ava, Erycka, Austin, Dominik, Alexis, Angel Ray, Kyla, Izak, Anthony, Anyssa, Dominicke, Victorya, Leelo, Isaih, and Malachi. Great Grandchildren: Andrew, Izabella, Micheal, and Adelen. Leo inspired everyone he came in contact with, even though he leaves this earth to be with our Heavenly Father, we celebrate the wonderful life he had along with all of those who were able to experience his knowledge, wisdom and love. Visitation was from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Baca's Funeral Chapels where the recitation of the Holy Rosary was at 6:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:30 AM on Monday, February 17, 2020 at Saint Francis Newman Center Parish. The concluding service and burial were at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery with full military honors accorded by the United States Army Honor Guard. Officiating was Reverend Father Bartholomew Enzewelem. Serving as pallbearers were Richard Luera, Rene Baca, Armando Jimenez, Austin Rauch, Angel Mares, and Alexis Vasquez. The honorary bearers were Erycka Walker and Jillian Rauch.



**JOSEPH ANTHONY MARRA** – Died Monday, April 6, 2020 in Washington Township, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 16, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Lisa (née DiMercurio) Marra; loving father of Melissa (Bryan) Belanger, Shannon (Dan) Tracy and the late Kevin Karwowski; proud grandfather of Julianna, Makayla, Ava, Josh and Lucy, and; dearest brother of Jerry (Carol) Marra and Tina Marra. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Visitation hours and the service were private. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

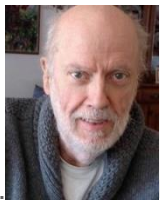
**CHRISTOPHER F. McKEE** – Died Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 11, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**.



**FREDERICK JOSEPH "Fred" McMAHON, SR.** - Died Thursday, June 4, 2020 at his home in Saint Albans, Vermont at the age of 67, with his wife, Diane at his side. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Stowe, Vermont on June 16, 1952 to the late Alice Cameron. On April 14, 1973, at Holy Angels Church, Fred married Diane Bushey, who survives him. Fred entered the United States Marine Corps in June of 1971 and received his honorable discharge as a Lance Corporal in March of 1973. He remained in the Marine Corps Reserve until February of 1977. Fred came back to Vermont and received his GED from Bellows Free Academy in Fairfax. He was a 36-year associate with Moore Lincoln Mercury dealership. Fred was very active with the local veterans' groups, including the Robert E. Glidden Post# 758, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Green Mountain Post # 1, American Legion, Disabled American



Veterans Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753** and the Marine Corps League. Fred was instrumental in the formation and first commander of the Franklin County Vermont Honors Detail which provides taps and firing party at many gatherings and for deceased veterans' funerals. He was an avid hunter was involved with Toys for Tots, and for 40 years he played Santa at the VFW, Redstone Villa, Holiday House Adult Care and Four Winds Senior Housing. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Diane of St. Albans; his children, Frederick J. McMahon, Jr and his wife, April, and their son, Emery of St. Albans and Heidi Guilmette and her husband, Daniel, and children, Mikayla and Rebecca Gabree and Dylon Guilmette and a great-grandson, Kayden James. Fred is also survived by his brother, Richard McMahon and his wife, Ruth, of Winooski and sister, Catherine Desorcie of Saint Albans, as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his mother, Alice, Fred was pre-deceased by his brothers, Roger, Charlie and Sonny and his sisters, Lillian and Marilyn. Fred's family received friends on Thursday, June 11, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Heald Funeral Home, 87 South Main Street, Saint Albans with a service following at 3:00 PM. Military honors and prayers of committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Due to the COVID-19 Virus, the Vermont Protocol for social distancing was observed, attendees are asked to wear a face mask and please follow instructions from the funeral home staff. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Fred's favorite charity, Franklin County Vermont Honor Detail, c/o Vietnam Veterans of America, Northwestern Vermont Chapter #753, P.O. Box 965, Saint Albans, Vermont 05478-0965. To send Fred's family a message of condolence or share a memory, kindly go to his online guestbook at [www.healdfuneralhome.com](http://www.healdfuneralhome.com).



**DONALD J. McNAMARA III** - Died Friday, March 29, 2019 at the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey at the age of 68. He was a resident of the Leisure Village West Section of the Manchester Township, New Jersey. The cause of death was heart disease. Donald was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey on September 2, 1950 to the late Donald J. McNamara, Jr. and Hortense (née Hulle) McNamara and lived in Asbury Park, NJ before moving to Manchester, NJ in 2014. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Donald worked for the VA in Asbury Park, NJ. He was a life member of the VFW in Asbury Park and Lakehurst, NJ and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Surviving are his siblings, Barbara Thompson of Manalapan, NJ and Edward McNamara of Eatontown, NJ; his three nephews; four nieces, and; sixteen great-nieces and great-nephews. The family received friends on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 2:00-6:00 P at the Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals, 145 Saint Catherine Boulevard, Toms River, NJ. A funeral service was held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. The burial was in the Brigadier General William C Doyle Veterans Cemetery. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.ryanfuneralhome.com](http://www.ryanfuneralhome.com).



**ALVIN ELMER "A" MEISENHEIMER** - Died Saturday, July 11, 2020 at the Prairie Lakes Hospital after a courageous battle with (PSP) Progressive supranuclear palsy at the age of 81. He was a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. He was born on August 13, 1938 in Toronto, South Dakota to the late Elmer Alvin and Lillian L. (née Wittrock) Meisenheimer. Al grew up in Watertown, South Dakota where he attended grade school and graduated from Watertown High School. He also attended two years of classes at Mount Marty College. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Al was united in marriage with Dianna "*Skip*" Haase on July 7, 1957 in Watertown. He was an optician; and the couple owned and operated Al's Archery and Black Powder. He enjoyed his grandkids and great-grandkids, flying his plane, hunting, fishing and target archery! He helped teach at Camp Chance, BOW and Sports Fest. Al and Skip were humbled to have been inducted into the SD Archery Hall of Fame! He also enjoyed being a city councilman and was awarded for 30 years of service as City Councilman and President's award FCE. Al was a member of First United Methodist Church, Arrow Head Archery Club, ELKS, NRA, South Dakota Archery Association and National Field Archery Association. Al is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Skip Meisenheimer of Watertown; his daughters, Sandy Heuer of Watertown and Jackie Meisenheimer of Brandon; his four grandchildren, Jodi Meisenheimer (CJ Peterson) of Brandon, Laci Meisenheimer (Jeremy Welch) of Sioux Falls, Tyler (Krystina) Heuer of Aberdeen and Jesse Heuer (Tina Johnson) of Watertown; three great-grandchildren, Kaiden Boer, Quin and Titus Heuer; his 'special daughter', Georgia (Curt) Dufault; siblings, Joyce Schiralli of Minneapolis, MN, Carol Trebelcock of Belle Fourche, Gary (LeeAnn) Meisenheimer of Watertown; sisters-in-law, Ellen Meisenheimer, Donna Tigner, Judy Hagen, Janice Lefler and Doreen (Phillip) Lovick; brothers-in-law, Merlyn Hagen and Gerald (Glorene) Haase; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Lynnal Meisenheimer; sister, Barbara Hagen; three brothers, Donnie, Edwin and Vernon; brothers-in-law, Frank Schiralli, Larry Hagen, Gene Lefler and Clifford Tigner; his parents-in-law, Lester and Jeri Haase; and dear friend, Robert "Herb" Schwanke. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church in Watertown with Reverends Marilyn Spurrell and Jen Tyler as co-officiants. The services were recorded and added to the website. Visitation hours were held from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church. The interment was in the Moun0. Hope Cemetery in Watertown. The pallbearers were Butch Remmers, Pat Kelly, Jeremy Welch, Tyler Heuer, Jesse Heuer and Kaiden Boer. The family requested memorials be designated to 4-H shooting sports or Camp Chance. The arrangements were handled with the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel-[www.wightandcomes.com](http://www.wightandcomes.com).



**DENNIS HERMAN MEMBRINO** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Monday, June 29, 2020 in Thornton, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. A was a resident of Thornton since 1981. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 21, 1945 in Broomall, Pennsylvania. He grew up in Broomall and Newtown Square, PA, where he attended Marple Newtown High School. He went on to Drexel University, graduating in the class of 1968, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Law. Dennis went on to attend the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He and his father, Herman Membrino, ran General Packaging Company in Chester, PA from 1960 through 1997. Dennis retired from the US Army in 1991 with 23 years of service, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was a decorated Vietnam War veteran, earning a Bronze Star Medal among other commendations. Following active duty, he served with the 358<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade based in Norristown, PA. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67*. Dennis also proudly worked as a substitute teacher in the West Chester Area School District and for Costco as a Customer Service Representative. He was a member and past President of the Western Delaware Valley Lions Club, a Drexel University Alumni Ambassador, and a member of the Drexel Alumni Board of Governors. He often assisted Thornbury Township, Delaware County with Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July observances. Dennis was most noted for his feeble attempts at humor and his ability to agitate friends, enemies, and family. He was preceded in death by his brother, Walter G., and his sister, Dorothy Romberger. He is survived by his loving companion Marilyn, his ex-wife Sandra, sons Dylan and Carter (Kristen), and grandchildren Lucas, Noel, Jack, and Lily. Relatives, friends, and the curious were invited to the funeral service at the Frank C. Videon Funeral Home, 2001 Sproul Road., Broomall, PA from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on July 20, 2020. In lieu of flowers, weeds, or refuse, donations may be made to the Western Delaware Valley Lions Club (WDVLC): PO Box 374, Glen Mills, PA 19342.



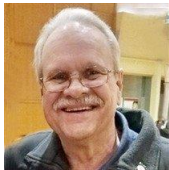
**JUNE ADELE MILES** - Died Thursday, May 28, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on January 31, 1956 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Robert Miles and Norma (née Rainbolt) Miles. A graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School in 1974. June loved fishing and gardening. She enjoyed family time and playing cards. She relaxed by watching Hallmark Movies. June retired from American Legion National Headquarters. She was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis Chapter #295*. June is survived by her daughter, Julia (Christopher) Capps; grandson, Brian Stockhoff, Jr.; grandson, Seth Miles; 6 great grandchildren; brothers: Bob Rainbolt, Ken (Cathy) Rainbolt, Ralph Linville, Tom Linville; sister in law, Dawn Davis-Thompson; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Ward; parents, Robert Rainbolt and Norma June McCoy; stepfather, John

Thompson; daughter, Joni Miles; brother, Michael Thompson; sister, Jane Ann McCoy; and sister in law - Carol Rainbolt. The family held private services at Flanner Buchanan – Washington Park East. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be given to the American Cancer Society.

**JOSEPH E. MILLER, JR.** – Died Wednesday, June 3, 2020 in Northridge, California at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Seattle, Washington on January 4, 1945. He served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1971 and in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970, He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canyon Country Chapter #355**.

**NEIL EDWARD MILLER** – Died Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the James Hospital in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 71. He was a resident of Clarksburg, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 15, 1948 at the family home in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio to the late James Robert Miller and Margaret Eleanor (née Clark) Miller. His love of messing with people was clear from the start, as everyone assumed he was going to be a girl and many dresses and pink diaper pins were awaiting his arrival. He graduated from Adena High School in 1967 and later attended Ohio University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. Neil served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Langley Air Base in Virginia, where he served as editor of the base newspaper. After his honorable discharge he returned home to Ross County where he dedicated his life to serving local veterans including over 25 years of service at the Chillicothe VA Hospital. At the time of his retirement, he was serving as the Chief of Rehabilitative Medicine where he enjoyed leading patient crews on the VA golf course, in the greenhouse and at Memorial Stadium during Chillicothe Paints home games. He continued his service to Veterans in retirement. He was an active member of American Legion #757, serving as the Gifts for Yanks Coordinator for the Chillicothe VA. In addition, he was a member of AMVETS, Forty and Eight, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chillicothe Chapter #810**, Ross County Vet Council and Ross County Homeless Veterans. He could often be found frying fish, grilling hots, or calling bingo. Beyond Veterans organizations, Neil was a firm believer in family. As his daughter was growing up, he served as softball coach, band booster cook, and traveled to every cheerleading event there was. He continued that involvement with his grandkids. He was a regular at school pick up and school events. He is survived by his wife of almost 49 years Mary (née Mace) Miller, daughter, Gena Margaret, son in law Mike Shelton and three grandchildren who were the center of his life, Madeleine Margaret (Maddie), Stella Jane and Edward Wilhelm (Ward). He took great delight teasing them and cooking for them. He found great joy in the fact that Maddie shared his sarcastic sense of humor, that Stella has a stubborn streak a mile wide and the fact that Ward eats more than his siblings combined. Also surviving are sisters Leah Marlene Moody (Boyd) of Carroll, Ohio Joyce Martin (Don) of Clarksburg, brothers Marvin Miller (Sally) of Ashville and Steve Miller of Chillicothe as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends so close they could be family. Neil was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert Clark, brother-in-law Boyd Moody, and in-laws Eugene and Margaret Mace. He was a beloved son, husband, father, papaw, brother, uncle and true friend to countless. He will be greatly missed by all. Despite the hole his passing has left in the life of those who knew him, they are all comforted in knowing he is waiting for them, probably enjoying a cold MGD and a

hand of cards to pass the time. Due to the current pandemic a graveside service was held with military graveside rites conducted by the Ross County Veteran's Honor Guard at the family convenience and then a service of remembrance will be held at a later date. Arrangements were under the direction of the Ware Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family asked for donations to the American Legion Gifts for Yanks Program, P.O. Box 8007, Delaware, OH 43015 (on the memo line of the check write In Honor of Neil Miller) or other local veteran organizations of your choice. You may sign his online register at [www.warefh.com](http://www.warefh.com).



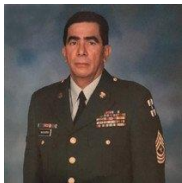
**DENNIS ROY MOZDZEN** – Died Friday, July 3, 2020 in Macomb, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 14, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the beloved husband of Marilou (née Wagner) for 47 years; loving father of Melissa Mozdzen and Jaime (Ken) Podina; proud Papa of Brady and Justin; dearest brother of Thomas (Barbara) Mozdzen and Chuck (Patt) Mozdzen; dear uncle of Jill (Gary) Kathan, Bill (Maggie) Mozdzen, Laura (Brian) Trittle and Christopher (Diana) Mozdzen, and; several great-nieces and great-nephews. A proud United States Navy Veteran, Dennis was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528** as well as the Memories in Motion Car Club. Visitation was on Thursday from 3:00-8:00 PM at Wujek-Calcaterra and Sons, 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Road (Shelby Township). The funeral was on Friday from 10:00 AM at Saint John Vianney Church, Schoenherr (between 24 and 25 Mile Roads). Donations are welcome to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #528 or the American Cancer Society. The interment was Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com). \*\*Please be advised that in observance of the governmental order from the State of Michigan. When in attendance we kindly ask, for the safety and well-being of the family we serve, that everyone wear a face covering and practice social-distancing.\*\*

**THOMAS D. MUDGE** – Died recently in 2020 in Loon Lake, Washington at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 2, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**.



**BILLY RAY NASH** (USA, SFC-Ret) - Died Wednesday, June 3, 2020 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 1, 1938 in Elkhart, Kansas to the late Leon and Ethel Nash. He grew up in Elkhart but graduated high school from Yarbrough School in Oklahoma. He met Nancy Sue Howell and a short time later they were married on December 20, 1958 in Elkhart. Billy enlisted in the United States Army and served for more than twenty years until his retirement at Fort Sill on October 31, 1981. He was a Vietnam Veteran and his awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal 6<sup>th</sup> Award, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Service Stars, Republic of

Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon Second Award and the NCO Professional Development Badge. Following his retirement from the Army he worked for ten years with the Arizona Nuclear Power Company. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751** and the Disabled American Veterans. He was an excellent craftsman and enjoyed Intarsia woodworking. He is survived by his wife, of the home; two brothers, Gail Nash, Elkhart, Kansas and Roger Nash, Texas; as well as numerous other relatives. His parents and a brother, Eddie Nash, predeceased him. His funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 8, 2020 in Holy Cross Lutheran Church with Mr. Stephan Ellis, Head Elder officiating. A private family burial followed in Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. The arrangements were under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson Foundation of Oklahoma, 711 SW D Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501.



**ALBERTO "Al" NAVARRO, SR.** (USA, CSM-Ret) - Died Thursday, April 23, 2020 at his residence in Pattison, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Al was born in Colon, Panama on October 10, 1946 to the late Ruben Navarro and Eva (née Polanco) Navarro. In 1956 Al moved to the United States where he became a life-long resident of Port Arthur, Texas. He served in the United States Army from 1966-1968 during the Vietnam War. Al also served in the Texas Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves and retired as a Sergeant Major (E-9). Al graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas and was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Al enjoyed baseball and was a huge fan of the Houston Astros. He was a *Life Member* of and served as *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston Chapter #343** in Houston, Texas and was a member of 282<sup>nd</sup> Assault Helicopter Company "Black Cats". Al had a great sense of humor and a big heart. Al was humble and kind to all and will be dearly missed by many. Al was preceded in death by his parents, Ruben Navarro and Eva Polanco; his stepfather, Alfred "Fred" Rushing; his mother-in-law, Ernestine Subia and father-in-law, Felipe Subia, Sr. Those left behind to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 50 years, Ernestine Navarro; daughter, Eva Navarro; son, Alberto "Albie" Navarro Jr and his wife, Melanie and their two children, Alejandro and Esabella; half-brother, Alfred "Eddie" Rushing Jr.; sisters-in-law, Helen Davis and her husband, Jim; Mary Lou Arciva; Josie McKinny; Veronica Elchehabi and her husband, Ziad; Pauline Subia and her wife, Barbara; brother-in-law, Felipe Subia Jr., and his partner, Patricia; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and relatives. Due to the Coronavirus-19 a Memorial Mass for Al was scheduled for a later date.





**JOHN MICHAEL "Jack" O'KEEFE, JR.** - Died Friday, June 5, 2020 in Lincroft, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on November 3, 1950. Jack moved to Keansburg, New Jersey at the age of eight and graduated from Middletown High School in 1968. After graduation, he joined the United States Navy and served two tours aboard the USS Benewah and USS Enterprise during the Vietnam War. Jack was later awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Jack married Colleen (née Keelen) O'Keefe on June 7, 1975, in Holmdel. He worked as a Longshoreman for ILA Local #1233 in Newark until retirement. Jack was a patriotic American citizen and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**, the Elks Lodge #233, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #4303, the American Legion #168, the National Rifle Association of America and the NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Jack enjoyed coin and baseball card collecting, the occasional ride on his Harley on the open road and hunting until his final days. His love for sports included playing and coaching softball, watching college and high school football, and attending his grandkids' games. Jack is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Colleen O'Keefe of Lincroft; his three daughters, Shanley O'Keefe Walker and her husband Michael of Rumson, Kyle O'Keefe Donofrio and her husband PJ of Long Branch, and Patricia O'Keefe and her husband Braden Barr of Newport Beach, CA; his seven grandchildren, Lily, Mickey, Molly, Kelly, Norah, Evie, and Brady; his sister, Maureen Julian of West Palm Beach, FL; his brother, Michael O'Keefe and his wife Norma of Wall; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. A private visitation for family and close friends was held on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Thompson Memorial Home, 310 Broad Street, Red Bank. Visitations were limited to 25 persons at a time and masks were required. A private Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The burial was in the Saint Gabriel Cemetery in Marlboro.

**RICHARD LeROY OKERLUND** – Died Monday, June 1, 2020 in Trego, Wisconsin at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Stanchfield, Minnesota on November 2, 1946. He was predeceased by his wife, Jacquelen Ann "*Jackie*" Okerlund who died August 15, 2016. He served in the United States Army from December 14, 1965 to December 9, 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684**.



**RICHARD ARNOLD OVERBY** - Died Sunday, April 12, 2020 at his home in Brookings, South Dakota at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1946 in Hendricks, Minnesota to the late Norman and Coralie (née Ronning) Overby.

He was baptized and confirmed at the Woodlake Lutheran Church in rural Astoria and later was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Astoria and Ascension Lutheran Church in Brookings. He attended grade school at Hillside Country School and graduated from Astoria High School in 1964. He was drafted at the age of 18, into the United States Army and fought in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in December in 1967. He returned home to the farm and worked at the Toronto Cenex during the winter. He married Carol Lindberg at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, SD, on May 29, 1970. To this union two children were born, son, Ryan Eric and daughter, Robyn Elaine. Richard attended a Veteran's Agricultural Program for 3 years at Southeast Vo Tech in Canby, MN. They farmed for 31 years near Astoria. Richard also sold machinery for 15 years at Hayti Equipment and Pollard International in Watertown, SD. Upon selling their farm in 2000, they moved to Brookings, SD, where Richard worked at Runnings Farm and Fleet and Goodyear Tire Store. Richard was a hard-working, ambitious man who liked the outdoors, farming, taking care of his lawn and flowers, riding his 4-wheel scooter around the neighborhood, collecting 1/16 and 1/64 scale toy farm machinery and antiques. He and Carol enjoyed traveling on many bus tours that included nearly every state and Canada. He was a member of the Astoria and then Brookings American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans of America, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Richard especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters, Alaina Elizabeth Overby and Aleah Ann Overby. Richard is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Ryan (Ann) Overby, of Brookings, SD; daughter, Robyn (Andy) Den Boer of Rock Valley, IA; two granddaughters, Alaina and Aleah; his mother, Coralie Overby, of Hendricks, MN; brother, Greg (Dianna) Overby, of Clark, SD; sisters, Gail (Valgean) Johnson, of Pipestone, MN and Noreen Overby, of Brookings, SD; sister-in-law, Kay Scott, of Sioux Falls and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Norman; mother-in-law, Audrey Lindberg, and infant grandson, Gavin Martin Overby. Due to health concerns, private family services are being held. Rude's Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



**DAVID A. "Dave" PETERSON** - Died peacefully Thursday, June 4, 2020 at home in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 71, after a seventeen-month battle with Glioblastoma Multiforme. He was born in Middletown, Connecticut on January 1, 1949 to the late Blanche (née Gauthier) Peterson and Edward Peterson. He lived on High Street in the North End of Middletown for his entire formative years. He leaves to cherish and honor his memory his wife Kim (Jean); his daughter, Nicole Weatherspoon (Barry), of Antioch TN; his son, Matthew Peterson, of Hendersonville, TN; two grandchildren, AJ Cisneros, of Murfreesboro TN and Cheyenne Weatherspoon, of Antioch TN; his brother, Thomas Peterson (Catherine), of Edmund OK; as well as a large extended family of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He attended local schools and graduated the eighth grade from Saint John Catholic school in 1963 and was a member of the first graduating class of Xavier High School in 1967 both in Middletown

Connecticut. He was an avid sports enthusiast playing baseball, golf, and bowling throughout his life. He served our country in the United States Air Force having been stationed at various bases around the United States and at U-Tapao Air Force Base in Thailand during the Vietnam War. After leaving the Air Force he was employed by Standard Knapp in Portland, Connecticut. He went on to become a member of the Middletown Police Department serving his hometown community. Upon leaving the Police Department he became a Letter Carrier for the Middletown Postal Service. In 1989 Dave moved his family to Nashville, Tennessee, transferring with the U.S. Postal Service there. He transferred to the Gallatin, Tennessee Post Office from where he retired in 2012. Never one to be idle Dave held many “part-time” positions throughout his retired years, he was a driver for Mid-Cumberland Transportation, Long Hollow Golf Course, Sumner County Schools (where he drove a school bus), and the National Hockey League as Game Time Keeper for the Nashville Predators. Dave was extremely active in supporting all Veterans and was a *Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240** for Sumner County TN, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**, a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter TN1, and worked with Hope and Healing at Hillenglade in Nashville, TN. His passion for helping others was never ending, he never knew a stranger his smile was infectious. A Celebration of Life for David was held at the Hendersonville VFW Post #9851, 73 New Shackle Island Road in Hendersonville, on Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 1:00 –5:00 PM. The inurnment was held at the Nashville National Cemetery, 1420 Gallatin Pike South in Madison, on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM. There was a procession, led by Rolling Thunder TN1, along with other veteran and non-veteran motorcycle groups from Hendersonville Funeral Home, 353 East Main Street in Hendersonville. The procession left the funeral home at 1:00 PM. Face coverings were required and social distancing was observed at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in David’s name can be made to Hendersonville VVA Chapter #240, [www.vva240.com](http://www.vva240.com), Rolling Thunder TN1, [www.rollingthundertn1.com](http://www.rollingthundertn1.com), Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial Wall, [www.travelingwall.us](http://www.travelingwall.us) and Hope and Healing at Hillenglade, [www.hillenglade.org](http://www.hillenglade.org).



**DWIGHT THOMAS POWERS** – Died Thursday, May 21, 2020 in his home in Amityville, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death was by multiple stabbings by his son. He was born on March 17, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education at the State University of New York (SUNY) – Cortland. He is survived by his daughter Katherine Ann Powers and his son Thomas Scully Powers. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for him at 9:30 AM on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Saint Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church, 37 Union Avenue, Amityville, New York. Visitation was for the family only. The

final committal was also private for the family only at the Calverton National Cemetery. The Powell Funeral Home, LLC in Amityville was in charge of the arrangements.



**FRANK J. RANKINS** (USA, CSM-Ret,) – Died Monday, August 3, 2020 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 81, to join his late wife Emma L. “Polly” Rankins. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Monroe County, Alabama on October 9, 1938 to the late Herndon Rankins, Sr. and Hilma (née Holt) Rankins. He was the third of eight children. A retired United States Army veteran, he served honorably and attained the highest enlisted rank in the military as Command Sergeant Major earning numerous accolades, awards, honors and medals during his career. He was a member of Bethlehem where he served as a deacon and trustee for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Cherishing his memory are the survivors: His siblings: Willie (Jap) Rankins and Linda Rankins; his children: Gwendolyn Young, Marilyn Holloway (Stanley Wiley), Carolyn Coleman (Rodney Coleman), Sandra Billups, Anthony Rankins (Deanne Rankins), Brenda Rankins, and Linda Rankins; his grandchildren: Benjamin Young (Natalie Young), Lanita Schooler, Latosha Schooler, Porsha Coleman, Latiesha Handie (Dewayne Handie), Jadon Rankins, Leandra Martinez, D’Angelo Rankins (Rebecca Salinas), Marshaye Duncan (Norris Duncan); his great grandchildren: Carmen, Caleb, Rion, Kelvin, Kobe, LaStarr, Keagan, Tyanna, Damien and Emma, Dereon; a host of nephews, nieces, his in-laws, close friends and; his companion for the past 20 years: Etta Carr and her children: Jeff and Charlie. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Bethlehem Baptist Church—Lawton with Dr. Willie B. Smith, Jr. officiating. The burial was at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 10, 2020 at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma under the directions of Howard-Harris Funeral Services—Lawton.



**RODNEY L. "Rod" RAULSTON, SR.** (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died Sunday, June 28, 2020 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Williston, North Dakota on December 6, 1940 and resided in El Paso, Texas. He is preceded in death by his father, Delmer, mother, Clara, brother Delmer, Jr., son, Rodney, Jr. and stepson, James M. Celaya. He is survived by his wife Rosie Raulston; son, Randy and wife, Rachel Raulston; daughters, Sandy Smith, Michelle Sutherland; stepson, Christopher and wife, Linda Celaya. He has ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, sister, Darlene and husband Gene Apple, several nephews and nieces and many extended family members in North Dakota. Rod will be fondly be remembered by family and friends as a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, great-grandfather, who dedicated many years of his life to helping others. He had a true

passion and love in serving others in need, in trouble or " just because", he was that kind of a man. As an avid VFW member and officer, he gave so much of himself, even to the end. Rodney "Rod" Raulston a Gold Legacy Life Member of Davis-Seamon VFW Post #812 in El Paso, Texas, was appointed as the State Inspector for the Department of Texas VFW at the 98<sup>th</sup> Convention in Dallas in June 2018. Rod was a VFW member since 1989, had served in many capacities at the Post, District and Department levels. He previously served as Post #8919 Commander (4 years); Post #8919 Surgeon (3 years) He also served as District 10 Commander (2011-2013) and (2015-2018). His District earned recognition as All-State 2015-2016 and All-American 2013-2014 and 2015-2016. He served as Deputy State Inspector (2014-2015 & 2019-2020); National Deputy Chief-of- Staff and National Aide-de-Camp. Comrade Raulston was also the Military Order of the Cootie Grand Commander for 2009-2010. He was the recipient of the J. T. Rutherford Award in 2013-2014. Rodney L. Raulston joined the United States Marines in 1959 and later joined the United States Army in 1962. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1980 as an E-9. He earned his eligibility for the VFW after serving 2 tours in the Vietnam War (1966-1968). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. Services were on Monday, July 6, 2020 at the Perches Funeral Home 4946 Hondo Pass, El Paso. Visiting hours were from 4:00-6:00 PM. At 6:00 PM the VFW Color Guard and Ritual took place with Miguel Rios who sang. There was a 7:00 PM Rosary. On Tuesday at 11:00 AM there was a Mass at the Funeral Home. At 1:00 PM was the interment at Fort Bliss. The State law required masks and social distancing.

**JOSEPH ANDREW REDDO** – Died recently in 2020 in Midland, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 14, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



**GENE ELLIS REINBOLT** - Died Saturday, June 6, 2020 in Idaho Falls, Idaho at the age of 75, following a lengthy illness. The cause of death is unknown. Gene was born in Phoenix, Arizona on May 11, 1945 to the late Glenn and Evelyn Reinbolt. Gene grew up there. Before enlisting in the United States Navy, he was a member of the Arizona National Guard. In the Navy, he served on the USS Conquest (Minesweeper). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho Falls Chapter #972**. Gene married Sharon Nichols, and together they had three children: Michelle, Michael and Debra. Gene worked at Livermore Lawrence Laboratory in California after his discharge from the Navy. He then moved to Idaho Falls and worked at the Idaho National Laboratory before retiring. He later married Arlene Buben. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Arlene, and son-in-law, Tony Rourick. He is survived by his children, Michelle Rourick and Michael (Annette) Reinbolt; grandchildren, Hunter, Natasha, and Kyle. Gene is also survived by a sister and a brother-in-law, Leann and Bill Patterson. Services were held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Saint Luke Episcopal Church, 270 North Placer Avenue. Military rites were accorded by the Bonneville County



Veterans Memorial Team and the Navy Honor Guard. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.woodfuneralhome.com](http://www.woodfuneralhome.com).



**LIONEL WALTER RICHARD** - Died Sunday, December 9, 2018 in Cumberland, Rhode Island at the age of 77, surrounded by his devoted family. He was formerly of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The cause of death is unknown. He leaves behind his loving wife of 55 years, Annette Richard. He was born in Central Falls, Rhode Island on June 16, 1941 to the late Raoul and Lillian (née Berger) Richard. Lionel was a member of the United States Air Force, where he learned his trade, HVAC, and owned JLR Associates. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. He was a devoted fan of the Providence College Friars as well as Patriots Football and enjoyed going to Twin River or as he called it, "The Shrine". He was in the band, Generations, where he loved playing the trumpet and spending time with his friends. He also enjoyed vacationing with his wife, Annette, to Alaska, Aruba, Hawaii, Florida, and Saint Maarten and adored his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Besides his wife he is survived by his children, John Richard, wife Paola; Kim Bolano, husband Silver; Lisa Seiber, husband Chris; Melissa Reardon, fiance Rob Reno; grandchildren Dianna Richard, Jessica Blankenship, Jonathan and Sarah Bolano, Jena Seiber, Rachel, Reagan, and Reilly Reardon, Katrina and Aaron Savastano; great-grandchildren Nathan and Jacob Richard, Hailey and Ryan Blankenship, Sivel and Azariah Bolano, Xavier and Jackson Montalvan; brother Ferdinand Richard, wife Rose Marie. He was the brother of the late Paul, Marcel, Normand and Robert Richard. Relatives and friends were invited to calling hours on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Keefe Funeral Home, Five Higginson Avenue, Lincoln from 10:00-11:00 AM followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM. The burial was private. In Lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Hope Hospice and Palliative Care of Rhode Island, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904.



**JAMES M. "Doc" "Rod" RODRIGUEZ** - Died Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in his home in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 68, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. Rod was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 25, 1951 to the late Willard R. and Mary M. (née Overton) Rodriguez. He married Linda (née Rainey) Rodriguez on December 14, 1985. Rod spent 27 years in Chicago before moving to the Indianapolis/Camby area in 1978 and making this his permanent home. James obtained his GED from Eisenhower Education Center, Fort Knox KY; Dr. of Divinity Degree from Universal Life Church and attended University of California - Sacramento with a focus on Water and Wastewater Studies. He also studied at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis, along with the University of Indianapolis with a focus on Business Administration and Management. He held the State of Indiana Class A Industrial and Class 1 Water and Wastewater Certification. James proudly served in the United



States Army as Combat Army Medic during the Vietnam War before being discharged on November 24, 1971. He was a life member of the Dustoff Association; life member of Mooresville VFW Post #1111; life member of the American Legion Post #64; *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis Chapter #295*; life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #52; unding sponsor of National Museum - United States Army and past National Commander - National Association of Medics-Corpsmen. He was also recognized in The Library of Congress by Senator Lugar. Rod was a supervisor for the Indianapolis Waste Water Treatment Plant for 23 years before retiring in 2005. In his spare time he enjoyed playing music with Rocky (drums, guitar, vocals), cooking, studying up on his family genealogy, shooting guns, gardening, keeping up with politics, eating steak and chocolate donuts, celebrating his favorite holiday (4th of July), and cracking jokes to make everyone smile. He was an avid collector of Native American memorabilia, family heirlooms, most things Coca Cola, and items from the Old West. He also enjoyed spending time with his pets at home. James is survived by three children: Crafty St. James of CA, Christine "Tina" (Steve) Carnes of Bedford, IN and Alicia "Rocky" Rodriguez of Indianapolis; a grandson, Taylor (Alyssa) Carnes; a great granddaughter, Addilyn Carnes; a brother, Phillip Rodriguez; a sister, Carol Ann Paulsen; a loving friend, Peggy Reinhard and numerous cousins. Rod is preceded in death by his parents; wife; and a son, Beau Cross. Due to the unprecedented guidelines limiting gatherings, a celebration of life memorial service will be held at a later date on Monday, September 7, 2020 at Jones Family Mortuary, Mooresville. Specific times will be established as the time gets closer. Military rites will follow at Fairfield Cemetery. Cremation arrangements are entrusted to Jones Family Mortuary, 4165 East Allison Rd. Mooresville, IN 46158. To leave an online condolence or to share a favorite story about James, please visit: [www.jonesfamilymortuary.com](http://www.jonesfamilymortuary.com).



**WYMAN FRANK ROEDER** - Died Saturday, July 18, 2020 in Mandan, North Dakota at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sand Point, Idaho on January 1, 1943 to the late Albert and Elsie (née Jensen) Roeder. Wyman graduated from Washburn High School in 1960. He continued his education, receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Minot State University. He married Linda Wagner on July 5, 1968. They have three daughters: Kristy, Naomi, and Corie. Wyman was a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather. Wyman joined the United States Navy at a young age and served his country for over 22 years. He was a decorated Vietnam War Veteran who received one Silver Star, one Bronze Star, and five Purple Hearts. After retiring from the Navy, he continued his service to our county as a Job Service employee, assisting veterans transitioning out of the service. He also worked as a security specialist at the Bismarck Heritage Center and was an information specialist for the ND Game and Fish Department. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150*. He traveled the world and loved sharing stories of his adventures. While deployed to Vietnam, he volunteered at local orphanages. He enjoyed hunting with his brother, James, reading books, watching old western movies and the news. He will be remembered by his family for watching early morning cartoons with his children and

grandchildren, watching scary movies with his girls, and his affinity for collecting guns. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and his best buddy, Spitz; children, Kristy (Jim) Loken, Devils Lake, Naomi (Jeremy) Lamarre, Stafford, Va., and Corie (Phillip) Hester, Stafford, Va.; grandchildren, John Roeder, Tanner Lamarre, Jasmine Lamarre, Sean Loken, Madison Lamarre and Ian Lamarre; siblings, Sharon Hoffer, Linda Leuwer, Cathy Hoekstra, Jeff Roeder, Marilyn Schuetz; nieces, nephews, and sisters-in-law, Sharon Roeder and Lenora Folmer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Elsie (Jensen) Roeder; siblings, Neil Roeder, Janice Folmer and James Roeder; as well as his brothers in arms. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. There was a viewing, prior to the burial at Eastgate Funeral Service, 2302 East Divide Avenue, for family and friends from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Following the burial service, everyone was invited to Wyman and Linda's at 5032 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Mandan, for lunch and to share stories.



**LLOYD J. "Butch" ROERING, JR.** – Died Sunday, July 19, 2020 in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Butch was born on March 2, 1949 in Saint Cloud, Minnesota to the late Lloyd and Jean (née Daml) Roering, Sr. Butch Served in the United States Army receiving the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with sixty Device, Expert Badge with Rifle, Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16), Sharpshooter Badge with Machine Gun (M-60). Butch received an Honorable discharge in 1970. He married Diane Haffner January 15, 1972 in Waite Park they enjoyed 48 years together. Butch belonged to as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290**, DAV, 40 & 8ers, Legion #428 Waite Park, VFW #428 Saint Cloud, Eagles Club #622, he was very actively involved at the VFW #428 for over forty years. Butch was the adjutant for many year's quartermaster and commander. He enjoyed playing Cribbage, Casino games on the computer, socializing with friends and family. Butch is survived by his wife Diane, three children; Amy Roering of St. Cloud, Joseph Roering of St. Cloud, Melissa Roering of Sauk Rapids, thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, and one brother Jim Roering. Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Daniel Funeral Home in Saint Cloud. Deacon Steve Yanish officiated. The burial was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, Minnesota. Friends visited on Thursday between 9:00-11:00 AM at the Daniel Funeral Home in St. Cloud.



**PHILLIP MICHAEL "Phil" SCANLAN** - Died Monday, June 15, 2020 at home in Amelia Island, Florida at the age of 76, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer. Phil was born on January 12, 1944 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to the late Charles Patrick

Scanlan and Mary Elizabeth Scanlan, and lived in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New Jersey before moving to Florida. He was the beloved partner of Judy Comley of Amelia Island. Phil grew up in Arlington, Massachusetts, graduated from Arlington High School, and then went on to earn a B.S. and M.S. from Northeastern University, where he also trained in the ROTC. He was a decorated United States Army veteran who proudly served in Vietnam after graduating from college. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yulee Chapter #1088**. He went on to have a successful career, retiring at age 56 as AT&T's Quality Vice President. He raised a beautiful family, is the author of several quality solution books, and with great joy served his community in many ways – from improving the quality of the NJ ocean (serving a 10-year term on the Board of Directors for the Ocean Conservancy), rivers in Istanbul, improving schools, as a founding member of the Kraft Tennis Club, to helping to add bike trails throughout Amelia Island, and many other philanthropic ventures. He was never happier than when traveling with Judy: biking the Erie Canal, cruising, or touring Israel. Phil had an incredibly generous spirit and was a devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his four children, Walter S. Scanlan and his wife Janet, Maureen I. Scanlan and her husband Pete Johnstone, Michelle A. Scanlan, and John P. Scanlan and his wife Amy; his eleven grandchildren, Trevor Pote, Travis Grooms and his wife Cheyenne, Lauren and Sarah Woolwine, Isabelle, Meara, Charlie, Reagan, Jack, and Patrick Scanlan; and his great-granddaughter Elaina Grooms. He is also survived by his brother Thomas Scanlan and many beloved nieces and nephews. Phil was the brother of the late Charles Scanlan, II and Mary Lou Flanagan; he was predeceased by his wife Jane. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family had a private service. They are deeply sorry that Phil's many cherished extended family and friends were not be able to attend a service to celebrate his life. The family asked that you honor him by being kind to one another, working to make the world a more equitable place, striving to keep the oceans of the world clean, and by voting in the upcoming election. As a colleague said about Phil, "One could not ask more for a citizen of the planet. I am a better person for knowing him." Donations in Phillip Scanlan's memory may be made to Barnabas (for Adult Bikes Program) to supply refurbished used bikes to adults on Amelia Island in need of transportation to get to work: Barnabas, 1303 Jasmine Street - Suite #101, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034; or to the Ocean Conservancy at <https://oceanconservancy.org/>.

**WILLIAM R. SCARLOTT** – Died recently in 2020 in Riverside, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 23, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**.



**DENNIS EDWARD "Denny" SCHEFFLER** - Died Monday, March 25, 2019 in Trenton, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 13, 1943. He was the loving husband of the late Randine; dear father of Reshelle and Todd (Jean); proud grandfather of Katarina (Brian) Nelson, Maxwell, and Julianna; also survived by his brother, Lance (Kathy), sister, Terri (Jim) Parks, and; many other loving family members and friends.

Denny proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was an active member of the Trenton VFW Post #1888. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. He was loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital and/ or the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.



**CHARLES RICHARD "Chuck" SCHLEMMER** - Died Monday, August 5, 2019 at the VA Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 72. He was a resident of Madeira, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 28, 1946. He retired from the United States Army. During his time with the Army, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal along with many others. He volunteered with PTSD program at the VA Hospital. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. He is survived by a son and daughter and a dear cousin, Gail Sawyer. Visitation was held at the Cooper Funeral Home on Friday, August 9, 2019 from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon. The service was at 12:00 Noon. The burial was in the Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown, KY. The Cooper Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**BRADFORD WILLIAM "Brad" SCHMIDT** - Died Monday, February 17, 2020 at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the age of 69. He was a resident of Hinkley, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. Brad was born in Kroschel, Minnesota on January 20, 1951 to the late William and Rosemary Schmidt. Brad grew up in the Kroschel area where he attended the Kroschel Country School through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He then graduated from Hinkley High School in 1969. Brad enlisted in the United States Army just weeks after his graduation and would serve three years, including two tours in Vietnam, as an Air Combat Medic in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He was awarded several honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Valor and two Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684**. Upon his return in 1972, he would marry Arlene Jo Rohweder at Saint John Lutheran Church in Kroschel on April 8, 1972. He attended Anoka-Ramsey Community College in 1972-73; where he played football, wrestled and played baseball before signing a letter of intent to play for the University of Minnesota Gopher football team. Brad was part of the 1974 Gopher team, as an offensive guard, until injuries he sustained in Vietnam forced him to step aside from football. From 1975-1979, Brad and his wife Jo resided in the Ham Lake area where he managed and worked at the Coon Rapids Ice Arena. He returned to Hinkley in 1981, to raise their four children and started a farm along with a small

painting company. After retirement, Brad enjoyed working with and helping Veterans through the VFW and American Legion. This included holding the position of VFW District Commander. He enjoyed watching sports and cheering on MN teams. He and Jo enjoyed trips across the USA, including an Alaskan cruise. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his eight grandchildren. Attending their activities and events brought him much joy! Brad is preceded in death by his wife Arlene Jo Schmidt, sister Joy Krogstad (Schmidt) and parents William and Rosemary Schmidt. He is survived by brother Bruce (Roxy) Schmidt; sister Jane Schmidt (Kevin Norby); children Brad (Deidra) Schmidt Jr., Jolene (Jesse) Carlson, Jenn (Mike) Olson, and Brandon Schmidt; grandchildren Caitlyn, Jace, Hunter, Alana, Zoey, Liam, Kamryn, and Riley. Along with nieces, nephews and many grand nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 Am on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Saint John Lutheran Church in Kroschel, MN. Visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> at the church, as well as, one hour prior to the service. A graveside service was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Monday, August 17, 2020.



**REVEREND JAMES EMMETT "Jim" SEIM** - Died Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King in Waupaca, Wisconsin at the age of 91, after a courageous battle with cancer. Jim was born on January 12, 1928 in Cardington, Ohio to the late John Irvin and Louise Anna (née White) Seim. Jim grew up in Upper Sandusky and attended Capital University in Bexley, Ohio and Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, MO. Jim was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1953 and served as a United States Naval Chaplain for over 20 years. Jim's military career began in Rhode Island where he attended CSaplains's School and eventually took him across the country to both coasts and Washington, DC. He also served abroad in Asia, South America and Central America. While in the Navy, Jim authored the Marine Corps stanza of the Navy Hymn. Jim also chaired the Hymnal Advisory Group of Armed Forces Chaplains Board to create the Book of Worship for the Armed Forces. For his service in Vietnam Jim was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal in 1966. Jim also studied divinity at George Washington University in Washington, DC. and Boston University in Boston, MA. After retiring from the military in 1977 with the rank of Captain, Jim continued his service in faith as a Lutheran pastor for congregations throughout the Midwest, including ten years as the pastor at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Neenah, WI. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Little Chute Chapter #351**. Jim is survived by Miriam Adams and their daughter: Carrie (JB) McKoy; Laurie Seim and their children: Amanda (Nathan) Bozile, Elizabeth (Joshua) Seim, Ceili Emma (Tyler) Seim, and Spencer (Joe) Seim; and his grandchildren: Jeremy (Brianne) McKoy, Joshua McKoy, Christopher McKoy, Cherry McKoy, John Michael (Jenna) McKoy, Caitlin McKoy, Z. Wirth, and K. Wirth. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his brother John. Visitation was held at the Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), 900 North Mason Street, Appleton on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 2:00-3:00 PM with a memorial service at 3:00 PM. Jim's



family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the caregivers at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King and to the ThedaCare hospice team.



**GERALD A. "Gerry" SERVISS** - Died Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, New York at the age of 72. He was a resident of Orchard Park, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1947 in Buffalo to the late Milton V. and the late Ruth (née Rohe) Serviss. He was the beloved husband of the late Sandra J. (née Grundel) Serviss; brother of Thomas E. (Terri) Serviss; loving uncle, great-uncle, and great-great-uncle of seven nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from April 1970 to February 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Services and the burial were held privately. Calling hours were on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM at the F. E. Brown Sons Funeral Home, Inc., 6575 East Quaker Street, Orchard Park, NY. COVID-19 rules apply. Memorials may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).



**RICHARD LEE "Rooster" SHARPLESS** - Died Saturday, June 20, 2020 at his home in Oakland, Maryland at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related respiratory failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born in Keyser, West Virginia on February 5, 1947 to the late Harold and Anna Jane Sharpless. Rooster was a graduate of Southern High School and proudly served his country from 1966-1970 in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Cam Ranh Air Force Base in Vietnam as a jet engine mechanic. He was a retired large equipment operator and foreman. Rooster was a member of the Oakland Elks Lodge #2481 (where he loved to spend Tuesday nights playing shuffleboard), Proctor-Kildow American Legion Post #71, VFW Post #10077 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, hunting, golfing and 4 X 4 riding. Rooster also enjoyed crafting butterfly and hummingbird lawn ornaments for his friends and family. Rooster is survived by his wife, Wendy Jeanne Sharpless; two sons, Richard Scott Sharpless and Thomas Dean Sharpless and wife Amy; a stepson, Cole Jackson Bauer; two grandchildren, Maxwell Harold and Leela Sharpless; two step-grandchildren, Erik Ryan and Sydney Ann Bauer; a sister, Mary Jane Jones and husband Kermit; a brother, John Sharpless and wife Ardra; and numerous nieces and nephews. In accordance with Rooster's wishes, he was cremated and a celebration of his life was held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Christian Crossing Thrift Shop, PO Box 707, Oakland, MD 21550. The C and S Fredlock Funeral Home, P.A., Oakland is honored to serve the Sharpless family at this time.



**MICHAEL K. SHAW** – Died Friday, June 26, 2020 in Chang Mai, Thailand at the age of 73. The cause of death was lymphoma. He was born on May 13, 1947. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San José Chapter #201**.



**HOWARD KEITH SHEPHERD** - Died Saturday, June 13, 2020 in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 27, 1948 in Gary, South Dakota to the late William R. and Gertrude (née Offler) Shepherd. Howard entered the United States Army in 1969 where he served in the Vietnam War and received numerous awards and medals including, National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver Service Star; Good Conduct Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Army Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters; and Air Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1977. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Howard is survived by his children, Todd (Wendy) Shepherd and Monte Shepherd of California, Tami (Lewis) Alexander of Florida, Carmen Baldwin of California, Amber (Greg) Mohr of New Mexico, Dona (Jerry) Scarborough, Jeff (Judy) Siebrandt and Nicole (Jake) Thompson all of Texas; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his siblings, Donald Shepherd of Castlewood, SD, Bill (Fran) Shepherd of Clear Lake, SD, Dorothy Rosheim of Rapid City, SD, Laura Braach of Des Moines, WA and Pauline (Bob) Enberg of Wasilla, AK. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Lloyd, Raymond, Kenneth and LeRoy. There were no services here. The burial took place at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Nolanville, Texas. The arrangements were with Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel, Watertown, [www.wightandcomes.com](http://www.wightandcomes.com).



**DALE KENNETH SIEBERS** (USN, CPO-Ret.) – Died Monday, June 8, 2020 in Kaukauna, Wisconsin at the age of 68. During a brutal cancer battle of more than two years, he consistently showed bravery, good humor, and dignified composure. At his death, he was surrounded by loved ones. Dale was born in Kaukauna on July 3, 1951 to the late Emmett "Bing" and Janice Siebers (née Agen) Siebers. After graduating from Kaukauna High School, he joined the United States Navy, serving six years of active duty primarily aboard the USS Lynde McCormick, and then 15 years in the US Naval Reserve, retiring as Chief in 1995. During that time, he worked as an electrician before joining Procter and Gamble, where he was employed for over 20 years until his retirement in 2012. He loved working with electronics and computers throughout his career, and, after retiring, used these skills as a volunteer for the local library and for historical societies, cataloging and digitizing documents. He was a proud member of VFW Post #3319, where he served as an officer for many years, and American Legion Post #41.

He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Little Chute Chapter #351**. Dale credited his Navy career with developing his love of travel. There were always places to go and things to see. He met his mate for life, Sharon, in 1984. She shared his love for adventure, travel, and bicycling, and, together, they visited 49 states and multiple countries. He was a true animal lover, keeping cats as pets for over 30 years. Dale was distinguished by his extroverted nature, endless desire for learning, and openness to people and experience. Whether sitting with his buddies and brothers in a Kaukauna coffee shop, sipping a pint in a London pub, or enjoying a great dinner in Rome, he was the same friendly, curious, good-hearted person, wanting to engage with people, discuss ideas, learn from others, and help them out if they needed it. He was a wonderful man of deep character who thought life was full of "good stuff." Dale is survived by his wife, Sharon (née Verstegen) Siebers, his mother, Janice, and six siblings: Dennis (Lynn Clark), Gary (Diane), Rick, Cindy (Dick Kirk), Scott, and Wendy (Jerry Clish). He is further survived by his niece, Krisha (Brant Janssen) and many aunts, uncles, and cousins, as well as countless friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Bing, in 1975. A celebration of Dale's well-lived life took place on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Highland Memorial Park, 3131 North Richmond Street, Appleton beginning at 1:00 PM until time of the funeral at 2:00 PM. Military honors, conducted by the Kaukauna VFW Post #3319 and American Legion Post #41, will immediately follow. To sign the guest book, please visit [oconnellfh.com](http://oconnellfh.com).



**JOSEPH S. "Joe" SKRZAT, JR.** - Died Monday, June 15, 2020 in Lansdale, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death was the coronavirus, COVID-19. He was born on August 31, 1945 in Lansdale to the late Joseph S. Skrzat, Sr. and Catherine (née Brudzinski) Skrzat. He received his early education at Saint Stanislaus Parish School and Lansdale Catholic High School. He graduated from Villanova University in May 1967 with a degree in accounting and earned a commission as an ensign in the United States Navy through the Navy ROTC program. Joe was on active duty as a Naval Intelligence Officer for four years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. His tours of duty included serving with a Naval Advisory Group operating out of Danang, Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V." He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richlandtown Chapter #468**. Joe married Sharon (née Glenn) Skrzat on May 9, 1970. Upon his discharge from the Navy in June 1971, he was appointed a Special Agent in the FBI. His assignments included the Cincinnati, Albany, NY, and Philadelphia Field Divisions. He served the last seven years of his 25-year career in the position of Principal Firearms Instructor for the Philadelphia office. He retired in August 1996 and worked part-time for Hagey Coach as a motor coach operator and tour escort. His hobbies included classic cars, model trains and travel, and he had keen interests in military history, music and animal welfare. He will be remembered as a loyal person who always did everything he possibly could to help his family and friends. Joe is survived by his wife Sharon, his daughter Wendy Skrzat, his daughter Cheryl Anderson and her husband Justin, his sister Maryanne Graham and her husband Harry, his brother Stephen M. Skrzat and his wife Cynthia, and his two grandsons William and Desmond Anderson, as well as two nieces, a nephew, many cousins, and his

lifelong friends Su and Than Nguyen. The family welcomed all to a public Mass of Celebration at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 22, 2020 at Corpus Christi Church, 900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA. There was not any visitation prior to the Mass. For those attending, when entering the church, a facial covering had to be worn and social distancing was expected. He was buried in a private ceremony at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA, with military honors. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to: Montgomery County ASPCA @ <https://www.montgomerycountypca.org/> or, Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. The Huff and Lakjer Funeral Home in Lansdale handled the arrangements.

**KENNETH W. "Ken" SMITH** - Died Friday, March 27, 2020 at Medicalodge of Kansas in Kansas City, Kansas at the age of 77. He died after suffering his fifth stroke. He was born on November 27, 1942 in Manhattan, Kansas to the late Myrl Pearl Smith and Gertrude Mae (née Lewis) Smith. He graduated from East Topeka Junior High School and Topeka High School in 1960. In 1962 he enlisted in the United States Navy and was a corpsman. He served two tours in Vietnam. Returning to the USA he and his family lived in Blaine, WA. Where he was on the Blaine city police force before moving home to Topeka. Ken is survived by his wife Rosemary (née McGirr-Patterson) Smith and her son John Mark Patterson of the home. He is also survived by his three sons Jeffrey, Randy, Matt, and three grandchildren Alisa, Alex, and Mic all of Bellingham, Washington. He is also survived by two sisters Linda Everly and Virginia Payne of Topeka, two brothers Ronnie (North Platt, Nebraska) and Gerald of Topeka and golf partner John Dougan of Topeka and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding him in death his parents and brothers William (Topeka) and Chester (Colorado Springs Co.). Ken was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Topeka Chapter #604**, and retired deputy sheriff of Shawnee County Sheriff Department in 1998. As per his wishes he was cremated and his ashes will be interred at the Wall in Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas at a later date. The family requested no flowers, however memorials can be sent to: the Grace United Methodist Church at 2627 SW Western Avenue, Topeka, KS 66611, Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #604, PO Box 750322, Topeka, KS 66675-0322, Shawnee County Sheriff Department Memorial Fund, 320 South Kansas Avenue – Suite #200, Topeka, KS 66603 or to Kansas Hospice Care, 6828 Silverheel Street, Shawnee, KS 66226. Due to Covid-19 virus all arrangements were pending and services were announced at a later time.

**RAYMOND FRANCIS "Ray" SMITH** - Died Saturday, July 4, 2020 at his residence in Broadway, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 12, 1949 in Mobile, Alabama to the late O.C. and Josephine (née Odom) Smith. He was a store manager for Air Gas, Inc. Ray was a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**. He was an avid golfer and a fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Ray". He is survived by his wife, the former Zondra Runion. Also surviving is a son; Dwayne Smith and wife Misty, of Tampa, FL, a stepdaughter; Andrea Fulk and husband Jason, of Broadway, a stepson; Barry Thompson, of Omaha, NE, two brothers; Anthony Smith (Patricia), of Orange Beach, AL, Billy Smith (Alan), of Mobile, AL, a sister; Brenda Bowman (Ralph), of Mobile, AL, nine grandchildren, and two great-

grandchildren. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone is asked to dress casually. His wishes were to be cremated. There were no services at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway. Memorial contributions may be made to the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 271, Broadway, VA 22815 or the Broadway Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 666, Broadway, VA 22815.



**LARRY D. SNIDER** - Died Monday, June 22, 2020 at Licking Memorial Hospital at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 25, 1943 in Newark, Ohio to the late Paul D. and Irene E. (née Durst) Snider. Larry was an extremely proud United States Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War. He was a dedicated member of the Newark American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. He had worked for the Anomatic Corporation in Newark for thirteen years, before retiring in 2007. He liked working in his yard and also enjoyed mowing several of his neighbor's yards as well. Larry was also an avid basketball fan, collected model cars, and had a very large hat collection. He was a graduate of Hopewell High School, class of 1962. He is survived by his wife of thirteen years, Norma K. (née Cornell) Snider, whom he married on June 14, 2007; three stepsons, Jerry R. (Cindy) Hayman, Harold L. (Shealisa) McClaskey, Jr. and Scott A. (Tammy) McClaskey; a daughter, Tammy (Greg) Jenkins; a sister, Loretta (Ed) Hall; many grandchildren, and; numerous great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Camp; and a granddaughter, Trinity Smith. Family and friends visited two hours prior to the service, from 9:00-11:00 AM at the Heath Chapel of Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral and Cremation Service, 1249 Hebron Road, Heath. A funeral celebrating his life was held on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Heath Chapel of Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral and Cremation Service, 1249 Hebron Road, Heath. The burial was in the Poplar Forks Cemetery, where the Licking County Veterans Alliance conducted military honors at graveside. Memorial contributions may be made to the Licking County Veterans Alliance, Post Office Box 854, Newark, Ohio 43058-0854. The Heath Chapel of Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral and Cremation Service, 1249 Hebron Road, Heath assisted the Snider family with the arrangements. Please visit [www.hendersonvanatta.com](http://www.hendersonvanatta.com) to view a memorial and to leave a message of condolence for the Snider family.



**CAREY J. “Doc” SPEARMAN** – Died Sunday, April 12, 2020 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in New York City, New York on August 10, 1944. He joined the United States Army in 1965. He served in Vietnam in 1967, assigned to the 44<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, 616<sup>th</sup> Medical Company. After his discharge, he would join the New York Police Department in 1973. He was promoted to detective, and to the rank of Sergeant in the police department and distinguished himself in undercover narcotics work and as supervisor of NYPD's Staten Island Community Affairs Division. Carey Spearman retired from the New York Police Department in 1995 with twenty-five years of service. In 1997 he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from St. John's University, New York. Carey Spearman is the co-author of *Vietnam Veteran's Homecoming: Crossing the Line* and *36 Years and a Wake-up: An American Returns to Vietnam*. According to the book description of *Vietnam Veterans' Homecoming: Crossing the Line* “is a thoughtful and moving account of the impact that the Vietnam War had on one veteran's life. Medic Carey Spearman's emotional message will resonate in the hearts and souls of each and every veteran that picks up this book and enlighten anyone that did not live through the war. Carey Spearman has come home, and his journey will quickly become the journey of those who read his book. In a sequence of profound meditations, rich in poetry and deep in spirituality, Spearman draws insights from his experiences as a medic in Vietnam, and as a veteran returning home. Insights which emphasize not so much the uniqueness of his own encounters and feelings but the mighty common bonds which unite the courageous men and women who served this country during its longest war. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**. *Crossing the Line*, without pretense or political agenda, reveals page after page that those who fought in Vietnam had to be heroes twice; first in war, and then again as veterans returning home to a society that all too often failed to appreciate or understand the enormity of their sacrifices on so many different levels. *Crossing the Line* is not just the story of one man, it sets down in meaningful terms the experience of an entire generation. It is a powerful testimony to the far-

reaching effects of the Vietnam War on virtually all aspects of American life.” One reader of Vietnam Veterans' Homecoming: Crossing the Line said, “Carey Spearman reaches right for the heart with his poignant vignettes on life in Vietnam and at home. The very cover of his book reveals much about his message: Vietnam's wounds are not just carried by Americans, but by many more; nor are all jungles lush and tropical. The soldier depicted on the cover wears a mix of western and oriental gear. The soldier's shadow is simply a man's--without the trappings of war. The palms trees of Vietnam on the skyline give way to the concrete skyscrapers of urban America. Spearman's year in Vietnam amounted to a lifetime of tending the wounded and maimed of every sort of humanity: man, woman or child carried into the medic's ward. There he began to realize how war wounds not only the soldier, but the family back home, the villager in the jungle, the lover awaiting the letter that never arrives. Like good wine, Spearman's words come from years of reflection and hard work. They reveal a man who has come to terms with his own post traumatic stress and has accepted healing. He sees the world as filled with individuals. War takes it toll one by one. Families of those lost or wounded in Vietnam or other conflicts, and anyone who has suffered a significant loss in his or her life will benefit from Spearman's vignettes. If you want to read something charged with deep emotion, yet minus the gore of "war stories," and one that helps to heal inner wounds, Spearman's book: Vietnam Veterans' Homecoming: Crossing the Line will be a wonderful read. For anyone teaching American history, or history buffs, Spearman's book casts a piercing light on the reality of war--its horror and far reaching effects. In language anyone can understand, this book is one I recommend for people who look for wisdom and a sense of peace. They will find both in Carey Spearman's”

From the History of the New York City Police Department Another characteristic sentence was imposed in 1712 by "a court held for the tryal of Negro and Indian slaves, at the Citty Hall of the City of New York, on Tuesday the 15th of April." "Tom, the slave of Nicholas Rosevelt, was the culprit in this case. He was sentenced to be "carryed from hence to the place whence he came, and from thence to the place of execution; and there to be burned with a slow fire, that he may continue in torment for Eight or ten hours, and continue burning in the said fire until he be dead, and Consumed to ashes."

***Vietnam Veterans' Homecoming: Crossing the Line.*** Carey Spearman 36 Years and a Wake-up: An American Returns to Vietnam, Carey J. Spearman More Info. According to the book description of ***36 Years and a Wake-up: An American Returns to Vietnam***, “Carey Spearman teaches us about the modern Vietnam veteran by revealing his most intimate emotions about his first return to Vietnam in 36 years since the war. Carey Spearman served one year as a medic in Vietnam, and is a retired from New York City Police Department. This is Spearman's second published literary work about coping with life after the Vietnam War. As with his previous book, Vietnam Veterans' Homecoming: Crossing the Line, Spearman writes poetic vignettes in his own words. Spearman communicates valuable lessons learned, and remembers with remarkable clarity the lives he touched and suffering he witnessed during the Vietnam War. 36 Years Later and a Wake-up Call: An American Returns to Vietnam is an essential read for anyone wanting to know and understand the mind of a Vietnam veteran, and for any Vietnam veteran trying to find peace in his own feelings about the war.” Kerry "Doc" Pardue said of 36 Years and a Wake-up: An American Returns to Vietnam, “Carey and I have been friends and writers for sometime. I can't even begin to tell you how special he is as a man, husband, son, soldier, and retired police officer. It was his encouragement that I began my journey to finding home after I had been back from



Vietnam over 32 years. We were both medics and also police officers. I value his work and his writing very much. I read his first book and it was just the beginning of looking within to find the way home from pain, loss, hurt, to finding healing, love, and passion for life. As with his first book, his style of writing causes the reader to stop at the end of each page and reflect. The questions come to the reader that the reader must sit and think and find the answers. This is Carey's second book and it is about his journey to the place that took away so much away from him as a young man. It is his completion of the circle to who Carey really is and what he became. His discoveries along the way also take the reader to find the same answers to life's most difficult questions. It is not so important what the answers are but in asking the right questions and being open to accept the truth inside of one's self. This is another chapter in the life of a medic who left his childhood, and so much of his self in Vietnam. It is finding the right keys to unlock the door of your heart and soul of finding yourself once again. It is the beginning of a new journey with new hopes and dreams and a vision to help others. Carey found many answers for himself and the reader will also find his own answers to the great questions of why this and why me, what did I have to go through this to learn. What value does it hold for me. I think the reader will find much of a wonderful journey on a path few have chosen to walk down. I think too, that this book should also be read by those who suffer from PTSD. It was like Carey held a mirror up to my soul as I read each page and reflected on finding what is to be for me. He was able to open the doors I had always feared to open and I have much to be thankful for as I can now have a better relationship with those who are important in my life without holding back. Carey has made 7 trips to Vietnam and is getting ready to go again, I wonder what he will find that will help us all discover in his next book." Carey Spearman was an animal lover and in lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to the North Shore Animal League.



**RAYMOND EDWARD SPRIECK** (USA, MSG-Ret) – Died Sunday, April 26, 2020 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 85. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 7, 1935 in Lincoln, Nebraska to the late Edward and Leola (née Heil) Sprieck. Raymond graduated from Plattsmouth High School in Plattsmouth, NE in 1953. He married Nancy Perry in 1954; together they had 5 children. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1956. After serving proudly in the Army he retired after 30 years of service. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. He then went to work for Civil Service where he retired after 6 years. He married Jessica Jones in March of 1976. Raymond will be remembered for his tinkering and love of fishing. He was also very humorous and could make anyone laugh. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, of the home; son, James Sprieck; daughters: Susan Alley, Christine Pursley and Heather Estrada; sister, Ellen Lewin; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Guerassio, Pat Thomas, Melissa Shaw, Lou Jones-Baldwin and Joanne Jones; he also has numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and a son, Jeffrey Sprieck. Visitation was held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 12:00 Noon-8:00 PM at the Fletcher Funeral Home, Fletcher, OK. Graveside

services were held on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Fletcher Cemetery under direction of Fletcher Funeral Home.



**DALE ARTHUR "Big D" "Balboa" STEVENS** (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret) – Died Monday, June 1, 2020 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Stuttgart, Arkansas on August 5, 1944 to the late Russell Colby and Elizabeth (née Bodwell) Stevens, the oldest of three boys. Also known as "Big D" or "Balboa," Dale was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Immediate comments following his death described him as a "legend" who "always brought his 'A' game." Big D served 23 years in the United States Air Force beginning his military career as a meteorologist. He said he was giving a weather briefing to a group of pilots when he thought to himself, "I should be on the other side of this podium." He served in Vietnam and Grenada, where he airlifted the first KIA off the island as a C-130 pilot. He once debriefed Jordan's King Hussein, played golf with the sitting Argentine President and escorted the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders on a USO Tour. Twice. While the Stevens' moved often, Dale adapted by combining an easy-going personality with a fierce love of sports and competition. He once caddied in a foursome that included Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford, and carried that love of sports over to his four boys, all of whom were subjected to occasional Terry Sanford High School barks or calls of "Taxi!" at various sporting events. Balboa played freshman basketball at Oklahoma University (somehow), won two low net Air Force Base Golf Championships, won tennis tournaments at the Argentine ambassador's, and probably used up the family allotment by making eight holes-in-one. Eight. After his military service, Dale retired to Fayetteville N.C., where he served as the Flight Captain of the Daedalians Club, the premier fellowship for military aviators, and as deacon at Highland Presbyterian. At Gates Four Golf and Country Club he continually bedeviled his playing partners with a fearsome putting stroke and a knack for arriving at the course approximately 90 seconds before teeing off. After spending 18 years in his second career as a flight simulator instructor at Pope Air Force Base, Big D and wife Cathie retired to The Villages, Fla. where he played golf 300 days a year, volunteered at the Christian Food Pantry and the Coffee Bar at the North Lake Presbyterian Church. Dale immersed himself in the numerous clubs at The Villages, was president of the Oklahoma Sooners fan club and the Retired Military Family group, and member of the Louisiana Club, New York Yankees club and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036**. The most exclusive club, though, was "Camp Big D and Gigi." Six consecutive summers, Dale and Cathie entertained their grandchildren with arts and crafts, dancing at the square, multiple golf cart rides and probably a few too many evenings at Scooples, the local ice cream shop. Dale never met a stranger, wore his heart on his sleeve and was generous with both his time and his money. He twice arranged and paid for Disney Cruises for all 15 member of his sons' families and was planning the next trip with granddaughters Johanna and Walker. They were probably angling for another Disney Cruise. Instead, we will be planning Celebrations of Life to honor Dale who would want his passing to be a time of gathering and joy. And maybe a cherry-

drenched Manhattan. Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Russ and Betty, and brother Peter. He is survived by his loving wife, Cathie, his four boys and their wives, Tom and Kate, Brian and Leslie, Scott and Colleen, Kenny and Nicole, his seven cherished grandchildren, Johanna, Walker, Charlie, John, Patrick, Madeline and Daniel, and his brother Russell and sister-in-law Sheila. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Dale's honor to the Daedalians Scholarship Fund.



**HARLEY SAMUEL "Sam" STEWART** – (USA, CWO4-Ret.) - Died peacefully Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at the Comanche County Memorial Hospital in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. He was a resident of Lawton. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Claremore, Oklahoma on January 24, 1937 to the late Samuel and Lucinda Stewart. He was a decorated United States Army Vietnam Veteran, that honored his duties as a soldier in many countries, states and in war. Sam was raised in the Muskogee area for most of his life until he enlisted into the United States Army on April 4, 1958 up until his first retirement on March 14, 1962. He re-enlisted into the Army on March 15, 1962. He served the United States Army for 24 years and 3 months, finally retiring on December 31, 1982 as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4). Sam was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #750** and a member of the Korean Veterans Association. He served over 50 years in the Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Lola Stewart; son, J.D.; daughter, Debra Mountain and husband Wallace Mountain; granddaughters, Melissa Chrismon and husband Dustin Chrismon and Angela Grossman; grandson, James Mountain; great grandchildren, Kalla Chrismon, Sebastian Chrismon, Vacie Chrismon, Alexis Chrismon, Kody Mountain, Elizabeth Grossman, George Grossman, Abagayle Love, Rory (Samantha) Mountain, Larkyn Mountain and Jase Mountain, Hailey and Hannah Bargars, and Brianna Guevara; brother-in-law, Charles Honeycutt; sister-in-law, Annie Lambert; nephews, Larry Gardner and Wesley Farmer; nieces, Joyce Miller, Connie Wesse, Brenda Sumter, Judy Maley and husband Wayne Maley; nephews, Billy and Anthony Maley; nieces, Paula Hilton and husband Thomas Hilton; niece Susan Lukens and husband Robert Lukens; nephew, Ronald Holland and wife Lennie among other family relatives and many beloved friends. His father, Samuel; mother, Lucinda Stewart; sisters Cherry, and Lydia and brother Carl predeceased Sam. Sam was a real people person, very plain spoken, generous, big hearted and loved his family. He was loved by all and will be missed by many.



**CHRIS DWAYNE STEWTS** – Died Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Port Arthur, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death was complications from the COVID-19 coronavirus. He was born in Texas City, Texas on September 27, 1951. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ruth. The funeral arrangements were provided by the Levingston Funeral Home of Groves, Texas.



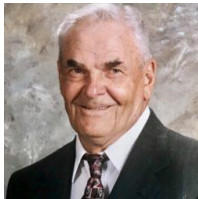
**DOUGLAS ROY "Doug" ULVEN** - Died Friday, July 17, 2020 at Avantara Nursing Home in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Watertown on November 5, 1947 to the late Roy and Wilma (née Schaaf) Ulven. He attended Watertown Schools and graduated from Watertown High School in 1966. Doug was drafted into the United States Army in 1967 and served for two years, serving one year in Vietnam. Following his discharge, Doug attended Northern State College in Aberdeen for three years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Doug moved to Steamboat, Colorado where he lived for a while, then to California before he moved back to Watertown for a short while. In 1978, Doug moved to Brookings. He retired in 2007 due to health problems and returned to Watertown in 2009. He enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing and camping. Doug is survived by his sister, Barb (Rich) O'Byrne of Watertown; his nephew, Corey O'Byrne of Watertown; and one brother-in-law, Bob Udvardi of Denver, CO. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Wilma Ulven, and his sister, Shirley Udvardi. Memorial services were at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown with Pastor Scott Dempster officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the services on Wednesday. The inurnment was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown with Military Honors conducted by Vietnam Veterans of America of Northeast South Dakota Chapter #1054 of Watertown. The arrangements were made by the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel, [www.wightandcomes.com](http://www.wightandcomes.com).



**DAVID RODNEY WAMPLER** - Died Saturday, May 30, 2020 at his home in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 73, after an 8-month battle with acute leukemia. He was born in Morristown on January 30, 1946 to the late James W. and Chloe (née Shoun) Wampler. Rodney was a football standout at Morristown High School, was elected to the All Hurricane Silver Anniversary Team and inducted into the Morristown High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2010. He continued his football career at Carson Newman, becoming the leading rusher there for many years, a two-time All-American Running Back, member of the Carson Newman Football Team of the Century and inducted to the Carson Newman Hall of Fame in 2010. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Carson Newman, then earned his Master of Arts Degree in Education at ETSU. Before attending Carson Newman, he joined the United States Army, becoming a Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. Rodney worked as a teacher and football, baseball, softball and track coach during his 27-year career at Dobyns-Bennett High School. He was preceded in death by his parents: James W. and Chloe Shoun Wampler; brothers and sisters-in-law: JW (Norma) Wampler, Jerry (Judy) Wampler and Dana Carroll Wampler. He is survived by his wife: Claudette Wampler; children, David Rodney Wampler II, (Leeann), Kevin Todd Wampler, (Christy) and Nicole Lewelling Wilson (Russ); his grandchildren, Alex, Chloe, Caroline, Laura,

Beck, Trea', Annie, Tylee and Meghan; his sister, Pat (Walt) Vandergrift and sisters-in-law, Becky Wampler and Doris (Mike) Valentine, his brother-in-law, Rod Lewelling (Jo), and; his dear friend, Patsy Clevenger. His family received friends on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the Glenwood Baptist Church, 2601 East Center Street, Kingsport; a time of reflection followed with Pastor Tiger Brooks officiating. Then on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the Mayes Mortuary, 444 West Main Street, Morristown from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM with a funeral service with Larry Wallace providing the Eulogy. Family and friends gathered at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Hamblen Memory Gardens for Military graveside and interment services with Father Mark Holland presiding. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the UT Medical Center Cancer Institute, Medical Building F, 1926 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920; Carson Newman University Football Department, 904 East Mount Castle Street, Jefferson City, TN 37760 or the Dobyys-Bennett High School Alumni Association, One Indian Court, P.O. Box 3337, Kingsport, TN 37664.

**GARY D. WARREN** – Died Friday, May 15, 2020 in Nederland, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on August 17, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**.



**JAMES THOMAS "Paw Paw" WATKINS** - Died Wednesday, July 22, 2020 in Newton, Alabama at the age of 92. The cause of death was the COVID-19 coronavirus. He was born on July 11, 1928 in Bassfield, Mississippi and lived the early years of his life in Runnelstown, Mississippi. He joined the United States Army and served during the post occupation of WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam. Mr. Watkins retired in 1967 after over 20 years of active military service to his country. He was employed as an aircraft mechanic with PEMCO Aeroplex until he retired in 1992. Mr. Watkins loved to work on cars for family and friends under the shade trees at his home. He loved bluegrass music and was an avid Ham Radio operator. Mr. Watkins loved his family but adored his grandchildren the most. He was a member of the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers, a member of the Newton Masonic Lodge #224, and supported Friends of Army Aviation at Ft. Rucker. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter 864**. Mr. Watkins was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, who died on June 29, 2020, Martha Lee McLain Watkins, and by his son, Daniel Lee Watkins. Survivors include his children, Kay (Bobby) Thomas, Jimmy (Mique) Watkins, Ilene Livingston, and Mitchell (Carol) Watkins; his grandchildren, Adam (Carla) Thomas, Curt (Jodi) Thomas, Brannon Livingston, Crystal (Luke) Ludlum, Matthew (Amanda) Watkins, Tara (Joe) Salinas, Clinton (Melanie) Watkins, Leah (Barrett) Powell, Kalen (Beverly) Kosik, and Madison Watkins; his 23 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends also survive. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Friday, July 24, 2020 in Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ray Layton and Pastor Randy



Kuhn co-officiating. The burial with military honors was in the Sunset Memorial Park. The family received friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2::00-3:00 PM.

**STEPHEN RODNEY WATTS** – Died Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in Daytona Beach, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, coronary artery disease and end-state renal disease on hemodialysis. He was born in Miami, Florida on February 1, 1947 to the late Stephen W. Watts and Sue Mignon (née Holden) Watts. Stephen is survived by his wife of almost 42 years, Linda Kay (née Corrick) Watts, of Daytona Beach, his brother, Scott Watts and his nephew, Michael Watts, both of Melbourne, Florida, his four grandchildren, Aurora Lin Azara, Sean Alexander Azara, Justin Wayne Azara and Jacob Merle Azara, all of Buxton, Maine and his niece and daughter-of-their heart, Gina Marie Croft of Avon, Ohio, as well as the couple's two yorkies, brother and sister Bentley and Lexie. Stephen proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, enlisting April 26, 1966 and receiving his Honorable Discharge April 20, 1972 as a Sergeant. He was awarded/received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Good Conduct Medal and Presidential Unit Citation. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048**. The Celebration of Stephen's life was on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00PM at the VFW Hall located at 5810 South Williamson Boulevard, Port Orange, Florida. All were invited to attend, but because of concerns about COVID-19, the Celebration was also streamed live via Google Zoom Meetings. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89040915043>. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made in Stephen's name to the Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project or Halifax Humane Society.



**ROBERT LOUIS "Bob" WETHERELL** - Died peacefully Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at his home in Chase, Michigan at the age of 73, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Reed City, Michigan on June 5, 1946 to the late Marion and Frances Wetherell. He graduated from Reed City High School in 1964, and immediately joined the United States Army and served his country through 1967. Upon return to Reed City, he worked at Miller Industries in Reed City as a draftsman. He married Margaret Adams, of Marcellus, in 1968. He attended Ferris State University, earning a degree in land surveying. He started his career working for Blass Surveys until 1972, when he and his partners formed Lake State Surveying in Baldwin. From 1983-92, Bob and his family moved to Big Star Lake in Baldwin, when he and brother, Ervin, took on an additional challenge and bought and revived Blue Horizon Resort into Big Star Resort. Bob and Erv, along with their families, hosted many seasonal guests -- who soon became friends -- while working tirelessly to maintain 10 cabins and an ice cream shop. In 1990, he started his own surveying business, Wetherell Land Surveying, where he operated it until 2002. He became the county surveyor of Lake County in 1992 and was responsible for the inception of the Lake County Re-monumentation Program. He



was the elected county surveyor through 2004. He was a life member of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors. After retirement, he volunteered at the Reed City Recycling Center and spent his days caretaking his beloved property in Chase, where he fished, hunted, planted trees and gardened on the land he loved -- enjoying what nature gave. Bob was a life member of the Reed City VFW Post #2964, life member of the Reed City AMVETS, *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville (Kentucky) Chapter #454*, and a longtime honor guard for fallen veterans. Bob is survived by his wife of 51 years, Margaret; son, Adam; daughter, Amy (Mark) Posey; granddaughters, Lauren and Kate Posey; sister, Sally (John) Nelson; brothers, Ervin (Betty) Borsum and Alvin (Patricia) Borsum; sisters-in-law, Mary (Michael) West and Patricia Adams; brothers-in-law, George (Mary Chris) Adams and James (Linda) Adams; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews. Throughout his life, Bob cherished his time in nature. Whether for work or play, sun or snow, he took any opportunity he had to be in the great outdoors. He loved hunting, hiking, snowmobiling, wildlife and bird watching, cross country skiing, boating, snowshoeing, morel mushroom and huckleberry hunting, golfing, water skiing and golfing. Of all his outdoor passions, fishing was a constant refuge throughout his entire life. He especially loved fishing on the St. Johns River in Florida every winter with his wife, Marge, and his brother, Ervin, on many cherished trips with family and friends to Lake Wabatonigushi and Upper Duffy Lake in Ontario, trout fishing on the middle branch of the Pere Marquette River that ran through his property, and fishing for bluegill dinner on his pond in Chase. What he loved most about all these outdoor activities was doing it with people he loved -- his wife, children, granddaughters, brothers and sister, brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, and many lifelong friends -- instilling in them along the way a true love and respect of Mother Nature. His lasting legacy and enduring love will be felt by all of us in all the singing oriole, the freshly sprung morel, the calling loon, the turning leaves, the glistening snow, the wide-open spaces and the setting sun. Bob's family invites you to celebrate his life by viewing a slide show of some special memories made with love by his family. To view on YouTube, click here or search: Robert Wetherell Slideshow or copy and paste this link into a new tab: [youtube.com/watch?v=vvQdHuhODQs](https://youtube.com/watch?v=vvQdHuhODQs). During his illness this spring, Bob received outstanding medical care from many talented healthcare professionals. Both he and his family were deeply appreciative of the excellent care they provided, and sacrifices made by these dedicated professionals amidst a worldwide pandemic. Bob's family invites you to consider a donation in his memory, in lieu of flowers, to a scholarship fund at his alma mater that supports aspiring nurses. Please send memorial gifts to Ferris State University, Attn: The Ferris Foundation, 420 Oak Street, PRK 101, Big Rapids, MI 49307. Please include a note that the gift is in memory of Robert Wetherell and should be directed to the Nursing Development Scholarship Endowment. If you wish to donate online please visit the Ferris Foundation's Website and select the Nursing Development Scholarship Endowment ([app.mobilecause.com/form/kAQR6Q?vid=8pneq](https://app.mobilecause.com/form/kAQR6Q?vid=8pneq)) as the Gift Designation, enter "In memory of Robert Wetherell," and follow the prompts.

**WILLIAM H. "Bill" ZUCH** - Died Sunday, February 9, 2020 at home in Baraboo, Wisconsin at the age of 75, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. William, son of the late Carl and Selma (née Zimmerman) Zuch was born in Baraboo on January 3, 1945. On May 31, 1975 he was united in marriage to Darlene Curtis. Bill was drafted into the United States Army

on March 7, 1968; he proudly served until his honorable discharge on January 25, 1970 with obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 1st Calvary, 2nd of the 5th Echo Company. Bill was a welder for ALKAR in Lodi for over 30 years until his retirement. In his free time, Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, attending NHRA drag races and NASCAR races, walks in the woods, cutting wood, playing pool, being outdoors no matter what season and racing with his best pal (his son), John at local asphalt tracks. He was a *Life Member* of DAV, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #221** in Portage and VFW. Survivors include his wife, Darlene; sons, John Zuch, Russ (Amy) Schulte; special grandson, Del; grandchildren, Presley and Jackson Schulte. Bill is further survived by three brothers-in-law, Herbert Curtis, Kevin Curtis, Michael Curtis; sisters-in-law, Sharon Zuch, and Jean Sharp, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings, John Zuch, Martin Zuch, Adeline (Richard) Fuller. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11:00 M at the Redlin Funeral Home with Pastor Karen Hofstad officiating. Visitation will be held at Redlin Funeral Home on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 5:00 until 8:00 PM as well as at the funeral home on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. The burial was held at the Walnut Hill Cemetery where military rites were conducted. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family, VVA Chapter #221 in Portage which Bill was a Charter member of, or a charity of your choice in memory of Bill.

**ROY ALLEN ZWEIG** - Died Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Fair Acres in East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania at the age of 75, following a long illness. He was formerly a resident of Lima (Media), Pennsylvania. He was born and raised in the Holmesburg section of Philadelphia on May 18, 1945. Roy was a graduate of Lincoln High School and also attended Delaware County Community College. He was employed by Verizon for over 25 years and was a proud member of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67** and President for the Committee for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Marcus Hook. He loved the Eagles, Flyers and Phillies and enjoyed playing tennis. Roy is survived by his beloved wife Susan (née Baltzer) Zweig, his daughter Jamie (Walter) Hampton and grandsons Jack and Isaac Hampton. Services were held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or Crossroads Community Church, Heather Road, Upper Darby, PA 19082 in Roy's name would be appreciated. The Doyle-Stonelake Funeral Home in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania were in charge of the arrangements. [www.doylestonelake.com](http://www.doylestonelake.com).

**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!**