



**LEWIS EUGENE "Gene" ABBOTT** - Died Friday, November 16, 2012 in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 68, after a long battle with Carcinoid Cancer. He was born on August 25, 1950 in McCook, Nebraska to the late Thelma J. (née Zimmerman) and Delbert Abbott. He attended school in McCook. Following High School, he enlisted in the United States Army and served his country from 1969-1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denver Chapter #1071**. After serving his country he moved to Denver, CO where his soon to be wife and lifelong partner lived (Julie Houghton). They were married on April 7, 1973. Gene's life was devoted to his family and friends, there was nothing more important. He enjoyed camping with his wife and friends, a member of the Colorado FCRV Camping club since 1979. (Sundowner Group). In support of our Troops, he was an active member of the Colorado Patriot Guard. The Holiday season was a very special time for him, playing Santa Claus for many years. He is preceded in death by his parents Thelma J Zimmerman and Delbert Abbott, Nephew Allen Abbott, and Great-Great-Nephew, Sage Gustafson. He is survived by his loving wife, Julie (Aurora CO), Sister Nancy Zimmerman (Scottsdale AZ), Brothers, Charles Campbell (Phoenix AZ, and Dale Abbott (Gibbon NB). Nieces, Christal Gustafson (Phoenix AZ), Jill Gomez (Gibbon NB), Scott Campbell (Phoenix AZ), Jason Abbott (Gibbon NB), and Darin Zimmerman (Scottsdale AZ). Eleven Great-Nieces and Great-Nephews, and four Great-Great-Nieces and Great-Great-Nephews. Services were on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Advantage Aurora Chase Chapel, 1095 Havana Street, Aurora Co 80010. Interment was at 2:00 PM at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Staging Area A. Memorials are suggested to Carcinoid Cancer Foundation, NCCE 3223 Muskrat Creek Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80528. Or to your local Dumb Friends League. Advantage Aurora Chase Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.



**VINCENT R. "Pike" ANDERSON** (USA, CWO4-Ret,) - Died Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at Providence Hospice Place in Waco, Texas at the age of 76, surrounded by his family after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. He was a resident of Hewitt, Texas. Pike was born on August 18, 1944 in Sedalia, Missouri to the late John Kenneth Anderson and Genevieve Katherine (née Collier) Anderson. His family moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he graduated from Provine High School in 1962. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1967, where he was a member of the ROTC and a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He completed a Master of Arts degree in 1977 from The University of South Alabama. Pike Anderson had a notable career of military service in the United States Army. After attending Army flight school, he was deployed to Vietnam to fly AH-1G Cobra helicopter gunships for the Air Cavalry. In 1970, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for action in the A Shau Valley of Vietnam. In 1973, he was honorably discharged from the Army as a Captain. Pike was on active duty in the Texas National Guard from March 1986 to August 2004, when he retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (W4). Pike retired as Chief of

Kinesiotherapy in March of 2000 after working at the Veterans' Administration in Waco since 1977. Upon retirement, he worked with The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) where he was a National Service Officer helping Veterans with their VA claims at the Waco VA Regional Office. He was presented the Kenneth Richardson Award as the 2008 MOPH National Service Officer of the Year. He retired from MOPH in December 2015 as the Region 5 Deputy Regional Field Supervisor. He was active in the local Veterans Community and was a Charter Member; former Quartermaster and former Commander of VFW Post #6008. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012*. Mr. Anderson served sixteen years on the Hewitt City Council, including two years as Mayor. During his tenure, he helped in development of several transportation projects and in the development of the Veterans Memorial at Hewitt Park. Pike was very active in his church, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. Over the years, he served on the vestry and became a Lay Minister. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Marcia (née Meriwether) Anderson of Hewitt.; brother Dr. John Donald Anderson (Alice) of Bellingham, Wash., daughters Kathryn Anderson Rodenmeyer (Ron) of Jackson, Miss.; Laura Anderson Green (Neal, Jr.) of Corsicana, Texas; Genevieve "Ginger" Anderson Shelfer (Mark) of Houston, Texas, and nine grandchildren. Pike leaves behind a legacy of service to family, the community of Hewitt, and country. A service to celebrate his life was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 12, 2020 at Grace Garden Funeral Home in Woodway, Texas. The Reverend John T. Wells officiated. Wearing masks and social distancing was required at the service.



**ROBERT JESSE "Bob" ANDREWS** - Died Wednesday, September 16, 2020 in Tallahassee, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 2, 1944. My hero. I have loved him since the first time I ever laid eyes on him in 1965. He never had an unkind word about anyone or anything. He was everyone's hero. Bob grew up overseas in Venezuela, South America. On returning to the United States in the 1960s, he attended Southern Methodist University and later graduated from Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, Georgia, in construction and engineering. He then volunteered to join the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He was a sharpshooter and while scouting ahead for an operation, he sustained major injuries from a booby trap, which included the loss of his sight on June 12, 1967; this awarded him a Purple Heart. At the Hines VA Rehabilitation Center Bob was introduced to the game of blind golf. During the following two years he learned and perfected his golf game with help from his first coach John Andrews, his dad. The United States Blind Golf Association (USBGA) became an important part of his life when he qualified to join in 1970. Over the next 40 years he competed in National and International tournaments winning many. He is both a National and International blind golf champion. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tallahassee Chapter #96*. After moving to Tallahassee in 1976 he became the first totally blind licensed residential contractor building homes in area. When more opportunities availed in the late 1980s and early 1990s, both in the USA and overseas, Bob decided to become more involved in the USBGA. He served on the Board, was Vice

President, and went on to be President for ten years. He is proud that during his tenure many projects and advancements were implemented to the organization and blind golf. With Tina, his wife, at his side, they produced the first newsletter "The Midnight Golfer", created the web site "blindgolf.com", and started regional blind tournaments with standardized regulations. Bob worked with the USGA to help write and create the initial "Modification of the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities". Bob's travels overseas afforded him the opportunity to be one of the founders of the International Blind Golf Association in 1998. This led to the establishment of the first World Blind Golf Championships. In 1997 the International Network of Golf honored Bob with the "Dennis Walters Courage Award." This award goes to an individual who has overcome great odds to participate in and contribute to the game of golf. Bob was everyone's hero. Other than golf Bob loved the water and anything on it. He loved to sail, body surf, dig holes in the sand, and fish. He loved to laugh. He loved to dance. Totally blind he lived life to its fullest. He and Tina traveled the world. So, when we remember Bob it will be with a smile on our face – what a champion. Two of Bob's favorite phrases were: When you are born you come into the world crying while those surrounding you are smiling. Live your life so when they lay you to rest you will be smiling while all those surrounding you are crying. 2 Corinthians 5:7 "We live by faith, not by sight" Bob was married to Tina Beall, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for 52 ½ years. He is survived by his three sons, Travis, Ben, and Mike; and their wives Tomi, Katie, and Lori; and 6 grandchildren: Gavin and Wesley, Jesse, and Dylan, Kazom and Indie. There will be a Full Honors Military Service at Tallahassee's new National Cemetery on Friday, October 2 at 2:45 for the family. Because of Covid-19, Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home will livestream the service via their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/culleysmeadowwood/>. Start your feed 10 minutes early. If you would like to donate in his honor, make it to the charity of your choice. He will be sorely missed.



**LOWELL ERNEST BARTEL** - Died Thursday, October 22, 2020 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa at the age of 74, of natural causes. He was a resident of Gladbrook, Iowa. The cause of death was cardio-respiratory failure, obesity, and coronary artery disease. Lowell was born on February 8, 1946 in rural Kasson, Minnesota to the late Chester and Ethel Bartel. He grew up on a dairy farm with two older sisters. Lowell graduated from Kasson-Mantorville High School, Kasson, MN and Winona State College, Winona, MN majoring in history and business. He married Candace O'Meara on March 21, 1969. Lowell enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC, during the Vietnam War. After leaving active duty, he continued serving in the Army Reserve until his retirement in 1992. Military awards he received were the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star Device, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass Device, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (awarded nine times) and the Parachute Badge. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years of active

duty and reserve service. He was a member of the Gladbrook American Legion, Tama VFW, AMVETS, DAV, PVA, MOAA and was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottumwa Chapter #667*. Lowell and Candace raised their family in Conrad, IA. He worked at the McCubbin Seed Farm, Green Mountain, IA; then as a soybean production manager for Clemens Seeds/Pfizer, Beaman, IA; then as a regional sales manager for Merschman Seeds, West Point, IA and as Adjutant at the Iowa Veterans Home until he retired due to health issues. In retirement he and Candace enjoyed living lakeside in rural McGregor, MN (the great northland) for 20 years before returning to Iowa four years ago to be closer to their family. Lowell enjoyed fishing, pheasant hunting, reading, and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Chapel United Methodist Church, Gladbrook. Lowell is survived by his wife of 51 years, Candace, Gladbrook; sons, Eric Bartel, Toledo, IA and Matthew Bartel (Mindy Savage), Green Mountain, IA; grandchildren Kendra Savage, Marshalltown; Bryce Bartel (Alexis Black), Green Mountain, Kenzie, and Bryleigh Bartel, Green Mountain; and Kansas Woods, Mountain View, MO; great-grandson, Cayden Savage, Green Mountain; sisters Marcia (Paul) Wiener, Loveland, CO, and Marian (Dick) Greene, Hastings, MN; aunt Lorraine Davis, Onawa, IA and several nieces and a nephew. He is preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service was held on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Visitation took place on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-7:00 PM. Private interment was at the Iowa Veterans Home Cemetery, Marshalltown, IA prior to the service. Memorials may be directed in Lowell's name to the Iowa Veterans Home.



**RICHARD S. "Dick" BAUMAN** - Died Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at home in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was the beloved husband of 50 years to Bridget (née O'Malley) Bauman; loving father of Tracy (Jon) Brumley, Stephen (Michelle) Bauman; proud and adored Papa of Grace and Thomas Brumley, Drew and Ella Bauman; dear brother of the late Hank (the late Carol and the late Nancy) Bauman, the late Janet Murphy and the late Patti Friedman; fond brother-in-law of the late Margaret (the late George) Fletcher, Eileen (Phil) Boyle, Maureen (the late Peter) Ridge, Theresa Ridgeway, Patrick (the late Julia) O'Malley, Nancy (the late John) Mulrooney, Martin (Christina) O'Malley, and Philomena (Joe) Conneely; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and a loyal friend to many. Dick lived a great, happy life with no regrets. He cherished every minute he spent with his children and grandchildren. Dick had a great sense of humor, was a lifelong Cubs fan and fishing enthusiast. He was an avid golfer who organized and enjoyed his annual Fox Hills Golf Outing. He was a proud union member who served as International Representative of the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Union. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois*. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dick Bauman can be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation, PO Box 368, Woodland Hills, CA, 91365 or @ garysinisefoundation.org. The arrangements were made by the Cooney Funeral Home in Chicago.



**JAMES HERMAN "Jim" BEHRENS** - Died Wednesday September 2, 2020 in Seneca, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 9, 1947 to the late Raphael and Rose Behrens. He was also predeceased by a brother Joe Behrens and his Beloved Wife Pauline. Jim is survived by a brother Bill Behrens; a sister Sarah Kinder, and; two sons, Christopher Behrens, and Anthony Behrens. Jim Retired from Clemson University Computer Center as Operations Manager. Jim was also a United States Navy Veteran. He was a member of The American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westminster Chapter #1017**. There was a visitation service on Monday September 7, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 PM. A Private Graveside Service was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Oconee Memorial Park. The Keowee Funeral Services assisted the family.



**CHARLES H. BERTANI, SR.** - Died Thursday, October 29, 2020 in Grand Junction, Colorado at the age of 85. He was a resident of Elmira, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 13, 1935. Charles is survived by his children: Charles H. Bertani, Jr. and his wife Karen, Kenneth A. Bertani (late Terri), and Debra Albert. He is also survived by grandchildren: Charles W. Bertani, Jennifer G. Bertani, Victoria E. Albert, and Kenneth C. Bertani, and; also survived by many nieces and nephews in Colorado. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**.

**CLARENCE F. BOWERMASTER** – Died recently in 2020 I Cordova, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 7, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**.



**DALE FRANKLYN BOYERS** – Died evening of Tuesday, October 20, 2020 in Tock Port, Missouri at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 25, 1948, in Harrisonburg, Virginia to the late Hubert B. and Areatha (née Craun) Boyers. Dale was the fourth of five children. Dale learned the value of hard work at an early age, working both on the family farm and in the family orchard. After serving three years in the United States Army, Dale returned home to Virginia and worked various jobs, including Shenandoah's Pride, Smith's Transfer, and Dunham-Bush, before retiring from White Wave Foods. Dale was an honest, genuine man who made friends everywhere he went. He enjoyed helping others and making people laugh. He was happiest when spending time with family and friends, or being



engaged in any opportunity for service, whether it be helping a neighbor, working in a soup kitchen, loading Christmas gifts for Social Services, or helping to repair storm damaged houses in places like Puerto Rico, Mississippi, or Louisiana. Dale was a Vietnam Veteran and was a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**, whom he considered his family. He was also a lifetime member of VFW Post 632, Ralph Greer American Legion Post 49, and the Slo Rollers Car Club, Rock Port. He served on many disaster response teams through the Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministries. Left behind to cherish his memory are the love of his life, his wife, Jean (née Lam) Boyers; his daughters, Angela Harwell of Lakeland, Fla., Joanna (Aron) Burke of Rock Port, Mo., and Laura Boyers of Troy, Va.; his grandchildren, Caitlyn (T.J.) Thomas, Holli Francioni, Journi, Alex, and Aidan Burke, and his great-granddaughters, Isabella, Sophia, and Olivia Thomas. He will also be missed by his sister, Alice Bridges of Mechanicsville, Va.; his brothers, Jim Boyers of Pulaski, Tenn., and Douglas (Judy) Boyers of Weyers Cave, Va., as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends, who were special to him. In addition to his parents, Dale was predeceased by his sister and her husband, Linda, and Wayne Howdyshell; his brother-in-law, Jerry Bridges, and his son-in-law, Bruce Harwell. A celebration of Dale's life will be planned for the summer of 2021 in Virginia. Memorial contributions can be made to Shenandoah District, 1453 South Westview School Road, P.O. Box 67, Weyers Cave, VA 24486 (please designate that contribution is for disaster response) or Wounded Warrior Project, Donor Care Center, PO Box 758541, Topeka, KS 66675-8541.



**GLEN DAVID BRESSETTE, SR.** - Died Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at the Upper Peninsula Health System in Marquette, Michigan at the age of 73. He was a resident of Harvey, Michigan. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. Glen was born at Marquette's Saint Mary's Hospital on October 6, 1947, one of fourteen children born to the late Clifford V. and Seraphine (née Papin) Bressette. He attended Saint Michael's Elementary School from K-8<sup>th</sup> grade and then attended Bishop Baraga Central High School from 1962 until 1966. On September 18, 1966, Glen joined the United States Marine Corps, beginning with boot camp in San Diego MCRD and then Camp Pendleton for infantry training. He was sent to Memphis, Tennessee in January of 1967 to Millington Naval Air Station for training as a Hydraulic Mechanic on Aviation Aircraft. After this he was stationed in Santa Ana, California at the I.T.A. Base not far from the Marine El Toro Base, which was a helicopter base for Marine UH-34, CH-46, and the CH-53 Helicopter Squadrons. He was with the UH-34 helicopter squadron just over a year, until he got his West Pac orders in October 1968 for Vietnam. He went through the intense Jungle Combat Training at Camp Pendleton in California before being shipped to Marble Mountain Air Facility outside Da Nang in Northern South Vietnam (1 Corps Area). He was promoted to Corporal the same time he received his first Combat Air Crew Wings and first Air Medal. The first of three Air Medals that he would receive as a combat Air Gunner (50 Cal) on the CH-46 Medium Marine Helicopters in Marine Squadron HMM-165. Before he was to leave

Vietnam, he had flown on over 90 missions. Some of which included resupplying the troops in the jungle, flying troops into hazardous landing zones, flying recon troops into hot landing zones, and getting the recon teams out of hot enemy fire zones. He was shot down during one of these emergency recon extractions. Over 60 percent of his combat missions in Vietnam were Emergency Medivac extractions and taking heavy enemy fire when in these LZ's picking up our wounded or dead Marines. His Squadron HMM-165 was pulled out of Vietnam in early December of 1969 and sent to Okinawa. One week after getting to Okinawa, he was shipped to Japan with a two-man flight crew to fly two CH-46 helicopters back to Fatima Air Base back in Okinawa. The squadron was put on a LPH Helicopter aircraft carrier and sent back to Vietnam with 1500 Marines as stand-by troops off the coast of the Da Nang area of Vietnam for one month. Then the squadron was sent back to Okinawa in early January 1970 and he received his orders to be sent back to the States later that month. After spending 30 days home on leave, he was sent to New River Air Station in North Carolina as a Hydraulic Mechanic in a CH-53 Helicopter Squadron for his final six months of service. He was discharged from the Marine Corps on September 18, 1970, having received several purple hearts and meritorious medals. Glen's story as a Marine was written in the *Lost Road Home: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the Psychological Effects of War on Veterans and their Families* by Milly Balzarini. Glen was a very active member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community while also being very active in veterans' activities locally. He served as Junior Commandant in the State of Michigan for Senior Commandant with the Marine Corp League, was the first Native American Commandant and first Upper Peninsula Commander. He was a member of the VFW and volunteered at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans. He also helped organize the Marine Corp League Toys for Tots program. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. Proud of his Native American heritage, Glen served as a KBIC dancer, took part in numerous pow wows, served on the KBIC Color Guard, KBIC Enrollment Board and Constitution Revision Board, Title IV School Native Program, volunteered, sponsored, and organized several programs for local Alcoholics Anonymous programs. Glen actively served Native American Indians all over, teaching the Native American Anishinaabe language and providing Anishinaabe spiritual names. He gave countless teachings all over the Upper Peninsula and was a well-respected presence wherever he went. Glen was preceded in death by his daughter, Amber Bressette; his parents; sisters, Gloria Finnerty, Geraldine Bess, and Cheryl Bressette; brothers, Don, Wayne, Sam, and Allen Bressette; several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Survivors include his wife, Joann Bressette; sons, Dan McNeil and Glen (Jen) Bressette, Jr.; daughters, Tina Maki, Tonya Maki, Donald (Georgia) Maki, Jr; his grandchildren, Kylee and Travis Bressette, Johnny, Eric and Jessica Romero, Shawn and Kurt Maki, Cheyenne, Brendan Everson; several great-grandchildren; his sisters, Carol Peterson of Escanaba, Polly Beauchamp, Sandy Carlson, Kathy Peterson, Linda Bressette all of Harvey; brothers, Keith Bressette of Harvey and Michael (Carol) Bressette of Marquette. The family received relatives and friends at Saint Christopher Catholic Church on Wednesday, October 28, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Masks and social distancing were required, and no church reception was held. Graveside services with veterans' honors were held at Northland Chapel Gardens Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 PM. The Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services served the family, where condolences may be expressed online at [fassbenderswansonhansen.com](http://fassbenderswansonhansen.com).



**LARRY JAMES BRICE** - Died unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 in Bellevue, Wisconsin at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 25, 1949 in Green Bay, Wisconsin to Doris E. (née Klahn) Brice and the late Gerald J. Brice. Larry was a graduate of Preble High School, Class of 1967. Shortly after graduation he was drafted in the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224**. On November 14, 1970, Larry married Linda Tilkens in Green Bay. Following his time in the military, he began his long career with Proctor & Gamble until his retirement in 1999. He also drove school bus for First Student from the 1977 to 2019. Larry was a member of The Vietnam Vets Chapter #224. He loved spending his time making Booyah, going camping, talking with friends, visiting Mark and Cheryl Allen's farm, and going for long rides which earned him the title "Champion of the scenic drive". Larry is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, Wesley (Amber) Brice, Angela (Lamar) Blindauer; his grandchildren, Brandon Brice, Jared Brice (and Angelica); his great-granddaughter, Emma; his mother, Doris E. Brice; his brothers and sister, Randy (Jane) Brice, Duke (Patty) Brice, Dale (Peggy) Brice, Jill (Dave) Bielinski; his mother-in-law, Geri Tilkens; his dogs, Hans and Greta; his grand-dogs, Gustav and Raven; many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father; his father-in-law, Clayton Tilkens; and his grand-dog, Goldie. By his family's wishes private services were held on Wednesday at 1:00 PM. The services were livestreamed and were viewed by going to Proko-Wall Funeral Home's Facebook page. On-line condolences may be given by going to [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to benefit The Vietnam Vets Chapter #224, or The Fox Valley Humane Society in Larry's name is greatly appreciated. A celebration of Larry's life will be held at a later date due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Larry's family extends a special word of thanks to the Bellevue Fire Department, Brown County Sheriff's Department, and County Rescue for all their help.



**WALTER LEO BROUSSEAU** – Died Saturday, November 14, 2020 in Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, Rhode Island at the age of 77. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVIS-19. He was born on September 2, 1943 in Central Falls, Rhode Island to the late George Henri and Rosanna (née LeClair) Brousseau. Walter was a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy in Central Falls and went on to learn the welding trade at Davies Technical School. He was raised in Central Falls and lived in Pawtucket for several years. He was a resident of



Woonsocket for over 46 years. Walter served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1964 to 1967 in the Vietnam War. The far-off jungles and tropical heat of Vietnam were a far cry from the familiar surroundings of the Blackstone Valley, but it was Walter's faith and sense of duty to his country that would see him through his experiences in Vietnam. Walter was awarded the Overseas Service Bar, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Mechanic Badge with Bar and Expert Rifleman Badge. Justly proud of his service as Vietnam Veteran Walter would exhibit that pride as a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter # 818**, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6342, and the Saint Joseph Veterans Association. Walter could often be seen at ceremonies in Woonsocket honoring veterans. He would be proudly wearing his Vietnam Veterans hat. Walter was employed by Blackstone Valley Electric Company for over 35 years until retiring in 2000. Walter was skilled with his hands as he undertook many a project in and around his house; he was forever working on something. When Walter was determined to do something, he put his mind to it and could build just about anything. Walter loved to hit the open road on two wheels atop his Sportster as he was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast. He also had a great time on four wheels with his classic Austin Healy sports car. Getting out on the open road and seeing what lay around the next bend in the road or over the next hill was right up Walter's alley. Along the way on these trips Walter loved to stop and have a meal at restaurants he found during his travels. Walter was proud of his French-Canadian heritage, as evidenced by his attendance at functions such as Parlons Francis and the American French Genealogical Society. He enjoyed conversing in French and keeping up the traditions of his forbearers. By far and away the most important thing in Walter's life was his family. His love for them knew absolutely no bounds. Walter was the loving husband of the late Dorothy Louise (Boucher) Brousseau. They were married on December 12, 1970 and shared 40 wonderful years together until her passing in 2010. Walter is survived by his son Michael D. Brousseau of Woonsocket, Christen M. Brousseau and her husband Todd Guerin of Blackstone. Walter was also grandfather of Amber Lee Guerin of Blackstone. Amber will forever be Walter's true pride and joy. From her earliest days Walter was the best Pepere in the world to Amber whom he loved with all of that great big heart of his. In addition to his children and granddaughter, Walter was also left behind his friend and companion Elaine Brouillette of Woonsocket. Visiting hours were held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Menard-Lacouture Funeral Home in Woonsocket from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Woonsocket. Inurnment was held at the Rhode Island State Veteran Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island.



**JAMES MICHAEL BROWN** – Died Saturday, September 19, 2020 in Wyandotte, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death was COVID-19 and underlying Agent Orange conditions that he was service-connected for. He was born on September 2, 1946 to the late

Lloyd and Marion Brown. He was the beloved husband of Lynne Brown; loving father of Ted Brown; dearest grandfather of Danyel Lynne Brown, and; dear brother of Lloyd "Brownie" Brown, Gloria King, William "Bill" Brown, and Sandra Mayer. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. Memorial contributions are appreciated to American Legion Post #217, 2817 Van Alstyne Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 or VFW Post #1136, 633 Ford Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192.



**DONALD RAY "Donnie" BRYANT** - Died Monday November 2, 2020 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana at the age of 75. The cause of death was an aortic aneurysm. He was born on July 5, 1945 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana to the late Walter Bryant, Sr., and Dorothy (née Burnett) Bryant. He served his country as a member of the United States Army. Donnie was very patriotic, he honorably served as a Paratrooper with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne. He also served many years on the local Honor Guard. Donnie was a *Life Member* of the **Southeastern Indiana Vietnam Veterans of America - Larry D. Fogle (Aurora) Chapter #71**. Donnie was very involved with his community. He served on various committees within the community, he was a Lawrenceburg City Councilman as well as a Lawrenceburg Reserve Police Officer. He also served with the Disaster Relief for the Red Cross. Donnie was a member of the Trinity Christian Center. He worked as a Millwright and foreman for Steadman's Foundry, GE, Globe Construction, Fernald, and the City of Lawrenceburg. Donnie collected baseball cards and arrow heads. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing, and was a yard sale extraordinaire. Donnie loved helping to provide for people in need. He loved his dog D.D., but time with his family was his greatest joy. Donald is survived by his loving spouse, Debbie (née Nicastro) Bryant; children, Daniel (Danielle) Bryant of Avon, IN, Deanna Bryant of Dillsboro, IN, Nate (Chrysann) Wallace of Bright, IN, Angie Bryant of Lawrenceburg, IN, Amy Bryant of Aurora, IN; stepchildren, Nikki (Garrett) Johnson of Cincinnati, OH; Casey (Shandy) Stath of IN, Nick Dattilo of West Chester, OH, Cristy (Scott) Davis of West Harrison, IN, Jenny (James) Boling of Cincinnati, OH, Megan (Carra) Sparks of Cincinnati, OH; Brother, James Bryant of Lawrenceburg, IN; two Sisters, Hope Denison of Moores Hill, IN, Debbie (Michael) Abbott of Osgood, IN; grandchildren, Payton Bryant, Chance and Oscar Wallace, Kirstyn, Jayden, Landyn, Coleton, Brooke, Dominic, Sam, Emma, Max, Jack, Reece, Lucy, Vincent, Kaylie, Lyla, Grace, Charlie, Eston, Aubry, August & Archie. He was preceded in death by his parents; Marlene Bryant; siblings, Lehman, Joe and Walter Bryant, Jr., Sandra Smith, Susan Duckworth, and Della Lozier. Friends were received on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon at the Trinity Christian Center, 18687 Pribble Road, Aurora, Indiana. Services were held at 12:00 Noon with Pastor Cory Potts officiating. The interment was in the River View Cemetery, Aurora, Indiana. Military graveside services were conducted by members of the Southeastern Indiana Honor Guard. Contributions may be made to the Dearborn County Clearinghouse or Tunnels to

Towers Foundation. If unable to attend services, please call the funeral home office at (812) 926-1450 and we will notify the family of your donation with a card. Due to the current situation dealing with COVID-19, we are following the directives from Governor Holcomb and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning large events and mass gatherings. The family deeply appreciates the support and love shown from friends, but the health and well-being of everyone in our community is of top priority. We are asking everyone who will be in attendance to please remember the social distancing guidelines at all times, and the wearing of masks is highly recommended. Alternative ways to express your condolences can be done by going online at our website and leaving the family a message, sending a card, flowers, or donating in memory of their loved one. Visit: [www.rullmans.com](http://www.rullmans.com).



**CLAYTON LaRON "Butch" BUETTNER** (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in Shawano, Wisconsin at the age of 83, with his wife and children by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 5, 1937 in Red River, Wisconsin to the late Wallace and Hazel (née Bopp) Buettner. Clayton joined the United States Navy at the age of 17 during the drawdown of the Korean War. He was a Gunner's Mate, Guns. He was a proud Sailor, serving mostly on Destroyer type ships to include the USS HELENA (CA-75), the USS TURNER JOY (DD-951), the USS HULL (DD-945), the USS HARRY E YARNELL (DLG-17), the USS SAMPSON (DDG-10), and the USS MANLEY (DD-940). Notably, he was a plankowner of the USS TURNER JOY, being a member of the first crew to serve on the ship upon its commissioning. He completed several tours in Vietnam, including a plankowner tour as a gunner with Riverine Squadron 15, a "brown water" patrol squadron. Shore tours included duty at Treasure Island, CA, armed security enforcement at El Centro, CA, and instructor duty at Great Lakes, IL. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer after over 20 years of active-duty service and an additional 10 years of service in the Inactive Ready Reserve. Following retirement from the Navy, Clayton moved back to his hometown area. Over the years, he was employed as a truck driver with Catencamp Transfer, a driver with Sperberg Construction, a bus driver for the Shawano and Menominee School Districts and for Cedar Lane Tours, and a taxi driver with Shawano Cab. Clayton enjoyed many hobbies. He was a talented woodworker, great cook, enthusiastic gardener, world traveler, and wonderful teller of "sea stories". He and his wife Lois were avid square dancers as a young couple and enjoyed participating in square dance camping outings across Wisconsin as a family. Additionally, he was a servant leader in his community. He taught Sunday School at Zion Lutheran Church and served as a driver for those unable to drive themselves to Sunday services. He was also a volunteer bus driver for those with special needs. Although his health declined substantially in recent years, he faithfully remained a member of several local and national military organizations: a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Shawano Chapter #206**, Disabled American Veterans, the Fleet Reserve Association, The Enlisted Association, and Mobile Riverine Force Association. Clayton is survived by his wife of 43 years, Lois, his daughter Lena (Christian) Kaman, his son LaRon, and his twin one-year old grandsons, his namesake Theodore Clay and Jean-Paul Luc Kaman. He is survived by his sister Itola "Babe" Stewart, his brother Wallace "Sonny" Buettner, his brother Otto "Bing" Buettner,

his first wife Patricia Buettner and stepchildren Jamie Johnsen, Michael Buettner, and Bobbi Griesemer, and numerous other family members. His father and mother preceded him in death as did his brother Raymond "Huns" Buettner. The family would like to thank the dedicated and caring staff at Shawano Health Services for providing excellent care and comfort to Clayton over the last five years. Funeral services were held at the Berg Funeral Home on Friday, December 4, 2020 with the visitation from 0930 until time of service at 1100. Full military honors to follow. Clayton leaves a legacy of devotion to duty, kindness, and selflessness.

**DEANNA M. BURCHELL** - Died Wednesday, November 25, 2020 in Clark, South Dakota at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Watertown, South Dakota on February 12, 1942. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. There was a graveside service for Deanna at 3:00 PM on Friday, December 4, 2020 at Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown. Deanna was a proud marine and will be represented and honored by the Marine Corps League of Watertown.



**JAMES L. "Larry" BURCHETT** - Died Sunday, October 25, 2020 at his residence in Talbott, Tennessee at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sneedville, Tennessee on December 2, 1939. He was a member of Panther Springs United Methodist Church. Larry was a retired Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force serving during Vietnam. He also served as mechanic for Air Force One. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother and will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Minnie Burchett; sister, Erma Smith; and brother-in-law, Bob Meadows. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Dot Burchett; son, Troy (Christine) Burchett; daughter, Tonya Rose; Honorary Daughter, Jamie (Tommy) McKinnon; grandchildren, Nikki, and Daniel; Honorary grandchildren, Jennifer and Scott; great granddaughter, Penny; honorary great grandchildren, Maleigha, Kiley, Presley, Mason, Daxtin, and James; and sister, Sylvia Meadows. Family and Friends met for Military Graveside Services at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at East Tennessee State Veteran's Cemetery in Knoxville. In lieu of flowers family request donations be sent to The Wounded Warrior Project or Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements by Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown.



**RICHARD U. BURKHART** - 73, of Tunkhannock, Died Saturday evening, October 17, 2020 at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore, Pennsylvania at the age of 73, after a long,

valiant battle with cancer. He was a resident of Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. His wife is the former Mary Joivell of Pittston, PA. He was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania to the late Frederick and Elinor (née Kray) Burkhart. He graduated from Kingston High School with the class of 1964. Rick later withdrew from Pre-Med at Wilkes College to join the United States Marine Corps and served two tours in Vietnam. He was proud to be a Marine. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20*. After the Marine Corps, he started his 40 plus year career in the United States Merchant Marines and worked his way to the top rank of Chief Engineer. His world travels during that time included military-supply and support tours in the Middle East during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law John C. Bressler and Edward A. Uranowski, Jr. and by his beloved nephew, godson, and fellow Eagle Scout, Neil L. Bellanca. In addition to his true love Mary, he is survived by numerous, precious lifelong friends and first cousin Bonnie Wallace. Additional survivors include brother-in-law John J. Joivell and wife Elizabeth, Calvin, PA; sister-in-law Virginia Joivell Bressler and companion, Kevin A. Jones, Taylor, PA; sister-in-law Elaine Bellanca and husband, Louis, Kingston Twp., PA; brother-in-law, Hilary Joivell and wife, Karen, Harveys Lake, PA; sister-in-law Diane Joivell Uranowski, Drums, PA; and nieces Kristin Joivell and Jessica Weber. The Burkhart Family suggested memorial donations in his name to Blue Chip Farm Animal Refuge, 974 Lockville Road, Dallas, PA 18612, or Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank, 185 Research Drive, Pittston, PA 18640. Friends visited the family on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lawrence E. Young Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 418 South State Street, Clarks Summit. Military honors were at 4:00 PM.



**THOMAS P. "Tom" CAMANN** – Died Saturday, October 31, 2020 of North Tonawanda, New York and formerly of the City of Tonawanda at the age of 81, after a long illness. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on November 11, 1938 in North Tonawanda to the late Melvin A. and Helen R. (née Rovinson) Camann. He was the husband of the late Martha "Marty" (née Rabey) Camann who died in 2012; father of Molly (Kevin) Gioeli and Thomas P. Camann, Jr.; grandfather of Maia, Macey and Mason Gioeli; son of the late Melvin A. and Helen R. (nee Robinson) Camann; brother of James (late Jean and Meredith) Camann, Cathleen Camann and Daniel (Kathleen) Camann. Also survived by several nieces. Tom was a 1956 graduate of Tonawanda High School and also received his Master of Arts Degree from the University of Buffalo. He was also a United States Navy Veteran serving on the USS Semmes during the Vietnam War. Tom had been employed as a Physical Education Teacher in the City of Tonawanda Elementary School System for 24 years, retiring in 1996. He also coached Golf, Tennis and Soccer at Tonawanda High School, served on the Tonawanda Wall of Fame Committee and was active with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northtowns. Tom was a member of the Eldredge Club, Third Warders Club, Tin Can Sailors and was a very active member of Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77*. There was no prior visitation. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 150 Broad Street in Tonawanda on Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Everyone welcome. Face

coverings and social distancing were required. Memorial contributions in memory of Tom may be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northtowns of WNY, 325 Franklin Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150. Condolences may be shared at [www.rothfuneral.com](http://www.rothfuneral.com).



**GLENN LEO CAVE** - Died Saturday, October 24, 2020 in Sperryville, Virginia at the age of 79. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on December 19, 1940 in Novum, Madison County, Virginia to the late Elza Alfred Cave and Lula B. Cave. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Culpepper Chapter #752**. He retired from being an automobile technician in Culpeper, VA. He loved the Lord, his family and his friends. He was a member of the Gid Brown Bible Baptist Church. He was a wonderful husband and father. He enjoyed visiting with his many friends and he never met a stranger. He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Arlene Fincham Cave. He is also survived by a daughter Tonya Brady and husband Brian and grandson Aden of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is survived by a beloved sister-in-law Peggy Fincham. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews including a special nephew Delmas Ryder and his wife Mary Jane. He was preceded in death and will be joining his father and mother Elza Alfred and Lula B. Cave and siblings, Charles Roy Cave, Nelson Ray Cave, Effie Mae Ryder, Edith Gordon, William Cave, Earl Cave and three that died in infancy. There was a graveside service with military honors at the National Cemetery in Culpeper, VA on October 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM. The Bradley Funeral Home in Luray, VA handled the arrangements.

**KENNETH ALBERT COOK** - Died Friday, December 4, 2020 at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia at the age of 71. He was a resident of New Market, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. Kenneth was born on September 19, 1949 in Stuart, Oklahoma to the late Faris Edward and Velma Lee (née Maynard) Cook. He worked for Howell Metal. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061** and the New Market American Legion. On September 19, 1981 he married the former Vearle Eagle who survives. Also surviving are a daughter; Karen Fleming of Fort Seybert, WV, two stepsons; Robert Gutierrez of Quicksburg, VA, James Gutierrez of New Market, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, three brothers; Howard Cook, Cyril Cook and Darrin Cook and a sister; Wilma Crowder. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister. A Service was held on Thursday at 2:00 PM at the Grandle Funeral Home Chapel in Broadway. Seating was limited to the family first. The burial was at the Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in Harrisonburg. Kenneth was open for viewing on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the funeral home, masks and social distancing were required at viewing and funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #1061, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring MD. 20910.



**WILLIAM E. COOPER** – Died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in Laurel, Delaware at the age of 79. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Milton, West Virginia on January 23, 1941. He served in the United States Army from August 1966 to August 1969 with a tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nassau Chapter #1105**.

**MIKE CORDERO** – Died recently in 2020 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 19, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

**RAYMOND R. D’ALESSANDRO** - Died peacefully on Saturday, September 26, 2020 in Carmel, New York at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1930 in the Bronx, New York to the late Michael and Adolphine D'Alessandro. Raymond retired from his business Del Commercial Spray, a painting and refinishing company of fine furniture. He was predeceased by daughter Dawn D'Alessandro of Mahopac, his brother Herbert of Bronxville, his sister Gloria of Mahopac, and first wife Margaret T. Cresswell Mintern. He was the loving father of Michael T. D'Alessandro (Jill), Nancy D. D'Alessandro and Richard R. D'Alessandro (Anne), and 4 grandchildren: Christine, Briana, Kathryn and Sean. He is survived by his spouse Teresa D'Alessandro. He was the loving father of Latrice Hammond (Edward), Adele Kannenburg (Roy), Teresa D'Alessandro, and stepson Donald Kizer. He is also survived by his 9 grandchildren: Edward Jr., Tara Rose, Dakota, Jamie, Juliette, Lauren, Stephanie, Crystal and Tristian. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. The 90-year-old Putnam County resident who grew up in the Bronx and enlisted in the military at the age of 11 in 1942, was recognized along with his late brother, Herbert D'Alessandro, and awarded with The Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, the highest civilian honor our country bestows. The D'Alessandro brothers always had a keen interest in flying and airplanes. They joined the Civil Air Patrol in 1944 becoming cadet members. Raymond told the audience that the Civil Air Patrol trained him to be a pilot. "I trained on single engine aircraft with dual controls out of Floyd Bennett Field. Many of the planes flown were donated by individuals who couldn't fly them at the time due to the high cost of fuel." Over 200,000 men, women and teenagers from all walks of life participated in the Civil Air Patrol during the war years from March 1942 to August 1943, flying 24 million miles over the Atlantic and Gulf coasts in order to ward off German U-boat attacks against the United States. Raymond re-enlisted with the Army in 1948, then proceeded into combat in Korea in 1951. Upon his discharge he attended college and became a police officer in White Plains. He also served in Westchester, where he assisted and aided Veterans through the United Action Council for Veterans and Service Members. Raymond was a proud Veteran. Raymond will be buried with Full Military Honors. Despite all of Raymond's accomplishments, he was a loving man to all of his family and friends. During his retired years he enjoyed spending time with his family, country music, old western movies and trips to Atlantic City. He especially loved celebrating Holidays and occasions with his family and loved ones.

**DONALD FRED “Papa Don” DELLAPIETRO** - Died Thursday September 3, 2020 in Yulee Florida at the age of 79, due to lung cancer caused from Agent Orange. He was born in New Jersey on August 7, 1941 and entered the United States Army shortly after high school. Don was a Vietnam Veteran and also served in Germany and Fort Monmouth, NJ. Before retiring, Don had a 17-year career with Cardel Asphalt as a truck driver. He was a lifetime member of VFW #2140 and was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yulee Chapter #1088** where he served as director and master of arms. He is survived by his wife, Mary C Brown; his older brother, Frank; his daughters, Joanna Carbone, Shannon Kramarcik (Edward) Claire Wells (Ronnie), Linda Monticello (Damian); his son, Edward Ginchereau; his grandchildren, Louis Nine, Kayleen Douglas (Ronny), Rose Carbone, Brianna Kramarcik, Ronnie Wells, Anthony Carbone, Corrine Wells, Rita Kramarcik and Dennis Wagner III; his great grandchildren, Timothy Nine, Annabel Douglas, Lorelei Douglas, Aurora Kramarcik, Aunalucia and Amadeo Kramarcik. His family gathered for a private service at Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date. A reception was held the following day for friends and family to celebrate Don’s life together. Memorial contributions are requested in lieu of flowers to the VVA Scholarship Fund to 463688 State Road 200, Suite #1-412, Yulee, FL 32097.



**RONALD C. “Ron” DEVERICK, SR.** - Died Wednesday, September 30, 2020 in Woodridge, Illinois at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 12, 1948 to the late Charles and Lorraine Deverick. Survived by his wife of 16 years, Kaylene Deverick; his sons, Ronald Deverick, Jr. and Eric (Leah) Deverick; his stepdaughter, Samantha (Peter) Duveneck; his grandchildren, Samantha (Kyle) Andres, Nicholas (Shelbi) Deverick, Haley Deverick, Cora Deverick and Ella Deverick; his step-granddaughter, Tessa Duveneck; his siblings, Dan (Diana) Deverick, Bob (Karen) Deverick and Ginny Deverick; his brother-in-law’s, Kirk Jensen and Kip Jensen. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. He attended Luther High School South in Chicago, class of 1967. While in high school Ron decided to enroll in the United States Marine Corps. He served two tours in Vietnam as a Forward Artillery Battery man in the 3rd marine division. He devoted countless hours to the 3rd Marine Division Association and the USO at O’Hare Airport. As Ron always said, Once a Marine, Always a Marine Oohrah! He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**. Funeral services for Ronald were held at Farkas Funeral Home, 3201 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM until time of services. The interment was in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ron’s name to the Wounded Warrior Project will be appreciated. <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=10043>. In accordance with the current COVID-19 guidelines, all attendees were required to wear a face mask and observe social distancing while in the funeral home.



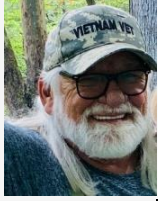
**THOMAS D. "Tom" DEVIN** - Age 71, of New Brighton, formerly of Bloomfield and Carnegie, Died Thursday, November 26, 2020 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania at the age of 71, after a lengthy illness. He was formerly of Bloomfield, Pennsylvania and Carnegie, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 20, 1949 to the late Emilie (née Schwarz) and Robert Devin. Thomas was preceded in death by his first wife, Terri (née Emery) Devin, who died in 1998. Tom was a proud Veteran of the United States Army serving in the Vietnam War where he aspired to the rank of Corporal. He was a retired police officer with the Collier Township Police Department for 37 years, first as a Patrolman, then a Sergeant and finally as Chief of Police. During his career, he was active in the Chartiers Valley School District originally with the Officer Phil program and then later the DARE program in the Primary, Intermediate and Middle Schools. He also coached both daughters during their early years of softball and served as a chaperone for many football games and band trips for the Chartiers Valley Showband. Tom had been a member of the Federal Order of Police Lodge #91, a life member of the Rochester VFW Post #128 and a member of the NRA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Tom was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed attending the Steelers and Penguins games and the friendships he made with those that sat near him. A highlight one year was having his Penguin season tickets delivered by Coach Mike Sullivan. Tom was very much loved and respected. Surviving are his wife, Melva (Todorczuk) Devin, New Brighton; two daughters, Jennifer (Michael) Brennan, Oakdale and Cindi Devin, Bellevue; two granddaughters, Kara Kemple (Butler) and Skylar Bennett (Bellevue); brother-in-law, David (Charlene) Emery, Dravosburg and sister-in-law, Judy Miller (Conway) and numerous nieces, nephews and their families. Visitation for family and friends was held from 7:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 and from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at the William Slater II Funeral Service, 1650 Greentree Road, Scott Township. The interment was at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Township with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Tom's name to the Western Pennsylvania Police Benevolent Foundation or to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. The family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and staff at Hillman Cancer Center, Shadyside Hospital, Passavant Acute Rehab and the hospice floor at Canterbury Place for their kindness and loving care of Tom. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, face masks and social distancing will be required. [www.slaterfuneral.com](http://www.slaterfuneral.com).

**THOMAS FRANCIS "Tom" DEVLIN III** - Died Wednesday, November 4, 2020 in Silver Spring, Maryland at the age of 73, from complications related to Covid-19. Tom enjoyed living in Silver Spring, Maryland for over 30 years. He was the son of Mary and Frank Devlin, born on May 27, 1947 in Newtown, Pennsylvania. At 18 years old, Tom joined the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Vietnam. Serving in the Marine Corps from 1966-1970, he earned a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and other awards. Tom also served in the Marine Corps Reserve and the Air National Guard as a medic. Tom is remembered for his sense of humor and sharp wit. He enjoyed travel and touring historical sites, having returned to Vietnam once and also D-Day

sites in Europe. He joined his sister and nephew, Jared, on a special camping trip to Disneyland in Florida. Other trips took him to the Jersey shore, Hawai'i, and Guam. Recently, he had explored family history during a memorable trip to Ireland with his cousins and sister. Tom was devoted to his church, Saint Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church in the Neocatechumenate Community, he was considered family. In addition, he was a valued member of the Knights of Columbus, Alcoholics Anonymous, and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #*. Tom was preceded in death by his father, Frank, and mother, Mary. He is survived by his sister Roberta Devlin-Scherer, his brother, Jim Taylor, and cousins John Devlin, Kerry Malm and Michael and Rosemary Devlin. Services honoring Tom include a viewing beginning were at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evening, November 17, 2020 until the 9:00 AM funeral service, November 18, 2020. Both were held at Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 805 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. The interment was at 2:00 PM at Saint Andrew Catholic Cemetery, 135 South Sycamore Street in Newtown, Bucks County, PA. Reverend Monsignor Eddie Tolentino from Saint Michael's led both the funeral and graveside service. A family memorial gathering was held at a later date. Flowers or donations may be sent to Saint Michael Catholic Church. [www.swartzgivnish.com/obituaries](http://www.swartzgivnish.com/obituaries).



**RICHARD E. "Dick" DOBSON** - Died Monday, November 2, 2020 in his home in Princeton, Minnesota at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 6, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Goetz Dobson, children: Melanie (Rob) Orlikowski of Coon Rapids, Daniel (Kristen) Dobson of Milaca, Charles (Nicole) Dobson of Peace, Rikki (George) Clark of Miranda du Corvo, Portugal, Chris Shannon Harper of Braine-le-Chateau, Belgium. Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many friends. Dick served for the United States Marine Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division Fox Company and did two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a Sergeant E-5 and received the Presidential Unit Citation award along with the Meritorious Unit Commendation medal. He was a rifle expert and a pistol sharp-shooter. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684*. Dick was a life member of the Princeton VFW Post #806, a life member of the American Legion Post #216, an active member of the Princeton Fraternal Lodge #92, Kedron Chapter #120 Order of the Easter Star, and a Princeton City Council member for 12 years. Until his retirement Dick worked at the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Department as a correctional officer and dispatcher, was active for several years with North Memorial Ambulatory Service and also worked for many years at the Midland Co-op in Sait Michael and Princeton. Dick was loved by many and will be dearly missed. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Princeton VFW Post #806 in the Spring of 2021 along with a service and interment at Camp Ripley Cemetery.



**MORRIS HOUSTON DOUGLAS, JR.** – age 75, of Knoxville, Died Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Maryville, Tennessee on April 27, 1945 to the late Morris Houston Douglas, Sr. and Prudie Mae (née Wells) Douglas. He was a member of North Acres Baptist Church and a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Survivors: wife, Nancy Douglas; children, Sarah Mae Douglas, Stevie Douglas, Nadine Vance, and Sam Douglas; grandchildren, Micah Vance, John Vance, Jacob Derksen, Caleb Vance, Shyann Douglas, Jonah Douglas, Joseph Douglas, Sadie Schaefnocker, and Liam Douglas. The family and friends met at 1:00 PM on Wednesday at East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway for a graveside service and interment at 2:00 PM with Pastor William Purvis officiating. Military honors were presented by the East Tennessee Veteran Honor Guard.



**HOWARD J. DOWNING, SR.** - Died Wednesday, October 21, 2020 in Liverpool, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York on January 8, 1946 to the late Howard and Mary (née Scott) Downing. After 30 years, he retired from New Process Gear. Howard served in Vietnam in 1968 as a Tech Sergeant (E-5) in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103**. He enjoyed building cars and was a founding father of the Central New York Street Rods. He also was a Chief Safety Representative for the National Street Rod Association (NSRA) from 1994 to 2002. He enjoyed traveling and dearly loved his family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Jack and Donald Downing and his sister, Patricia Allen. He is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Dorothy Downing; children, Howard Downing Jr and Connie Downing - Noel (Thomas Drumm); brother, Alan (Kathy) Downing; sisters-in-law, Betty and Beverly Downing; grandchildren, Nathan, Sabrina, Vanessa, Quinton and Colton and several nieces and nephews. Donations may be made to a Hospice of your choice or Francis House of CNY. There were no calling hours. A Celebration of his Life was at a date to be announced.



**ALOYSIUS A. "A" DOYLE** - Died Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in Valrico, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 22, 1935. Al proudly served our country for 25 years in the United States Army, with 15 of those years as a Special Forces Agent. Upon his retirement, he went to work for the United States Postal Service in

Tampa. Al was a member of several organizations including the Special Forces Association, AMVETS, and he was a member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. He also attended Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Seffner. Survivors include his loving wife of nearly 15 years, Claudina Doyle; son, Craig Doyle; daughters, Beverly Doyle, Cheryl Harris, Angie Doyle, Dianne Merling; sister, Jackie Hudson; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. A Catholic Funeral Mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, December 18 at 10 AM. He will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Wounded Warrior Project in Al's honor. Al will be deeply missed by his family and friends but will live on forever in their hearts and memories.

**JOHN E. DRAKE** – Died Tuesday, November 24, 2020 in Livingston, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was systolic heart failure. He was born on November 26, 1945 in Sioux City, Iowa. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968 and with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1964 to 1965. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856**.



**NANCY CHRISTINA "Chris" DUDGEON** - Died Thursday, November 12, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 80, with her family by her side. The cause of death was dementia. She was born on May 31, 1940 in Millwood Ky, to the late Ralph Miller and Lena Cureton. Mrs. Dudgeon was a Press operator for Louisville Label Company, and Coats Engraving Company. She was also a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethtown Chapter #1051**. Among those that preceded her in death are her brothers; Gene, Ralph "Junie"; Jim and Ronnie Miller, sisters; Fannie Mae "Fan" Jewel; daughter Susan Demjanick. She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband Gerald "Jerry" Dudgeon, daughter; Nancy Ann Woodward; son; William "Bill" Dudgeon; granddaughters; Laura Ann White (Shane); Allison, Kelly, Kristina, Sarah Demjanick; Madison, Alexandra "Allie" Dudgeon, grandson William Cody Dudgeon (Amber); great-granddaughters; Paige and Polly White; great-grandsons; Liam and Sylar Dudgeon. Mrs. Dudgeon's, husband, "Jerry", would like to express his gratitude and appreciation to the wonderful staff at Hosparus and the following employees: Social Worker Jessica Barmore; CNA Pamela Bell; Chaplin Jennifer Titus and Chaplin Lawrence Lucas, Jr. A very special thank you to RN Regina Taylor and CNA Nicolette Greene who spent the greatest amount of time with Chris and she loved them dearly. Thanks, and appreciation also goes out to Family Tree and the following employees: Kayla and Sandra Hibbs, Jaelin Hambry, Janie Hampton, Leslie Westberry, Alsha Fuqua, Laura Guadardo, Ebony Fant, Tiffany Harper and Susan Breeding and Kacie Frentz. Thanks, and appreciation goes to Britney Nathanson at Chi Health at Home. She was a very caring, professional, and compassionate physical therapist that was a great friend and therapist to Chris. Thanks to Kenny Jewell for assisting his Aunt Chris to medical appointments and shopping. His compassion will not be forgotten. The most heartfelt



thanks and appreciation go to her granddaughter, Laura White, sister-in-law, Betty Miller, and their spouses (Shane White, Dave Miller and son Kerry Miller) who supported them through Chris's illness. They were with Chris almost daily from the onset to the end of her illness. Their compassion and love for Chris was and never will be forgotten. A funeral service was held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in the chapel of Schoppenhorst, Underwood and Brooks Funeral Home (Preston Hwy. at Brooks Rd.) Friends and family paid their respects on Tuesday from 3:00 PM until the time of service at the funeral home. The burial was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Radcliff, KY). In Lieu of flowers the family would like donations made to Hosparus of Louisville, or Vietnam Chapter 454.



**CHESTER CHARLES DUGAS** – Died Saturday, October 31, 2020 in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Gueydan, Louisiana on August 4, 1944 to the late Nelson Dugas and Rose (née Guidry) Dugas. Chester worked as a truck driver, a job which he loved. He served our country honorably in the United States Army. He served a tour in Vietnam; while in Vietnam he received a Vietnam Service metal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. Chester belonged to **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinder Chapter #215**, where he was a *Past President* and during that time was instrumental in bringing the Huey Helicopter to rest on its pad at the Veterans park in Lake Charles, LA. He also was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**, American Legion, and VFW. He was an usher for Saint Raphael Catholic Church for many years and he made his Cursillo in 1987. Chester also enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, and fishing; as well as watching football games. Chester was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Chester is survived by his daughter, Courtney Dugas and his granddaughter, Evan Dugas both of Baton Rouge, LA; his brother, Earl Dugas of Welsh, LA; his five sisters, Isabelle Durrett of Lake Charles, LA, Juanita (Burton) David, Sarah Monceaux, Lou Dugas, and Dianne Dugas, all of Lake Arthur, LA; the mother of his daughter, Cindy Cart of Elton, LA. Chester is preceded in death by his parents, Nelson and Rose Guidry Dugas; his two brothers, Dallas & Walter Dugas; his sister, Grace Gaspard; two nephews, Craig Dugas, Harry Gaspard; his niece and godchild, Sandy Kopnick; his great nieces, Brittany Kopnick, Wendy and Kassie Hendrickson. A Mass of Christian burial was held at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 12:15 PM with Reverend Father Trey Ange officiating. The burial was in the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery. Those chosen to honor Chester as his pallbearers were Luke David, Joseph David, Nick David, Brad Dugas, Chance Dugas, Mike Landry and Dennis Markwood. A gathering of family and friends was held at the Matthews and Son Funeral Home beginning on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM with a Rosary recited at 10:00 AM until the time of his Funeral Mass at 12:15 PM. 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.



**JOHN F. ECKERT** - Died Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Mercy Medical Center at the age of 68. He was a resident of Chicopee, Massachusetts. The cause of death was from COVID-19. He was born on August 26, 1952 in Holyoke, Massachusetts to the late Francis J. and Jeannette M. (née Grondin) Eckert. He was a graduate of Holyoke High School, Class of 1970. John served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1971-1974 in Germany and became a disabled veteran. He later worked as a bus driver for PVTa for over 30 years before he retired in 2011. He was also a delivery driver for Town Fair Tire before he retired from there in 2015. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Springfield Chapter #111**. He enjoyed traveling, going on vacations with his family and riding his motorcycle. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Alice (Kurtz) Eckert of Chicopee; 2 sons, Jayson Eckert of Chicopee and David Eckert and his wife Melanie of Long Island, NY; 1 daughter, Michelle Eckert and her partner Dana Brandt of Ware; three brothers, Thomas Eckert and his wife Debbie of Chicopee, James Eckert of Holyoke and Edward Eckert of Holyoke; two sisters, Patricia Wojczyk and her husband Bob of Easthampton and Maureen Patterson and her husband Dennis of Wichita Falls, TX; three beloved grandchildren, Chase, Ella and Charlee Mae; a brother-in-law James Bellerose of Granby; two K-9 companions, his beloved pugs, Peanut and Miss T, along with many loving nieces, nephews and friends who will miss him dearly. Calling hours were held on the morning of the funeral, Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Grise Funeral Home, 280 Springfield Street, Chicopee followed by prayers and military honors in the Chapel of the MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam at 2:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 or to the Sister Caritas Cancer Center, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. The Grise Funeral Home was entrusted with services.



**MICHAEL JOSEPH “Pastor Mike” ESTEP** (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Saturday, July 21, 2018 in Marlin, Texas at the age of 65, surrounded by loving family and friends at Saint Catherine’s Center at Providence Plaza, Waco, Texas. Pastor Mike suffered gastric cancer. He was born in Wichita, Kansas on July 4, 1953 to the late Phyllis Jean and Phillip Joseph Estep. Michael had three sisters: Linda, Cynthia, and Cheryl. He married Kathryn Louise Gassett in Honolulu, Hawaii on September 21, 1974. Kathryn (Kathy) died on September 28, 2016; Michael and Kathy had celebrated 42 years of marriage. Letitia Parrott and Michael Joseph Estep were married in Athens, TX, on November 20, 2017. Michael attended primary, junior and senior high schools in Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri. Michael was granted the degree

Master of Science (with a double major) from the University of North Texas Science in 2002. Michael Joseph Estep joined the United States Navy in 1972. After 21-1/2 years, he retired as a Chief Petty Officer. In the U.S. Navy, Michael Joseph Estep earned numerous citations, ribbons, medals, and badges: Navy Achievement Medal (2), Marksmanship Rifle Expert, National Defense Service Medal (2), Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Sea Service Ribbon (3), Navy "E" Ribbon (3), .45 Caliber Expert, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, and Naval Reserve Armed Forces Medal. He was a Vietnam veteran and served on numerous ships in the Persian Sea, Mediterranean Sea, and South Pacific. In this, Michael received the Sailor of the Year 1987 award from the USS Exultant. Michael Joseph Estep was a teacher at the Juvenile Correctional Facility in Mart, TX. He served as Post Commander for the American Legion Post #31 in Marlin, TX, and contributed to the advancement of the American Legion programs and activities dedicated to God and country. He served also as Chaplain of the American Legion Riders. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012*. Michael Joseph Estep was the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church Marlin. Michael was an accomplished artist in oils, pencil, or charcoal. His unusual and most difficult mastery work in painted tiles gained Michael notoriety in the art world. Michael Joseph Estep was a motorcycle enthusiast. In addition to riding his Harley Davidson motorcycles, he sponsored a Harley Davison racing team; such was his enthusiasm for precision motorcycling. Michael Joseph Estep is survived by his wife of eight months, Letitia; his children: Terri and Lee Michael Estep; Cora Day and Mario Padilla. Michael had four grandchildren Michael Riley Estep, Matthew Jacob Estep, Joaquin Lee Padilla, and Magdalena Day Padilla. Michael's newly adjoined family included four daughters: Jacqueline Leigh Ann Parrott, Veronica Jeanne Lowrance (husband, Zachariah John), Laura Marie Parrott, Catherine Lillian Parrott, and three grandchildren: Emily Ann Perez, Jorge William Perez, and Morgan Wilder Lowrance. He is survived also by his mother, Phyllis Chapman, and three sisters, Linda Briscoe (husband Jim), Cindy Clinefelter (husband Larry), and Cheryl Estep. Visitation was held at Adams Funeral Home, Marlin, on July 22, 2018, from 5:00-7:00 PM. A memorial service with U.S. Navy Color Guard was held at the First Baptist Church Marlin, on July 23, 2018, at 10:00 AM. Celebrants were Associate Pastor Dr. Vic Taylor and Senior Pastor Erick Graham of Sand Springs Baptist Church, Athens, and Associate Pastor David Harlow of First Baptist Church Marlin. Requested by Pastor Mike: Miss Amanda Garcia, Vocal Music Liturgist. Michael Joseph Estep's ashes were interred next to his late wife, Lt. Cmdr. Kathryn L. Estep, USN, at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, TX. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church Marlin. Michael has been best described as a warrior – a warrior for Christ, family, church, and country – all of which he loved dearly.



**CURTIS R. "Curt" EVANS** - "Curt," age 74 of Tipp City, Died Friday, October 30, 2020 I Tipp City, Ohio at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1946 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to the late Curtis D. and Lou Rae "Lucy" Evans. Curt is

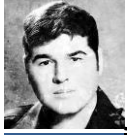
survived by his wife of 48 years, Patricia; children, Tracy Evans, Michael Evans and Leslie Brown; grandchildren, Thomas Evans, Logan Housman and Landon Farquhar; sisters, Betty Haer, Marie Lewis and Rita Cress; as well as numerous other relatives and many friends, and beloved dogs, Mia and Mya. Curt served his country in the United States Army for 2 years, and subsequently retired from the United States Air Force after 28 years of service. Curt continued working as a Corrections Officer and retired from Dayton Correctional Institution. He has also been a barber in the Dayton area for 56 years. Curt was a member of Lodge 777 F&AM, a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Valley of Dayton Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and a member of the Antioch Shrine in Dayton, Ohio. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. Curt enjoyed fishing, music, eating, traveling, being outdoors and was known for his wonderful sense of humor. Visitation was held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Newcomer North Chapel, 4104 Needmore Road, Dayton, OH. Funeral service was at 10:30 AM. The burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery with full military honors.



**MICHAEL KENT “Mike” FERGUSON** - Died Monday, October 12, 2020 in Sun City, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 3, 1948 in Decatur, Illinois to the late Kenneth Chester Ferguson and Betty Jan (née Hepworth) Ferguson. Mike graduated high school in 1966. He was a Vietnam Veteran and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1967-1968. In 1968 while serving Mike was on foot patrol and was injured. He later received two Purple Heart awards. Mike was an extraordinary individual. He had a great sense of humor; always laughing and joking. Most of all Mike never let his disability slow him down. As a matter of fact, it drove Mike to strive more to help veterans and their families. Mike was the VFW Post #7968 Commander from 2003-2012. He also served as an All-State Commander and All-American Commander and the Department of Arizona VFW Commander from 2012-2013. Mike started the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #2560 in 2016 in Apache Junction and was an Arizona State Service Officer from 2018-2019. He also founded the Arizona VFW Charities in 2011 and served as National Council Member from 2016-2020. Mike was inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame in 2018. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesa Chapter #1011**. Mike is survived by his loving wife, Gena Ferguson, sons, Jim (Marcy) Ferguson, Joe (Kristie) Ferguson, Michael Ferguson, Jr., daughter, Kim Ferguson, grandchildren, Jacob, Katelyn, Katrina, Leann and four-legged son, Jack. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Arizona VFW charities in memory of Mike Ferguson. A memorial service was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the White Mountain VFW Post #9907, Show Low, where it was also be live streamed.



**FRED E. FEUCHT** - Died Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 71. He was a resident of Alexandria, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. Fred was born July 30, 1948 in Cincinnati to the late Fredrick and Hilda (née Arnold) Feucht. Fred was a MP in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from CG&E and he also worked after retirement at Northern Kentucky University. He was a member of Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, Campbell County VFW Post #3205 and CG&E Christmas Railroad friends. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #88**. Fred is survived by his wife, Mary Ann (née Ledonne) Feucht; daughter, Tiffany Rose Feucht; sisters, Patricia (Jim) Doerger, Jean (Jim) Sparks and Judy (Ronald) Martini; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Rose Anna Ledonne; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, 8246 East Main Street, Alexandria, KY from 9:00 AM until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM. The interment was in Saint Stephen Cemetery, Fort Thomas, KY. Memorials are suggested to Disabled American Veterans or Cultivating Legacy at Saint Mary Church. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Alexandria Funeral Home. Online condolences may be given at [alexandriafh.com](http://alexandriafh.com).



**JOSEPH EDWARD "Joe" FLYNT** - Died Monday night, October 26, 2020 at the Baylor Scott and White Hospital in Temple Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 28, 1941 in Savannah Georgia. Joe was married to his bride, Brigitte M. Flynt for fifty-six years. They were married on December 30, 1964 in Germany, while Joe was stationed overseas. Joseph Flynt proudly served his country for 23 years in the military as part of the United States Army. After retiring from the army, Mr. Flynt earned his bachelor's degree from University of Central Texas. This was a very proud moment in his life since he was never fond of school. He also shared his knowledge and love for the sport of golf by sharing his many sets of clubs with anyone who wanted to learn the game he loved so dearly. His favorite quote "Attitude is Everything" will be worn and remembered by many. He said that his biggest pleasure in life was his family. Watching his granddaughter grow was the best one of all. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He is survived by his wife, Brigitte M. Flynt, sisters Barbara Liazuk of Wisconsin and Marlene Webber from Collins, Georgia, Brother Charles E. Flynt of Springfield, Georgia, his daughter Lorene H. Roseberry and his granddaughter Savannah Blevins along with many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Please follow our Facebook page to view live video coverage of your Loved One's Services <https://www.facebook.com/crawfordbowerscopperascove/>.



**ROBERT A. "Bob" FOGLE** - Died Friday, November 13, 2020 at The Waters of Dillsboro, Indiana at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on Sunday, September 19, 1943 in Milan, Indiana to the late Martha (née Thompson) and Bernard "Bill" Fogle. He married Rita Miskell on September 27, 1969. Bob proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1964 – 1968 during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. He was a past member of the Dillsboro Church of Christ; former Deacon of the Aurora Church of Christ; and a member of the Versailles Church of Christ. Bob was former branch manager of Peoples National Bank for many years. He also worked for Heritage Community Bank in Columbus, Indiana. Bob served in many positions which included: South Dearborn school board for 16 years; crew chief for Lawrenceburg fire department for 2 ½ years; Jaycees of Aurora; member of Aurora Lions Club for 27 years; Justice of the Peace and civil air patrol for the town of Lawrenceburg; and coaching Aurora Little League. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and traveling. Bob is survived by his wife Rita of Dillsboro; daughters Robin (Linn) Oelker of Floyds Knob, Indiana, Renee (Dave) Mulshine of Fort Wright, Kentucky, Rachel (Jason) Nau of Petersburg, Kentucky, Rebecca (Andy) Seaver of Dillsboro, Indiana, and Regan (Brian) Sturgeon of Lawrenceburg, Indiana; brother Richard Fogle of Florida; nine grandchildren: Kyle Oelker, Katie Oelker, Ethan Day, Sidney Nau, Elijah Nau, Emma Seaver, Parker Seaver, Violet Sturgeon, and Griffin Sturgeon. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martha and Bill, and sisters, Donna Sandford and Sally Clark. A visitation will be



held from 4 - 7 PM Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Filter-DeVries-Moore Funeral Home in Dillsboro. A private funeral service will be held for the family with Neil Stewart officiating. Burial will follow at Oakdale Cemetery with full military rites provided by Northcutt Laaker Post #292 of Dillsboro. Memorials may be given in honor of Bob to the Versailles Church of Christ. Filter-DeVries-Moore Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements, 12887 Lenover Street, Box 146, Dillsboro, IN 47018, (812)432-5480. Please reach out through our website at [www.filterdevriesmoore.com](http://www.filterdevriesmoore.com) to leave an online condolence message or a memory of Bob for the family. Due to the Governor's new mandate, only 50 people were allowed in the funeral home at one time. Social distancing was observed, and masks were worn inside.



**JOSEPH "Joe" FORMOLA** - Died Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at home in Colonia, New Jersey at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York on November 26, 1946 to the late Joseph E. Formola and Mary V. Formola. He has lived in Colonia since 1976. Joe studied Aircraft Maintenance at Aviation High School in Queens, where he was a member of the Fencing Team and the National Honor Society before graduating in 1964. He then enlisted in the United States Navy where he served stateside at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn. Following his Honorable Discharge from the Navy in 1970, Joe began his career with the IBM Corp, working as an Application Programmer and Senior System Analyst in various areas of New York and New Jersey until 1998. Over the next several years, he continued his career as an Application Programmer with Solomon Smith Barney, the American Stock Exchange and Hartford Life Private Placement before leaving the computer field to become an Instructor/Faculty Member at Community Safety Consultants in Metuchen, where he worked for over 11 years. He also served as an EMT in Metuchen and Woodbridge. For over 15 years he was an active and dedicated volunteer with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in Woodbridge Township, where he served as Deputy OEM, Coordinator, Senior Training Officer, EMT and Senior Instructor specializing in WMD Radiological/Nuclear Hazardous Materials, WMD Radiological/Nuclear Awareness, CPR/AED, First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens. He was also an active and dedicated volunteer *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**, serving as *Chaplain* for the **New Jersey VVA State Council**. Joe also helped counsel and aid veterans in need through the VVA and the Veterans Affairs. He was a longtime parishioner of Saint John Vianney Roman Catholic Church in Colonia, where he served as an Usher at the 12:15 PM Sunday Mass and Eucharistic Minister, often administering the Blessed Sacrament to the homebound. A true patriot, Joe was very proud of his country, his military service and his service to the community. He was a fan of all things military, especially Navy, American History and later in his life all things medical and first aid. He was also an avid reader, loved electronic gadgets as well as model airplanes and ships. His favorite activities included watching Jeopardy!, listening to Willie Nelson, going out to eat, spending time with his family and friends and helping others in need. As a humanitarian, Joe touched countless lives through his volunteer work both locally and throughout the state. But above all, he was a loving husband, supportive father and proud grandfather. He will be truly missed by

everyone that knew him. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph E. Formola (1975) and Mary V. Formola (1998). Surviving are his wife of 51 years and love of his life, Jacqueline (née Bergado); son, Joel M. Formola (with Robin Ann Hochfelder) of Metuchen; daughter and son-in-law, Nicole & Tyson Morris of Colonia; grandchildren, Joshua Formola and Amelia Miller; brother, Wayne Formola of Long Island, New York; his beloved cat Harpo Pantherface; many nieces, nephews and cousins and countless friends. Visitation was held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the Gleason Funeral Home, 1360 Hamilton Street, Somerset. Please note that due to COVID restrictions attendance was limited at the funeral home. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM at the funeral home, followed by a 9:30 AM Mass at Saint John Vianney Roman Catholic Church, Colonia. The committal service was held privately. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), care of Bryan Austin, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 in Joe's loving memory.



**MORRIS JAMES "Jim" FORTIN, JR.** - Died Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Tennova Healthcare at the age of 72. He was a resident of Cleveland, Tennessee. The cause of death was small cell lung cancer. He was born on August 19, 1948 in Pierre, South Dakota to the late Josephine Watkins (née Pierson) Fortin and Morris James Fortin, Sr. If Jim knew you, he prayed for you. He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy. He served from September 1968 to August 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969 to 1970. He loved witnessing for the Lord, spending time with his family, church and going fishing. Besides his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, Frank Pierson, Larry Pierson and George Fortin. Survived by his wife, Gerri Rominger; his daughters, Regina Dunham and Tosha Goodner; son, Brad Clabough; brother, C.J. Fortin and Leon Pierson; granddaughter, Chaylene Fortin, Ashley Marrs Strickland, Lacey Ivicsics, Amber Calfee and Annie Clabough; great-grandson, Reece and Deakon. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that a donation be made to Parkway Baptist Church Benevolent Fund and Guatemala Mission.



**DAVID LEE GIBSON** (USN, PO1-Ret,) – Died Tuesday, December 3, 2019 in Waco, Texas at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bobo, Arkansas on May 15, 1936 to the late George and Lillie Mae (née Holland) Gibson. In 1954 at the age of 18, David joined the United States Navy and Retired in 1976. During his time in service, he served in the Korean War and Vietnam War. He retired at the rank of Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class. In his retirement he lived in Las Cruces, NM. Seaside Oregon, Waco and China Spring, TX. and Kings Mountain,

NC. His love of service to his country continued as he was a Life Member of the VFW where he served as a Commander of VFW Post #10124 in Las Cruces NM, and also the State Commander for New Mexico. He was also a member of VFW in Hewitt, TX. VFW Cooties and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012**. After the US Navy, David also retired from Sara Lee Hosiery, and from China Spring Schools. David was preceded in death by his parents, two loving wives, Gertrude (the mother of his children) and Joyce, son, David L. Gibson, Jr., brothers, Alfred, Henry and Billy Ray Gibson and sister, Virginia Powell. He is survived by a large loving family; sister, Emma Kimbrell; daughter, Theresa Ledbetter and husband, Wayde; son, Ronald Gibson and wife, Michelle; son, Daniel Gibson and wife, Linda; and daughter, Davena Oaks and husband, Jared. He also left behind multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will miss him dearly. Graveside service was at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at China Spring Cemetery. China Spring Cemetery, 15654 Old China Spring Road, China Spring, TX.



**MARCEL A. "Chef" GODBOUT** - Died Thursday, September 3, 2020 in Chicopee, Massachusetts at the age of 78. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born and raised in Fall River, Massachusetts on February 25, 1942. He attended Notre Dame High School, later graduating from Johnson and Wales in Providence, RI. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. Chef worked for many area restaurants including the former Yankee Peddler in Holyoke, Union Station in Northampton, Park Plaza in Boston and was owner and chef at the Candleworks in New Bedford. He loved cooking and had a passion for creating different culinary recipes. When he was not cooking, he enjoyed camping, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. Marcel will be missed by his beloved wife of 58 years, Ada (Wright) Godbout of Chicopee; his sons, Michael Godbout and his wife Dee of Wilbraham; Daniel Godbout and his wife Lynne of Belchertown, Kevin Godbout of South Hadley and Christopher Godbout and his wife Heather of Chicopee; his grandchildren, Kimberly, Melissa, Marc, Rebecca, Mason, Daniel, Jakob, Derrick, Anabel, and Piper; eight great-grandchildren and his sister, Mariette Howland and her husband Mark. He was predeceased by his sister, Pauline McGough. Friends and family were invited to meet for a period of visitation on Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Brunelle Funeral Home, 811 Chicopee Street, Chicopee followed by an 11:30 AM service in the funeral home. Committal services with military honors were held in Saint Rose of Lima Cemetery in Chicopee. Please wear face masks/coverings at both the funeral home and cemetery and follow social distancing guidelines. Please visit [www.brunellefuneralhome.com](http://www.brunellefuneralhome.com) for directions and to leave a condolence for the family.



**PEGGY SUE GOINS-SOVINE** - Died Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at home in Beckley, West Virginia at the age of 59, with her family by her side. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on March 23, 1961 to the late Clarence and Shirley Berry. She was preceded in death by her husband James Goins; her Mother, Shirley Berry; and her brother, James David Berry. Those left to cherish her memory include her husband Larry Sovine; sons, Shannan (Denise) Goins and Brandon (Jennifer) Goins; sisters Debra Richmond and Patricia Shelor; brothers Robert (Shelia) Berry, Kenneth (Linda) Berry, and Thomas (Belinda) Berry; grandchildren, James Goins, Mariah Smith, Marshall Goins, Austin Goins, and Bradley Goins, and; several nieces and nephews. Peggy volunteered for Hospice and was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860** and enjoyed everyone involved. She was a proud wife, mother, grandmother and will be missed by all. The family received friends for visitation on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at the Blue Ridge Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 12:00 Noon with the interment at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Southern West Virginia in memory of Peggy. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.blueridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.blueridgefuneralhome.com) For those who wish to attend services we request that facial coverings are worn and social distancing is practiced.



**GEORGE DARRELL GORSUCH** - Died Friday, May 29, 2020 in Muncie, Indiana at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 13, 1937 in Marshalltown, Iowa 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 Science 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, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**, 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 2 amazing and humble daughters: Cherrise Gorsuch and Melissa (Bert) Mitchell, 2 grandsons; Derek (Krista) Johnson and Drew (Shelley) Ragland, 3 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, greats 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, JB Weld, 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 was not a food he did not 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 do not 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 is 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. Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> were the calling hours from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and his service was at 1:00 PM at 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 will bring light to Dad's life as we celebrate this life well lived. Masks are recommended by Parson Mortuary and social distancing protocol observed. In lieu of flowers, please contribute as Dad did to:

1. Marion VA Voluntary & Community Resources Dept 1700 E 38th St Marion, IN 46953, Donation in memo line of check to go specifically to Unit 172-1B, GPS 4432
2. St Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105
3. Ronald McDonald House Charities 26345 Network Place Chicago, IL 60673-1263.

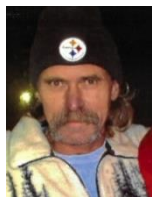
**JAMES GRAHAM** – Died Saturday, December 12, 2020 in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 6, 1943. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**.



**HARRY H. GRAINGER** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died early Wednesday morning, December 23, 2020 at his home in Ozark, Alabama at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 30, 1947 in Conway, South Carolina to the late Amos Grainger and Rhoda (née Rabon) Grainger. He lived in various locations in the United States and overseas

while serving in the United States Army. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from the US Army with the rank of Master Sergeant. Mr. Grainger moved to Ozark thirty-five years ago, where he retired from the City of Ozark as the Code Enforcement Officer. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #94, Ozark where he was the former Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373**. Mr. Grainger was active in preparing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial which is located at County Ag-plex in Ozark. Surviving relatives include his wife, Barbara Keith Grainger; daughter, Shauna Burk (Bill), all of Ozark; two brothers, Howard Grainger (Kay), Atlanta, GA and Larry Grainger (Fran), Charleston, SC; two grandchildren, Cortney Blankenship and Bradley Blankenship; two great-grandchildren, Mason Thomley and Olivia Baxley. Funeral services, with military honors, were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 28, 2020 in the Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Scott E. Thompson officiating. The burial was in Fort Mitchell National Cemetery. The family received friends from 1:00 until 2:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home. COVID-19 guidelines were followed during all scheduled times. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans - Chapter #94, PO Box 57, Ozark, AL 36361.

**HARVEY WILLIAM HAERR** - Died Sunday, September 27, 2020 in Greensburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. He was formerly of South Shore, Kentucky. The cause of death was leukemia. Harvey was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 19, 1945 to the late Warren and Mildred Haerr. Harvey was a proud Vietnam Veteran and served in the United States Air Force. He enjoyed fishing and playing pool. He was a member of the First Church of God South Shore. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore Chapter #1006**. Along with his parents he is preceded in death by one brother, Claude Haerr. He is survived by one son, Duane Haerr of Sandusky, Ohio, one daughter, Teresa (Jim) Mazzarini of Greensburg, PA, one brother, Floyd (Jean) Haerr, five grandsons and two great granddaughters. A memorial service was held at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 26, 2020 at the First Church of God South Shore in South Shore, KY, with Pastor Donny McKenzie officiating. Harvey was laid to rest at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast in Greenup, KY. The Crockett L. Reed Funeral Home in South Shore, Kentucky was in charge of the arrangements.



**RAYMOND EARL HAINES** - Died Monday, December 7, 2020, at his residence in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 6, 1955 in Cumberland to the late Raymond L. and Mary (née Johnson) Haines. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Shawna Bridges. Raymond attended Fort Hill High School. He served his country in the United States Air Force and was later an active *Life Member* in the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He leaves behind his children, Raymond E. Haines, II and wife, Tennille, Cumberland, Rochelle Bridges, Cumberland, and Harley Bridges, Clearville, PA; sisters, Linda Haines and Holly Haines, both of Martinsburg, WV; grandchildren, Troie, Rashaan, Bradley,



Barrett, Raiden, Xavier, and Chloe. He is also survived by a number of great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. In accordance with his wishes, Raymond's body was cremated, and there were no formal funeral services. Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A. was entrusted with the arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.ScarpelliFH.com](http://www.ScarpelliFH.com).



**PAUL WAYNE HAMBLIN** -Died Thursday, October 22, 2020 in Fredonia, Arizona at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 14, 1949 in Kanab, Utah to the late Francis Lamont Hamblin and Maude (née Rust) Hamblin. Paul grew up in Kanab, joined the United States Army in 1968 until 1974 with an honorable discharge, where he served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Georgia (Utah) Chapter #961**. He married Gloria Hutchings on May 2, 1980, and they were sealed with their children on December 11, 1982 in the Saint George Temple. He retired in 2004 from the Bureau of Reclamation, Glen Canyon Dam. Some other jobs he had in his life before that included: trucking, building trails and guiding at the Grand Canyon, and Energy Fuels, along with many others. He loved this area and loved going out in the hills for fishing, hunting, photography and four wheeling in his land cruiser, he just loved the outdoors. He was proficient at Family History and has been a consultant for many years. He blessed all who knew him and he will be greatly missed by his friends and family. He is survived by his daughters, Nicky (Keith) Landis, Jodi (Kevin) Palmer, his grandchildren Tacie (Raina) Montgomery, Trina (Johnny) Carranza, Troy (Krystle) Montgomery Jr., Trevan (Ashlie) Montgomery, Amber (Zach) Thomas, Timmi (Christian) Harrison, Kamberly (Cooper) Johnson, Shay, Kody and Kayden Palmer, Kyeson, Harlee, and Kelbi Landis and numerous great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, his eternal companion Gloria, his siblings Frank (Beverly) Adams, Arlene Adams, Billy (Judy) Adams, his son Jerry Hamblin, and stepson Darren Montgomery, as well as his grandchildren Kayden Landis, Drake and Ireland Montgomery. Survived also by his friends who became his family. The viewing was held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM at the Mosdell Mortuary, in Kanab Utah.



**LOUIS V. "Lou" HAMILTON** - Died Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the age of 76, from Covid-19 complications, having been hospitalized since October 27<sup>th</sup>. He was born on July 3, 1944 in Portland, Maine. At his request, he will be cremated, and his ashes spread in Casco Bay, Maine, where most of his best early memories were. He is survived by Holly, his wife of 41 years, daughters Julie and Jill, granddaughters

Serena and Kaitlin, sisters Linda and Melonee. He also leaves behind many treasured cousins and was predeceased by his father, mother, and stepfather. He enlisted in the United States Navy, migrating to Connecticut after his tour to stay with his cousin Jeannie, where he met first wife, Joan. He joined the Middletown Police Dept but eventually went to south Florida, with several other officers, to join the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in 1972. There, daughter Jill was born. After divorcing, Joan remarried, returning to Connecticut with Jill. Fate took over on a blind date set up by coworker Sherry, for Lou with his dispatcher, Holly, in March 1976. They married in 1978 having a mostly law enforcement wedding, reception, and expected shenanigans. In 1984 daughter Julie was born, while he and Holly continued their careers at the Sheriff's Office, until Lou retired in 1998 at the rank of Lieutenant. He visited fellow retiree Paul Gish in Tennessee and loved the seasons. Through Paul, he "briefly" rented a house in rural Lynchburg from Dixie and Bobby Beyer, waiting for Holly to retire, from 2007 to 2015. During that time, Lou, Bobby and Dixie had wonderful adventures. Lou also became a volunteer tour guide at The Old Jailhouse Museum. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America-Murfreesboro Chapter #1089**. He joined the Covenant Presbyterian church, becoming a deacon. He and Holly moved to Murfreesboro in 2015 where Lou, an avid history buff, became an interpreter at the Stones River Battlefield Visitors Center, expanding his circle of friends once again. He also joined the Trinity Presbyterian church relishing their Men's Fellowship nights at the local pub. He was very active in the VFW Post #8422 as their chaplain, the American Legion and Vietnam Vets of America. He led his life by example, often commenting about others, that they were "larger than life." Being a humble person by nature, he may have been unaware that this is how his family and friends have always viewed him: Larger than life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 406 W 34th St, Kansas City, MO 64111 or Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1020 N Rutherford Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.



**ROBERT JOHN "Bob" HANNAN** - Died Sunday, November 1, 2020 in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 74, surrounded by family following a long illness. The cause of death was respiratory failure and metastatic prostate cancer. He was born in Bennington on September 9, 1946 to the late John and Zelma (née Klibas) Hannan. Bob received his education in Arlington Schools, and is a graduate of the Class of 1964. He is also a graduate of Putnam School of Nursing where he earned a Nursing Degree. Bob proudly served in the United States Air Force during Vietnam, where he was on a flight crew retrieving wounded soldiers from battle. He served from December 1966 until December 1967. He married the former Gwen Montgomery on September 7, 1968 at Saint Anthony Church in White River Junction, VT. Over the years, Bob has been employed at several area businesses including: The Computer Center in Bennington, Dunham's Furniture, Metropolitan Life Insurance, Pitney-Bowes Office Equipment, and as an Orderly at both the Vermont Veterans Home and a nurse at the former Weston-Hadden Convalescent Center in Bennington. Bob retired from the State of Vermont where he served as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in 2008. Following retirement from Vermont state, Bob

became a Deputy with the Bennington County Sheriff's Department. Bob remained very involved in the local community over the years: as a *Co-founder* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter 601**, Board Member and Trustee at the Vermont Veterans Home for thirteen years, a Board Member of the Bennington Rescue Squad, a Board Member of BROC and as a Board Member of Sacred Heart School. Bob was a Coach for Bennington Little League Baseball as well as a Middle School Girls' Softball. He is survived by his wife Gwendolen Montgomery Hannan, two daughters, Erin (Edward) Tifft of Hampstead, NC and Heather (Charles) Hannan of Shaftsbury, VT. Bob leaves his grandchildren: Caleb Tifft, Jadyn Tifft, Emma Tifft, Kiara Tifft, and Hope Tifft, as well as Shelby Hannan and Connor Hannan. His is survived by brother-in-law, Robert Montgomery Jr., and his wife AmyJo, niece Meagan Morgan, and nephews Robert Montgomery III and Edward Montgomery. Bob is predeceased by his parents, John and Zelma Hannan, in-laws, Robert and Alice Montgomery, brother, John V. Hannan, and sister-in-law, Julie Hannan. Due to Covid-19 protocol, there were no calling hours scheduled. A Mass of Christian Death and Burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart-Saint Francis de Sales Church in Bennington for those that wish to attend. A celebration of Bob's life will be held at the convenience of family and friends in Summer of 2021 in consideration of health and safety. Memorial contributions may be made to the following organizations: Bennington Rescue Squad, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Vermont Veterans Home, and/or Sacred Heart School, through E.P. Mahar and Son Funeral Home in Bennington.



**EDWARD LEE HARRIS** – Died Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the VA Medical Center in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 88. He was a resident of Lawton. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 19, 1932 in Burlington, Texas to the late Reverend Marshall H. and Edna Harris. He attended Burlington High School and was a member of the basketball team. He served in the United States Army for 20 years and was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Peacetime. He was awarded or authorized the following: First Oak Leaf Cluster to National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars; Army Commendation Medal; Good Conduct Medal Clasp, Bronze, 4 Loops; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Bronze Star Medal w/l Oak Leaf Cluster; Sharpshooter (Rifle). He married Rosie Bell on April 9, 1958. They were married for 43 years prior to her passing. After his retirement from the Army, Edward worked for Wilbert Vault company for 15 years and later Aubrey Chevrolet. He was also employed by Lawton Public Schools as a bus driver for 18 years where he received an award for outstanding attendance as well as a Champion for Children. As part of that time, he treasured opportunities he had to transport special needs students. He married Mary Bailey on May 5, 2003. Edward was a member of Frontier Chapel and attended services at Saint John's Missionary Baptist Church with his wife. He was a mobile meals program volunteer and was a member of the local VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Rosie Bell, and

one daughter, Janice Bailey; seven brothers and six sisters. He is survived by his wife Mary Bailey-Harris of the home; one brother, Clois Harris Sr. (Linda) of Bryan, Texas; one sister Betty Patterson of Odessa, Texas; five sons including: Alvin Bailey, of Lawton, and Bervey Bailey, of Rowlett, TX; four daughters including: Debbie Bailey-Smith (Walter), of Lawton; eight grandchildren including: Amelia Billingslea (Robert) of Yukon; Bailey Perkins (Roderick) and Evans Perkins of Oklahoma City; and four great-grandchildren including: Sebastian and Gwendolyn Billingslea of Yukon; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Visitation was on Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Whinery Huddleston Funeral Home Chapel. His home going celebration was on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11:00 AM, in the chapel with Reverend Michael Williamson officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Mobile Meals Program of the Saint John's Missionary Baptist Church.



**DOUGLAS HEBER "Doug" HARWARD** – Died Friday, November 13, 2020 in Layton, Utah at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 29, 1951 in Provo, Utah, the second son of Norman Heber and Carrol Josephine (née Davis) Harward. He attended Provo City schools and was a 1970 graduate of Provo High School. That is where he met me, Janet Eileen Houtz, and we were married for eternity in the Manti, Utah LDS Temple on February 26, 1971. Doug had the strongest work ethic of anyone I know. As a child, he was taught by his dad and grandpa that hard work will get you what you need in life. He passed that work ethic on to each person in our family. It has created many wonderful memories as we have worked beside him and been taught by him. But Doug was also full of life and knew how to play and have good times with family and friends! Camping, hunting, fishing, crazy antics; going on river runs and boat rides; hanging out in our Park City condo; taking us on fire truck rides; going to dance recitals, cheer performances, and school programs; piano, guitar, and violin recitals; watching soccer, football, baseball, T-ball, and basketball games; swim meets; and karate tournaments. Our family brought him the greatest joy imaginable. His favorite scripture has always been, "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them..." (Psalm 127:5). When facing the Vietnam War draft, we made the decision for him to join the United States Navy. He was proud to be a Navy SeaBee, serving in both Mobile Construction Battalions 4 and 5. He thoroughly enjoyed his four years in the Navy (1970-1975), and loved to tell the stories of that era of his life: building underwater piers, runways, buildings, and, of course, swimming with, and eating the sharks! He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #1079**. After being honorably released from the Navy, he worked at the Provo LDS Temple as a nighttime security guard. He was also attending Utah Technical College, where he received a certificate in carpentry. Doug worked as a carpenter for several years before being hired at Hill AFB Fire Department. He attended Weber State College where he received a certificate in Fire Science. He was so proud of being a fireman!!! The friendships he gained there are forever. The antics he participated in there keep us rolling in laughter as

we look back on those memories. When our family was young and we were struggling to make ends meet, Doug learned how to plaster foundations, and did so as a side-job. But it was not just him out there working on evenings and weekends. Every little person in our family helped with that business in some way. He taught our kids to work hard, and to work until the job was done. The business that started with our little family has grown into the largest foundation plastering company in the state of Utah. Doug was so proud to hand the business over to our two oldest sons, and it has provided jobs for many family members and friends through the years. Contractors throughout the state recognize the name of H & C Foundation Plastering. Doug was so proud to have served his country. He honored our country's flag and all Veterans. In recent years, he has been a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1079. He worked tirelessly to raise money to build the replica of the original Vietnam Wall, which has now been built in Layton City Park. He is so grateful for that wall and all it stands for. He and our family are still looking forward to the building of the War Dog Memorial, for which Doug also participated in raising funds. Doug and I are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and have recently moved from the Valley View Ward to the Pheasant Place Ward, both in Layton. Doug served two missions for the Church: one at Layton Bishops' Storehouse, and another at The Deseret Mill in Kaysville. Oh, how he loved to serve!! Doug and I are the proud parents of six children who love the Lord and love their Dad. Those six children, their spouses, our grandchildren, and their spouses have been here with him always. They have brought such joy and so much help and support into our home. They have had an untiring desire to help with their Dad/Grandpa. We are the parents of Jerry Don (Stefanie) Harward of Hooper, Utah; Kristi Lynn (Ryan) Lewis of Syracuse, Utah; Lori Ann (Jonathan) Cebollero of Layton, Utah; Michelle (Robert) Shumway of Clearfield, Utah; Jason Douglas (Mandi) Harward of Clinton, Utah; and John Heber (Melissa) Harward of Clearfield, Utah. We are the super-proud grandparents of Rachel Harward, Sara (Gabriel) Johnson, Tyler (Meilani) Harward, Amy Harward; Conner, Tanner, Tyson, and Caden Lewis; Aubri, Karsten (Madi), McKall, and Jackson Cebollero; Jeremy, Lexie, and Noah Shumway; Branson, Kole, and Brooklyn Harward; Hailey, Brandon, and Blake Harward. Grandchildren are our reward for raising children. Doug is grateful to each of his children and grandchildren who have served missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He did not have that opportunity himself due to the War, so he feels like each one of them is serving in his place. Right now, our granddaughter, Hermana McKall Cebollero, is serving in the Tennessee Nashville Mission, formerly in the Ecuador Guayaquil West Mission. From heaven, Grandpa is now serving at Hermana Cebollero's side, guiding her footsteps and holding her hand, as she brings the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the homes of the people of Tennessee. Doug was preceded in death by his parents. He leaves behind his three brothers who love him dearly: Dennis N, Leon R (Connie), and Gregory J Harward, all of Provo, Utah. Doug was laid to rest in the Roy City Cemetery on Saturday, November 21, 2020. Prior to his burial, friends greeted family at the Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 North Fairfield Road, Layton, from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, November 20, 2020. Friends may also visit on Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Pheasant Place LDS Ward, 628 South Angel Street, Layton. Due to the pandemic restrictions, masks and social distancing will be expected. ATTENDANCE AT FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY. Please contact family members for more information. We send our love and hugs to everyone that loved Doug. Not being able to accept your hugs in person will be

difficult. Services began at 11:00 AM on Saturday, with Bishop Brandon Burt conducting. A link to view the services live or recorded can be found at [www.lindquistmortuary.com](http://www.lindquistmortuary.com) by going to the bottom of Douglas's obituary. Suncrest Hospice Services and Amada Home Health have been here for us in his last few weeks of life, but so have countless old and new friends and neighbors, who have served us in so many ways. Doug felt undeserving of all the help, love, and time that people of the Pheasant Place neighborhood have given to us, when they do not even know us. But most of all, Doug and I want to thank our dear sweet family! We have the best family ever, always working hard, playing hard, serving hard, and praying hard. We are so grateful that Families Are Forever!!! The family asked that in lieu of flowers, you thank a military serviceman, Veteran or fireman for their untiring service. Also, it seems fitting that we help re-grow the burned-out areas of California. To donate in Doug's name, please go to [www.alivingtribute.org](http://www.alivingtribute.org). When you check out, it will give you the opportunity to choose your forest. We have chosen our reforestation area to be Mendocino, California, but we know that any forest will appreciate your donation, and so will Doug.



**DAVID W. HILL** – Died Monday, October 26, 2020 in Elmira, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death was suicide. He was born on September 28, 1952 in Elmira to the late Floyd M. and Myrna J. (née Becker) Hill. He is survived by his wife: Zhixia (Zheng) Hill; his sons Ted (Michelle) Hill with their children Katie, Kristen, and Jeremy; Steven Hill with his children Deven, Tatyanna, Stevie, and Stephanie; Vincent Hill; and David Hill, Jr.; siblings Larry Hill, Terri Call, Deb Maxwell and Nancy Hill; stepdaughters Yan Tian, and YiYi Zheng; stepson YiJie Zheng; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and dear friends including Joe & Lynn Sullivan, and Ray Willette of the Legion Riders Chapter 442. David served in both the United States Air Force and the United States Marine Corps; making a career of serving his country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and spending time with his family. His hobbies included was horseback riding, wood working, and spending time with his two dogs, Tucker and Ollie. Family and friends were invited to visit the Big Flats Wesleyan Church, The Bridge, 561 Maple St, Big Flats, NY, on Friday November 13, 2020 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Masks were required along with social distancing in following the current guidelines. David's funeral service was held there on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Alex Ruffer officiating. The burial and committal services with military honors was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, in Elmira. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may donate to American Legion Post #442, 71 Old Ithaca Road, Horseheads, NY 14845.



**RICHARD RUSSELL HOFFMAN** - Died Friday, August 7, 2020 at his residence in Gainesville, Georgia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 7, 1949 in Salisbury, North Carolina to the late Elmer Russell and Margaret (née



Barnhardt) Hoffman. He was employed with Yellow Freight where he was a truck driver. Mr. Hoffman was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**. He loved collecting Lionel Trains and was a lifelong train enthusiast. Mr. Hoffman is survived by his wife, Toni (née Eller) Hoffman of Gainesville; daughter and son in law, Natalie and Brian Shirley of Gainesville; granddaughters, Kaelyn Shirley, Karsyn Shirley both of Gainesville; sister, Brenda Powell of Morehead City, NC and a number of other relatives. The Memorial Park Funeral Home, 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, GA was in charge of the arrangements. The services were held at a later date. Send online condolences to [www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com](http://www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com).



**REVEREND OBBIE J. HORTON, SR.** - Died Sat, December 12, 2020 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jefferson County, Alabama on March 9, 1944. He served in the United States Army from November 27, 1963 to November 29, 1965. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM from Greater Temple Baptist Church, 300 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West Birmingham. The burial was in the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. A public viewing was held on Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 PM. Face masks and Social Distancing were required. The Arrington Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**RICHARD E. HOWES, JR.** – Died Tuesday, November 10, 2020 in the Soldiers Home in Holyoke, Massachusetts at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ludlow on January 31, 1943 to the late Richard E. Howes, Sr. and Virginia (née Carder) Howes, he was a lifelong resident, and in his youth took lessons playing the bass guitar and slide trombone at Falcetti Music. In 1961, he graduated from Ludlow High School and enlisted in the United States Air Force proudly serving during the Vietnam War. He worked for many years for the Town of Ludlow Cemetery and Tree Departments and for the United States Bulk Mail Center from where he retired in 2005. Within the community, Richard was a member of the First Congregational Church in Ludlow, VFW Post #3236, also serving as past commander, and was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason of the Brigham Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. Richard leaves many loving family members and dear friends. Graveside services with Military Honors were held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM directly in Hillcrest Park Cemetery (Section I) on Parker Street in Springfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's memory to Shriners Hospital for Children 516 Carew Street, Ludlow, Ma. 01104.

**ROBERT A. "Bob" HUNTER** – Died Thursday, November 12, 2020 in Dennis, Massachusetts at the age of 74. The cause of death was a stroke and Agent Orange-related ischemic heart disease. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 8, 1946 to the late Robert and Helen Hunter. Bob is survived by his wife, Deborah "Deb" and Jack the Cat;

sisters Connie (Paul) Sutton, Gail (Chuck) Page and in-laws Doryce Scharman, William Scharman and Elizabeth (Ellen) Scharman. Survivors also include nieces Nicole, Casey, Rachel, and Sarah; nephew Rich, and cousins Jean, Judy, Sue, and Cindy. Bob received his undergraduate degree from Lafayette College and MBA from the University of Florida. A Captain in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Bob served in Germany and was a decorated Vietnam War veteran. Throughout his career in the financial services industry, Bob was a highly respected and successful senior executive until retirement. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**. He was an avid reader and an endless source of facts, humor, and history. It was easier to "ask Bob" than to look up any information regardless of the topic. Bob's fantastic smile lit up a room and his quick, dry wit will always be cherished. To quote a special friend and neighbor in his remembrance of Bob: "Humankind has lost a very warm and sensitive man. A man of letters who studied the classics-art, history, and literature (there are not very many still around), he carried that sense of pride, along with an awareness of his own humbleness." A celebration of life is planned for spring 2021. Memorial contributions may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or Lafayette College. Development Office, 730 High Street, Easton, PA (Class of 1968) or NESAA (New England Society for Abandoned Animals), PO Box 626, Osterville, MA 02655-0626



**BURTON EZRA IRWIN, JR.** - Died Sunday, October 25, 2020 at Garnet Health Medical Center in Wallkill, New York at the age of 74. He was a resident of Middletown, New York. The cause of death was cancer. Burton was born in Middletown on December 30, 1945 to the late Geraldine (née Worden) and Burton Ezra Irwin, Sr. Burton married his sweetheart Mary, and enjoyed a loving marriage of 41 years. He served in Vietnam as an Earth-moving heavy equipment operator for the United States Army. He was involved in the Middletown VFW #692 and he enjoyed all the various Army reunions, Platoon 46, which took place all over the country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**. Burton used his GI Bill to learn how to drive an 18-wheeler the right way. He retired in 2006 after 34 years of driving liquid petroleum product trucks and received a Safety Award. He was an avid stock car driver and NASCAR Fan. He drove race cars, volunteer ambulances, and tow trucks at the local speedway. After retiring from racing, he drove a push buggy and tow truck every Saturday night. As a retiree, he enjoyed life and had a lot of fun! He would camp, travel, fish and enjoyed being a snowbird. You would often see his dogs Chewy and Mr. Munch with him on his outdoor adventures. To all his Vietnam Veterans, he wanted to say: "Welcome Home my brothers and sisters! We remember our comrades who served and did not come home. Thank you for your service"! Burton is survived by his daughter Christine Irwin Dawson, of Michigan; three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters; brother, Bruce Irwin, Sr. of Arizona, brother John Irwin of Delaware, sister Laurie Strenkert of Port Jervis, sister Sandra Ryan and his sidekick (Nephew), "Bubba", Jason Little, Middletown, NY and many nieces and nephews. Burton is predeceased by his wife Mary (née Roache), and sister Georgianna Laplant.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Martinez-Morse Funeral Home, 33 Railroad Avenue, Middletown, NY from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM. The burial of ashes was at the family's convenience at Orange County Veterans Memorial Park in Goshen, NY. Messages of condolences may be left at [www.DeWittFH.com](http://www.DeWittFH.com).



**LOUIS CHARLES JEZSIK** (USMC, CPT-Ret.) – Died Thursday, November 19, 2020 in Rochester, New York at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Astoria, New York on July 15, 1936. He was predeceased by his brother George. He is survived by his children Louis Charles Jezsik, Natalie Bernice Kurz and Robert Steven Jezsik; grandchildren Steven (Analisa) Kurz and Renee (Justin) Dunlop great-grandchildren Aiden, Mackala and Emelie; loving companion for 35 years, Jane Nolan; sister-in-law Elaine Jezsik and nieces. Louis started his service as a Reservist and continued into the United States Marines, he followed his heart to become a Pilot with the United States Navy. Louis then finished his service as a Captain in the Marines. He was also active in the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Rochester, Cooper Marine Post #603, VFW and American Legion and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Military Services will be a later date in Bath National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Open-Door Mission (156 Plymouth Avenue N, Rochester, NY 14608).



**ALBERT H. KATH III** - Died Tuesday, October 6, 2020 in Janesville, Wisconsin at the age of 67, alongside his fiancée, Tammy Northrup. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. Albert was born in Janesville on September 15, 1953 to the late Albert H. Kath, Jr. and RuthJean (née Nehls) Kath. Albert attended Craig High School and studied with Independent Ministers and Churches out of San Diego, California. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236** and Christian Motorcyclists Association. Albert had a passion for his old cars and motorcycles. His hobbies were camping, fishing and stock car racing. Albert was a proud veteran of the United States Navy from April 28, 1972 to April 27, 1976 with a tour in Southeast Asia from 1974 to 1975. Albert survived by children: April (Jake) Mizener, Tiffany Kath (Brandon Halabi) and Fritz Sandlin, and his grandson, Phoenix Folly. As well as his brother, Richard (Brenda) Kath and his sister, Valerie Kath (Cheri Lornson). He will be missed by his faithful companions, Duke and Fluffy. Albert is preceded in death by his parents and his son, Albert H. Kath IV. A Celebration of Life was held at a later date with Military Honors by Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #236. All Faiths Funeral and Cremation Services in Janesville, Wisconsin were in charge of the arrangements.

**MIKE KENNEDY** – Died Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 18, 1946 in Portland, Maine. He served in

the United States Army from February 1966 to February 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth (Michigan) Chapter # 528**.



**JAMES BRIAN "Jim" KOCJANCICH** - Died Saturday, October 24, 2020 at The Villages Hospital, The Villages Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was atherosclerotic heart disease. He was born in Bloomingdale, Illinois on May 29, 1945. He was also known as "*Jim Kay*". Jim is survived by his only son, Jimmy. Jim was a veteran of the United States Navy and was a member of the VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**, and DAV. He previously had his own business as a headhunter in Illinois. He was an avid pinochle player and enjoyed playing golf with his son and Villages friends. He most enjoyed riding around the Villages in his MX-5 Miata Convertible. Due to current health and safety restrictions, no service was held. Memorial donations can be made in his name to the American Legion Post #347, PO Box 1534, Lady Lake, FL 32158.

**RODERICK V. KOON** – Died Tuesday, September 1, 2020 in Pomona, Kansas at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Huntington Park, California on January 7, 1943. He served in the United States Navy from January 10, 1964 to December 22, 1967. He was aboard the USS Hornet (CVS-12) during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**.



**ANTHONY J. KRYSIAK** – Died Thursday, January 12, 2012 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 1, 1944. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen (née Collins) Krysiak; devoted father of Loretta Robeson and her husband Vincent; dear grandfather of Jordan and Jessa Robeson; loving stepfather of Kenny and Michael DeSantis and step-grandfather of Michael and Samantha DeSantis. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #965**. Visitation was held at the Lilly and Zeiler, Inc. Funeral Home, 700 South Conkling Street, on Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at 1200 Noon. The interment was in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.



**WILLIAM R. "Bill" LaPARL** - Died Monday, November 9, 2020 I Saint Clair, Michigan at the age of 69, with his family by his side. The cause of death was brain cancer. Bill was born on April 10, 1951 in Painesville, Ohio to the late William and Dolores LaParl, who survives. Bill sailed the Great Lakes for many years as Captain of many ships, He was the trustee at Trinity Methodist Church, Algonac. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Bill was a part of the Algonac memorial historical society. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Gratiot Township Chapter #284** and American Vets. Bill enjoyed staying busy but the things he enjoyed the most was the time he spent with his family, telling stories and having the yearly family Christmas party at his house. He is survived by his wife, Elaine LaParl; mother, Dolores LaParl; brothers, Gary (Becki) LaParl, Jim (Kathy) LaParl, Mike LaParl; sister, Laura Nickelson; aunt, Loleta Violet Howard, Barbara Jean Blankenship; nephews, Joe (Lorena) LaParl, James LaParl, Justin LaParl, Jared (Amanda) LaParl, Shane (Emily) LaParl, Myles (Jenson) LaParl, Corbin LaParl, Spencer (Jessica) LaParl; nieces, Ashley (Josh) Fye, Kaila (Brad) Campagne; step children, Sara Rose (Phillip) Doyle, Jennifer (Kyle) Hearn, Nathan (Krystyn) Brown; 9 great nieces and nephews; grandchildren, Morgan Breanne, Jameson Andrew, Regan Grace and Brynn Emersyn, along with many extended family and friends who will also miss him dearly. Bill is preceded in death by his father, William S. LaParl (2006). Memorials may be made to the Algonac VFW Post 3901 Veterans Memorial Donations. A memorial service was held on Thursday November 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM and visiting hours were also on Thursday from 10:00 AM until time of service at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Interment took place in Oaklawn Cemetery, Algonac. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com).



**RICHARD G. LAWRENCE** – Died peacefully on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the age of 72, bravely paying his final price for his military service in Vietnam 1967-1970. He was a Vietnam Veteran, artist, and photographer. The cause of death was kidney failure. He was born in Lancaster on October 27, 1948. Nicknamed "Bird" by his brother, Richard enjoyed photography, drawing, nature and wrestling in his youth. He graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School in 1967 and proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he was known as "Shortround", beginning a life that would define his identity until his death. His service in Vietnam included but was not limited to attachments to the following units: MP Company 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division FMF, Task Force X-Ray Hue City (Tet Offensive '68), the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Amphibious Force, the 7<sup>th</sup> Marine Division on Hill 55, and Hotel Co 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division on Hill 461. Following his tour of duty in Vietnam. Lawrence was sent to the Detachment Guard Company of the Marine Barracks in Parris Island, South Carolina. He transferred to San Miguel

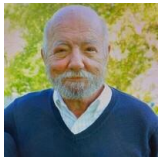
and Subic Bay in the Philippines and continued in the Guard Detachment. He was honorably discharged in 1970, then discharged a second time after his service in the Marine Corps Reserves (1981-1983). Awards for his service in the U.S. Marine Corps include the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation (1967-1968), the Navy Unit Commendation (1968), the Meritorious Unit Commendation with one bronze star (1968-1969, 1970-1971), Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one silver battle star, the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (1970), the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color), the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Actions Color, 1st Class), and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. His love for photography, painting, and drawing continued throughout his life, at times becoming therapeutic outlets for his Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Many of his service-connected paintings and drawings are included in the publication "A Soldier's Heart: Survivor Views of Combat Trauma" (Sidran Press, 1995). In recent years he exhibited his work in solo and group exhibitions at the Lancaster County Art Association, Lancaster Museum of Art, Mulberry Art Studios, local art fairs and non-profit organizations. His art became not only documentations of daily life, landscape, and wildlife, but served as vital ways to connect socially, meet new friends, share his positive outlook on life, and donate to philanthropic organizations. He held memberships to various service organizations and possessed a lifetime membership to the AMVETS. Of notable volunteer service, like his mother, he volunteered at the Lancaster General Hospital. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter 1008**. Richard enjoyed traveling to nature parks and the bay with his loving wife Ethel. They enjoyed listening to oldies and Elvis Presley, attending local concerts, and dining out. He was extraordinarily proud of his children's accomplishments and enjoyed spending time with his four young grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Ethel M. (Hess) Lawrence of Lancaster; children: Rebecca Lawrence, companion Matt Kennedy, of Lancaster, Amanda, wife of Kyle Patchin of Colorado and Andrew Lawrence, husband of Tonya of Oklahoma; stepsons: Kenneth Thomas, husband of Michelle and James Thomas, husband of Kelley; grandchildren: Elliott, Noah, Finn and Charlotte; brother, Robert Lawrence, husband of Suzette, of Millersville; niece, Christina Kurtz and the mother of his children, Sharon Lawrence. He was preceded in passing by his parents, John Spencer and Virginia M. (Berger) Lawrence, as well as his nephew, Jason Lawrence. His outgoing personality, unapologetic sense of humor, and positive attitude when faced with adversity will be fondly remembered. Richard might say he ultimately succumbed to "Karvey Morvis", a fictitious illness as coined by his father, John. He savored life and wanted everyone to know he loved them. A Funeral Service was held at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home & Crematory, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 11:30 AM. Friends and family were invited to attend the viewing from 9:30-11:00 AM. In honor of Richard's service, interment took place at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Hospice & Community Care, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy, PA, 17522.

**DAVID LEONARD** – Died recently in 2020 in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 7, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**.





**WILEY BERLE LEONARD** (USN, SPCO-Ret.) – Died Thursday, November 19, 2020 in the Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas at the age of 79. He was a resident of Bokchito, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 1, 1941 in Lawton, Oklahoma to the late Preston Lenor Leonard and Loes Bertha (née Depew) Leonard. He attended school at Lawton Senior High School where he served as an Oklahoma National Guardsman from the age of 16 until he graduated in 1959. Upon graduating from High School, he enlisted into the United States Navy where he served 26 years until he retired at the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. Mr. Leonard was also a veteran of both the Vietnam and Gulf war. He married his beloved wife Marilyn in Childress, Texas on July 10, 1991. After serving in the U.S Navy, Mr. Leonard worked as a bus driver for Continental Trailways until he later pursued a career as locomotive engineer for Burlington Northern Railroad. He then finished his working career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. After retiring, he and his wife, Marilyn, went on to enjoy country life on their farm in Bokchito, Oklahoma. Mr. Leonard was a member of Heart's Content Masonic Lodge #1275, Newfoundland, and Albany Lodge #159, Albany, Oklahoma. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plano (Texas) Chapter #986**. His unparalleled work ethic was developed at a young age, and he passed that on to his children. His kindness and generosity were ever present among his friends and family, as well as all those who knew him. Mr. Leonard was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and he will be deeply missed. Mr. Leonard is preceded in death by his father, Preston L. Leonard; his mother, Loes Depew Leonard; his brothers, Elvin M. Cassell, and Cecil L. Cassell, and sister, Lavada J. Sanderlin. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Marilyn Leonard; daughter, Lynette Paszek and husband Dr. Michael Paszek, son, Christopher B. Leonard and wife Cheryl, son, Mark A. Leonard, daughter, Robin E. Jett and husband Billy, daughter, Jennifer L. Powers and husband Mike; fifteen grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Albany masonic lodge #159. P.O Box 35 Albany, OK 74721. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday November 25, 2020 at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, 2648 NE Jake Dunn Road, Elgin, Oklahoma 73538. The services were under the direction of the Holmes-Coffey-Murray Funeral Home in Durant, Oklahoma - [www.holmescoffeymurray.com](http://www.holmescoffeymurray.com).



**CHARLES E. "Chuck" LEWIS** - Died unexpectedly on Sunday, December 20, 2020 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 75. He was a resident of Fremont, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 4, 1945 in Appleton to the late Milton and Arlene (née Swamer) Lewis, Sr. Chuck served his country in the United States Air Force as a medic from January 26, 1965 to January 11, 1971 and served in the Vietnam War from December 1968-February 1969. He took great pride in his service to his country. He was a *Life Member* of

**Vietnam Veterans of America – Brillion Chapter #351.** On December 16, 1977, Chuck married Patricia Pitt at Hope United Church of Christ in Fremont. They lived in Appleton until 1992 when they moved to Fremont to fulfill Chuck's dream having a country home. Chuck was a die-hard conservative and patriot. He was an example of living the life of struggle and difficulty, yet he trusted his Lord and Savior, and knew his eternal destination was secure. Chuck was a member of the Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 351. Chuck is survived by his wife, Pat; five sons, Thomas, Fremont, Tony (Erin), Neenah, Andrew (Adreanne) Winneconne, Byron (Ronnie), Weyauwega and Jacob, Fremont; his daughter, Jill (Todd) Chase, Neenah; lifelong friend, John (Joyce) Kramer, Pine River; a brother, Milton (Pat) Lewis Jr.; Two Sister-in-laws, Sandy (Dewey) Tangwall, Fremont and Darlene Hermanson, Appleton; 26 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Daniel, a brother, Robert and a sister, Fredericka. A Memorial service was held on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Lewin Funeral Home, 210 West Main Street, Fremont. Pastor Jim Curtis with officiating. Visitation was held at Lewin Funeral Home on Monday, from 10:00-11:00 AM. Because of Chuck's ongoing struggles with PTSD and depression and the loss of his son, Daniel, the family set up a memorial fund after Dan's death. That memorial helps fund those suffering from depression to benefit from ketamine treatments at the Ketamine Wellness Center. Memorials may be directed to The Hope from Daniel Lewis Memorial Fund.

**EUGENE E. LEWIS** - (Hampton, Tennessee), Died Tuesday, November 10, 2020 in Hampton, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Carter County, Tennessee on May 26, 1949 to the late Kenneth Lewis and Ressie (née Hazelwood) Lewis. He was also predeceased by his siblings, Sandra Holtsclaw, Kay Pierce, Robert, Kyle Lewis and Pat Lewis. He is survived by his wife Renee (née Hill) Lewis; his daughter Maci Andrews Kendra (Lucas); his sister Mary Ruth (Harold); his nieces and nephews, Malone and Kinzey Hill; and his sister-in-law Vivian Lewis. He served in the United States Army and had a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter 824**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone is required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Hampton High School Class of 1967 Scholarship Fund % Irene Jones, 225 VonCannon Drive, Johnson City, Tn. 37601 or the John Whitehead Cemetery Fund. Family and friends can light a candle as a loving gesture for their loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of Eugene E Lewis to show support.



**LEO P. MANLEY** – Died Thursday, May 16, 2019 in Crestview Hills, Kentucky at the age of 71 years. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Lackawanna, New York on September 10, 1947. Survived by his beloved wife, Patricia C. Manley; sons, Daniel (The late Renata Pranger) Manley, Ryan (Jessica) Manley and Meghan (Therese) Todtenbier; grandchildren, Rylin, Isabella, Kyla and Henry; sister, Marguerite (Vincent) Wishrad and brother,

Patrick (Gayle Weinheimer) Manley. Leo was a United States Army veteran that served during the Vietnam War where he became a Bronze Star recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #88**. Visitation was on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Middendorf Funeral Home 3312 Madison Park, Fort Wright, KY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Saint Pius X Church, 348 Dudley Road, Edgewood, KY. The interment was in the Kentucky Veteran Cemetery North in Williamstown, KY. Sympathy may be expressed by a memorial donation to, Ralph Fulton VFW #4435, Dixie Highway, Elsmere, KY 41018. Online condolences at [www.middendorf-funeralhome.com](http://www.middendorf-funeralhome.com).



**ANTHONY D. MANTUANO** - 73, Died Sunday, November 29, 2020 in Piscataway, New Jersey at the age of 73, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Edison Township, New Jersey to the late Alice and Dominic Mantuano, Anthony settled to Piscataway in 1977. A true craftsman, Anthony proudly constructed his home. An honorable discharged veteran of the United States Army, Anthony served our Country during the Vietnam War. During his service, Anthony received 6 bronze stars as well as a Sharpshooter badge. He was known to entertain the troops playing the accordion; his love for entertainment followed him though out the years as he entertained seniors playing the instrument he was married too. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Anthony also enjoyed collecting and assembling miniature trains and fishing. Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Lillian (née Graziano) Mantuano of Piscataway; two sons, the Professional Security Specialist, Richard Mantuano and finance Michele Mojar of East Windsor and the Professional Performer, Dominic Mantuano and wife Amy of Stratford Connecticut and granddaughter, Crystal Disney. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Piscataway Funeral Home, 18 Stelton Road, Piscataway NJ, followed by entombment in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge. Family and friends gathered in the funeral home on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 6:00-9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Anthony's memory to your local chapter of the DAV, Disabled American Veterans Charity, [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

**JOHN WESLEY MANUEL** – Died Friday, October 23, 2020 in Fultondale, Alabama at the age of 71. The cause of death was service – connected NSTMI (non-systemic myocardial infarction). He was born on December 19, 1948 in Birmingham, Alabama. He served in the United States Army from June 10, 1966 to May 28, 1969 with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. The burial was in the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama.



**EDWARD E. "Ed" MARION** - Died Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, Massachusetts at the age of 74. He was a resident of Montague Center, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on Wednesday, May 8, 1946 to the late Louis A. and Alice (née Dufresne) Marion. He was a graduate of Cathedral High School Class of 1964. Ed served as a medic in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. After his honorable discharge, Ed attended the New England Institute of Mortuary Science, and worked as an embalmer at the Byron Funeral Home for ten years. He was a member of the Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield, the State and National Grange, the Arlington Grange in Winchester, NH and the American Legion Post #81. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenfield Chapter #232**. He was an avid model train enthusiast, amateur photographer and loved woodworking all of which he shared with friends and family. Among his survivors, Ed leaves his partner of twenty eight years, Lois Skeleton of Montague and her children, Charlie York, Jessica Graves and Tanya York; a son, Christopher Marion and his wife Kimberly of Springfield; two grandchildren, Christopher Marion, Jr. and Allison Marion; five siblings, Catherine Ricard of West Springfield, John Marion of Norwich, CT, Ruth Ellen Henry of Greenfield, MA, Irene Russo and her husband Bob of Deltona, FL, and Dr. Lorrette Marion of West Springfield; eleven nieces and nephews, Michelle Couture, John A. Marion, Jr., Nicole Doyle, Janelle Flores, Mark Marion, James Henry, Lisa Henry, Karlana Henry, Daniel Henry, Robert Russo, Jr. and Gina Haddox; and many great nieces and nephews. There will be a memorial Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church at a later date. Burial will be held at the Massachusetts Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Agawam. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Guiding Star Grange #1 c/o R. Henry, secretary, 13 Pierce Street, Greenfield, MA 01301 or Wreaths Across America, PO Box 249, Columbia Falls, ME 04623. The arrangements were under the direction of the Kostanski Funeral Home. For condolences, please visit [www.kostanskifuneralhome.com](http://www.kostanskifuneralhome.com).



**JAMES EDWARD MAY, JR.** – Died Thursday, November 19, 2020 in Cheektowaga, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Buffalo, New York on July 11, 1946. He served in the United States Navy B from August 1965 to August 1967 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was the beloved husband of Suzanne G. (née Hoppe) May; devoted father of Melissa A. (John) Masaitis, Matthew J. (Tara) May and Melanie S. (Jeffrey) Eberl; loving grandfather of Serina, Angelina, John, Isaiah, Ava, Samuel, Brianna and the late Hannah and Evangeline. Dear brother of Maryann (Eugene) Parini and Madeline (Salvatore) Parini, and uncle of many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date and time to be announced. Memorials in Jim's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516,

Topeka, Kansas, 66675-8516. The arrangements were made by the C. Mertz and Son Funeral Home, Inc. Please share condolences at [www.mertzfh.com](http://www.mertzfh.com).



**JEFFREY A. "Jeff" McCAW** – Died Thursday, October 8, 2020 in Havertown, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 1, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Gina (née Falcone) McCaw and long-time resident of Havertown (Westgate Hills). He was also the devoted father of Angel DiBenedetto; beloved pop-pop of Amber (Jake) and Maddie, and; brother of Glenn (Dolores). Jeff served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. The funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at the Logan-Videon Funeral Home, 2001 Sproul Road, Broomall, PA, where relatives and friends visited from 9:00-11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in Jeff's name to the American Heart Association. The interment was in Glenwood Memorial Gardens in Broomall.



**STEPHEN AARON "Steve" MEADE** – Died Monday, November 16, 2020 in Manassas, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was in Jankins, Kentucky on July 1, 1950 to the late Sam and Iolene Meade. He served in the United States Army from December 9, 1968 to September 9, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 4, 1969 to August 5, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodbridge Chapter #617**. He moved his way to Virginia, where he married Brenda Goad, his bowling alley sweetheart, on May 4, 1974. They raised two daughters, Stephanie and Angela, who each gave them four grandchildren. Steve loved his family more than anything, but also took interest in golf, computers, photography, and amateur radio. Working as a computer programmer for many years, he got along easily with his co-workers with his friendly attitude and smile. Almost anyone who met him instantly liked him. He is survived by his wife Brenda, their two daughters, Stephanie and Angela, and eight grandchildren: Zach, Sam, TJ, Danny, Harley, Ashlynn, Kaya, and Bracco Jr. He is also survived by his two sisters, Sharon and Maria, and one brother Greg, along with many nieces and nephews. Due to the COVID pandemic, the funeral service was a private event to limit the number of people to the Governor's ordinance. However, the funeral home offered a live stream of the services that was accessible through their website, Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM, for those that are unable to attend. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity that helps veterans in Steve's honor.



**LARRY J. MEECE** – Died Thursday, October 8, 2020 in Kimberling City, Missouri at the age of 75. The cause of death was the coronavirus, COVID-19. He was born on June 24, 1945 in Joiner, Arkansas to the late Joe and Elva (née Baird) Meece. Larry had been a resident of the area twenty-two years, moving here from Saint Louis, MO. He was a member of Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church in Kimberling City, MO. He was also a member of Kimberling City American Legion Post 637. He served his country proudly in the United States Army. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri**. Survivors include: his wife, Patricia Meece of Kimberling City, MO; one son, James Meece and wife Catherine of Foristell, MO; one daughter, Tracie Ward and husband, Doug of Spring, TX; one sister, Tonia Lane and husband Steve of Katy, TX; seven grandchildren, Cody Meece, Chad Meece, Josh Marquess, Brian Ward, Brendan Ward, Luke Ward and Emma Ward and a host of other family and friends. Visitation for Larry was on Sunday, October 11, 2020 from 4:00-5:30 PM at the Stumpff Funeral Chapel Kimberling City, MO. The Rosary was at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 12, 2020 at Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church, Kimberling City, MO with service following at 12:00 Noon. The burial was in Pinecrest Cemetery Kimberling City, MO. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to local American Legion Veteran's Group or Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church. The arrangements were made under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home Kimberling City, MO.



**DANIEL DALE "Dan" METZGER** - Died Sunday, October 25, 2020 at Saint Rita Medical Center, Lima, Ohio at the age of 71. He was a resident of New Knoxville, Ohio. The cause of death was multiple system organ failure and COVID-19. He was born on March 22, 1949, in Lima, to the late Dale and Geraldine (née Slattery) Metzger. He married Lois Schwabero on June 12, 1987; she survives at the residence. He is also survived by his children: Greg (Christy) Metzger of Botkins; Jason Metzger of New Knoxville; Jennifer ((Shonn) Kennedy of New Knoxville. He is survived by his grandchildren: Zach (Linzee) Metzger; Katelyn Metzger; Kayla (Nick) Vogel; Jenna Metzger; Mia Metzger; Megan Kennedy; Dakota Kennedy; by 5 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters: Deb (Don) Harting of Dayton; Karen (Larry) Kruse of New Knoxville; by a sister-in-law, Mariann Metzger of Akron. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Mark Metzger. Dan was a 1967 graduate of New Knoxville High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and was stationed in Vietnam for a year, where he earned the Purple Heart for having been wounded in action. He retired from Koenig Equipment Corporation, where he assembled new farm equipment before it was sold. Dan was a member of American Legion Post #444, New Knoxville, and had served as District Commander in 2018-19. He was also a *Life Member* of



**Vietnam Veterans of America – Wapakoneta Chapter #1126**; a member of VFW Post #9289; Eagles Lodge #767 and was a member of the New Knoxville Fire Department for 25 years. He served 5 years on the Auglaize County Veterans' Service Commission. He was a member of the New Knoxville United Methodist Church. Funeral rites were held 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at the Miller Funeral Home, 1605 Celina Road, Saint Marys, Pastor Jim Fast, officiant. Burial, with military honors offered by American Legion Post #444, followed services at the Pilger Ruhe Cemetery, New Knoxville Friends visited from 3:00-7:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home, where memorial gifts may be given to the New Knoxville Fire Department. All visitors to the funeral home were required to wear a mask and socially distance in accordance with the mandates of the Ohio Department of Health. Condolences may be sent to Dan's family via [Millerfuneralhomes.net](http://Millerfuneralhomes.net).

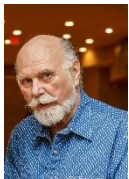
**JAMES LEWIS "Jimmy" MILLER** - Died peacefully Monday, July 27, 2020 at Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home in Hilo, Hawaii at the age of 82. He was a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 22, 1938 in Greenville, South Carolina. He served in the United States Air force, as a Supervisor in Avionics Electronics. He continued serving after retirement as a Community Leader representing Veteran Affairs. He was a member of the VFW and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool (New York) Chapter #103**. Memorial Service to be held at a later date. James is survived by his son, Craig Miller of Murfreesboro, TN; 3 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild. The family would like to acknowledge the staff of Yukio Okutsu Veterans State Home for their compassionate care of James. The family can be reached directly at [jamesmillerservice@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmillerservice@gmail.com).



**WILLIAM PATRICK MONAGHAN, PH.D.** - Died Thursday, September 24, 2020 in Yulee, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Ashtabula, Ohio on June 24, 1944 to the late Paul and June Monaghan. He enlisted in the United States Navy as a medical corpsman when he was 17 years old. He served at various Naval Hospitals, dispensaries, and naval amphibious units before being commissioned as an officer in 1969. For 15 months he served in South Vietnam, attached to the III Marine Amphibious Force, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division and the USS Sanctuary (AH 17) as a blood bank/clinical laboratory officer. While in the Navy, he earned both a Master of Science Degree in Immunology and a Doctorate degree in Hematology from Bowling Green State University (BGSU), Bowling Green, Ohio. Assignments in Bethesda, Maryland, included the National Naval Medical Center Blood Bank and Transfusion Service and the Uniformed Services University (USUHS), School of Medicine as the Assistant Dean for Graduate and Continuing Education. After retiring from active duty, he returned to USUHS Graduate School of Nursing. He relocated to Florida and continued to teach and do clinical research in graduate anesthesia programs at Florida International University and the University of North Florida. He was a Professor and Director of Research at the University of Florida, College of Medicine, Anesthesiology Department, for 9 years before retiring. In retirement he devoted time to veterans' service

groups, including being chairman of the Veterans Council for Nassau County and mentoring in the Veterans Treatment Court. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yulee Chapter #1088**. For professional and personal accomplishments, Dr. Monaghan was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni of both Old Dominion University and BGSU, and into the Harbor High School's Hall of Fame, Ashtabula, Ohio. He was awarded several military awards, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with bronze star, Department of Defense Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and the Armed Services Blood Program's Lifetime Achievement Award. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and June, two brothers, Daniel and Charles, and a sister Frances. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Gustafson, and children Mr. Ian (Marla Dedmon) Monaghan and Dr. Erin "Mimi" Monaghan, granddaughter Bronwyn Ella Monaghan-Keys, grandson Liam Patrick Monaghan and another grandson on the way. Dr. Monaghan was inurned at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Vietnam Veterans of America or the veterans' group of your choice that provides essential support to those who have served. The Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

**RONALD FREDERICK “Ron” MOORE** - Died Friday, August 25, 2017 in Ramsey, Minnesota at the age of 73, following a courageous battle with cancer. He died peacefully and surrounded by his children. He was born on March 13, 1946. Preceded in death by wife, Kathleen; father, Rex; and brother, Donald. He is a veteran of the United States Navy and retired from ADT Security after 42 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1054**. Survived by children, Nicole (Curtis) Collins, Daniel (Laura), Brenda (Steven) Smith and Samuel (Gina); grandchildren, Cody, Ashley, Jade, Lydia, Holly and Bradley; mother, Mrs. Ruth Moore; brother, Leon (Pam); many nieces, other relatives and friends. The funeral was at 11:00 AM on Thursday in the Riverdale Assembly of God Church, 3210 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, Andover, MN. The family received friends from 5:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday at Cremation Society of Minnesota, 7835 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Park, MN and at the church one hour before service Thursday.



**DONALD “Don” MORRILL** - Died Wednesday, October 21, 2020 away at his home in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Despite having spent the majority of his years in Chicago, Don was born in Tacoma, Washington on April 18, 1947 to the late Rose Weirick. When Rose later married William “Bill” Morrill in 1952, Don was adopted by Bill and raised by Bill and Rose together. Don grew up with siblings Patricia and William. He was also close with his half-sister Lynae from Bill’s previous marriage. Later in life, Don sought out his genetic father, Stephen Walter Prytula, who had already died, but was pleased to discover a half-brother in Arizona. Don volunteered for military service in 1965, following his father’s tradition by joining the United States Marine Corps. He served active duty for four years in which he was awarded 4 Purple Hearts, 2 Bronze Stars with a V for Valor, 11 Air Medals, a Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with V, and Combat Air Crew Wings, among other awards. He also endured a period as a prisoner of war. After military service, Don went into the trade of plumbing and in the early 1970s established his company, Dam

Plumbing. In 1971 Don married Mary Sperl. During their time together the couple had two children, Jason and Julie. Jason unfortunately passed at age 33. In the late 1970s into the 1980s Don spent time volunteering with the Norridge, Illinois fire department as a firefighter and EMT. Don was an active body builder and health enthusiast for many years. He made many trips exploring the sea, scuba diving as a member of The Tritons Dive Club. He also enjoyed snowmobiling in the winter and riding his motorcycle around the country as much as possible. Don was involved in helping Veterans in many ways including as a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3088, and volunteering as a road guard with Run for the Wall. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. He was also involved for many years volunteering with the Marine Corps affiliated organization Toys for Tots among other generous gestures. Don is survived by his daughter Julie (Peter Layton); his grandchildren Nicholas, Carley, and Taylor Morrill, as well as his siblings Patricia and William, and loving companion Pat Jaglowski. A memorial service was conducted at a later date at the Ahlgrims Funeral Home in Schaumburg, IL. The Forbes Funeral Home of Sturgeon Bay assisted the family locally. If you would like to contribute in honor of Don's memory, please donate to the Marine Raider Foundation at the link below: <https://marineraiderfoundation.org/>.



**WAYNE CARROLL MORROW** - Died Saturday, December 5, 2020 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. He was the beloved husband of Linda Morrow (née Green); dear brother-in-law of Claudia Mikelonis and her husband John; loving uncle of Jon Paul Mikelonis; cherished nephew of Esther Howes of Safety, FL.; dear cousin of James G. Howes of Safety Harbor, FL., Jeanne Bassett of Clearwater, FL., and Daniel Howes of Tucson, AR. Wayne, a retired financial analyst for T. Rowe Price, attended the First Baptist Church of Land O' Lakes, FL. where he also enjoyed teaching Sunday School. He had many more dear friends and family in Florida and the Baltimore, Maryland area where he will be greatly missed.



**WILLIAM C. MURRIEL** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - He died Sunday, November 29, 2020 at West Tennessee Healthcare at the age of 83. He was a resident of Humboldt, Tennessee. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on December 11, 1936 in Trenton, Gibson County, Tennessee to the late James Murriel and Viola Murriel. William was preceded in death by his brother, James Oscar Murriel. Sergeant Major William C. Murriel was a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Trenton, TN. At the age of 17, he joined the United States Army. He served 30 years and retired in 1988 from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After retirement at the age of 51, he enrolled at OSU Oklahoma State University. William received his Associates degree in HVAC/R. He was a member of several organizations, including VFW and a *Life Member* of

**Vietnam Veterans of America – Trenton Chapter #1124.** William is recognized as the “First 100 Black Sergeant Majors”. He was a member of American Legions and AARP. In the year of 2003, on June 21, William joined in holy matrimony with Alice Wedley of Humboldt, TN. The two delighted in marriage for 17 years. William enjoyed spending time with his family. He also enjoyed going to Humboldt Senior Center to socialize with friends. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Alice; children, Linda K. Murriel, Theresa Murriel, William C (Pauline) Murriel, Patricia (Jerome) Johnson, Gabby Mendez, Sylvia Brooks, Eric (Jeanette) Gaines and Erica Gaines; 20 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

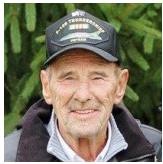


**VINCENT JOHN "Vinny" NAPPA** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - 84, of Palm Bay (Florida), Died Sunday, November 15, 2020 at home in Palm Bay, Florida at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 27, 1936 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island to the late Pasquale Nappa and Letizia (née Simone) Nappa. He was the husband of Mary Emma Woodward, whom he met in Nashville in 1958 while he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. They shared 62 years together. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1978, retiring as a Sergeant Major. Among his many service awards, he received the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars, two for valor for heroic actions in combat while serving in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He was always happy, and he was always singing even in his last hours. He will be remembered for his love of life, devotion to his family, and exciting stories. Family and friends will always remember his festive holiday gatherings and his pasta. Vinny is survived by his wife Mary; daughter Sherry (Steward), sons Vincent and Christopher, and their spouses; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, four brothers, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, three brothers, three sisters, and two nephews. The viewing was held on Friday, November 20, 2020 at Fountainhead Funeral Home, 7359 Babcock Street SE, Palm Bay, Florida at 11:00 AM. Military honors and interment was held at 12:15 PM in the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America at <https://vva.org/donate/> or the Disabled American Veterans at <https://www.dav.org/>.



**GENE R. NARDI** - Died Monday, November 9, 2020 in Middleburg, Florida at the age of 83. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 29, 1936 and retired from the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. Mr. Nardi enjoyed golfing, square dancing, playing piano, NASCAR and the Seminoles football team. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Bonnie Nardi; two daughters: Suanne (Mike) Duff and Michelle (Mark) Morig; stepson: Jamie Rhodes; two brothers: Ronnie (Kay) Nardi and Richard Nardi; sister: Regina

Nardi (aka Princess) and her husband, Bob; five grandchildren: Zach, Jake, Clayton, Micayla, Haley; two great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Ron (Vicki) Baugh; and a host of extended family and friends. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at the Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, FL with visitation held 1 hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in procession to Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, FL (Lane 2). Please post words of comfort at [www.hollyhillfunerals.com](http://www.hollyhillfunerals.com).



**DONALD E. 'Digger' O'DELL** (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret.) – Died Thursday, October 22, 2020 in Harrison Township, Michigan at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 25, 1934 in Pontiac, Michigan. He was a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a Prisoner of War in Vietnam for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He was the beloved husband of Susan. Loving father of Barbara Odell Kalthoff (Chris), Paul Odell, David Odell, Hunter Odell, and the late Carol Odell. Proud grandfather of Ryan (Sarah), Jackie (Aaron), Josh, Anthony, Nikki, and Alyssa. Great-grandfather of Joey, Landon, Austin, Audrey, Alex, Andy, Savannah, and Abigail. Dear brother of the late Chuck Odell. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation took place at the Selfridge Military Air Museum (27333 'C' Street, Harrison Township, MI 48045) on Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. (Visitors will be guided upon entering the base). Military Honors and burial were open to the public and took place on Thursday at 2:30pm at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road Holly, MI. 48442. In lieu of flowers, donations preferred to Team Honor or to Wertz Warriors. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

**RAYON LATRILLE "Ray" ORMOND, SR.** - Died Saturday, October 3, 2020 in New Bern, North Carolina at the age of 76, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on June 17, 1944 in Craven County, North Carolina to the late Lester Cecil Ormond and Virginia Belle (née Braxton) Ormond. He served honorably in the United States Air Force and retired from Norfolk & Southern Railway. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886**. He is preceded in death by his parents; and four brothers Autry Lester Ormond, Connie Delano Ormond, Danny Kaye Ormond, Sr., and Gary Kent Ormond. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty; and their three children, Rayon (Ray) L. Ormond, Jr., (Carol) of Thomasville, NC, Melissa (Missy) Lynn Ormond Zachewicz (Brad) of New Bern, NC and their two sons Noah Bradford Zachewicz and Reece William Zachewicz; Rebecca (Becky) Michelle Ormond (Scott) of Greenville, NC and their daughter, Aria Cassidy Carson; three brothers, Jasper (Jim) Wherry Ormond of Etiwanda, California, Gaylin (Tot) Lee Ormond, Dale Anthony Ormond and one sister Amy Sue Ormond Toler (Louis), all of New Bern, NC and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. The family would like to thank the staff at the SECU Comprehensive Cancer Center along with and the nursing staff at 4 Oncology/Carolina East Medical Center and Craven County Hospice for their support and compassion. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the family honored his life through a private ceremony. Then burial was in the Braxton Family



Cemetery, Vanceboro, NC. The arrangements were made by the Kahlert Funeral Home in Maysville, NC.



**SERGIO ARTURO "Artie" OROZCO** - Died Monday, November 16, 2020, after a brief illness at Holland Hospital in Holland, Michigan at the age of 75. He was a resident of Holland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 1, 1945, one of six siblings born to the late Joe and Maria (née Soto) Orozco. Artie proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a proud Vietnam combat veteran. He continued his passion as a *Life Member* through the VFW, American Legion, DAV, AMVETS, Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization of Indiana, Marine Corps League #1027 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Holland Chapter #73**. He stayed active with the Honor Guard for the American Legion of South Haven and VFW of Holland. Whenever Artie would see anyone wearing military apparel, he would thank them for their services and become a friend. For many years Artie looked forward to travel to Kokomo, Indiana, for one of the largest Vietnam reunions in the country with many of "the brothers" from the Vietnam Veterans from Chapter #73. Artie was preceded in death by the love of his life Mary Traucins, his parents Joe and Maria Orozco, nieces Monica Vergara, Yolanda Gomez and Amanda Orozco. He is survived by Victor and Rosa Orozco, Mary and Francisco Vergara, Loretta Orozco and Arturo Gomez, Paula Moreno, Anna and Gerard Perales all of Holland, along with many uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the VFW Post #5315 or American Legion Post #49. Please visit [www.lakeshorememorial.com](http://www.lakeshorememorial.com) to leave a message or memory for the Orozco family.



**MICHAEL PATRICK PARKER** - Died Sunday, October 25, 2020 at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Western Maryland at the age of 69. He was a resident of LaVale, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 7, 1951 in Fort Dix, New Jersey to the late Donald S. Parker, Sr., and Charmaine R. (née Portmess) Parker. He was also preceded in death by a grandson: Andrew S. Landis; his brother: Donald "Sam" S. Parker, Jr.; and a granddaughter: Chelsea Cline-Parker. A graduate of Allegany High School, Michael was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, 1968-1971. He was so proud of his time served and his commendations earned. Michael was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He loved hunting, fishing, coin collecting, and spending time with his family was his true joy. Michael is survived by his wife of 49 years: Belva Belinda (née Bohrer) Parker; and his children: Tammy L. Parker-Landis; and Michael P. Parker, II. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Calab M. Landis, Parker A. Landis, Asher A.



Landis: Marissa R. Parker; and other grandchildren: and his great grandson: Waylon E. Landis. Michael also leaves behind his brothers: Mark A. Parker and wife, Karen: and Matthew Parker; his sisters: Donna L. Miller; Sharon K. Parker; Mary George and husband, Chris: and Diane Pope and husband, Francis; and his special dog: Bambi. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, on Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Friday, October 30, 2020, at 11:00 AM. The interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard.



**EUGENE FRANKLIN PERSINGER** (USA, 1SG-Ret.)- Died Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at his residence in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. 1SG Persinger was born on September 13, 1941 in Covington, Virginia to the late Gennie and Bertha Persinger. His mother died at an early age and his father remarried Ms. Isabelle Wooding, who raised him and his sisters as her own. Mr. Persinger graduated from Watson High School at the age of seventeen on a Thursday and joined the United States Army the next Thursday. He married his high school sweetheart, the former Dorothy Ruth Ann Murphy, on June 21, 1964, in Covington, Virginia and three children born to this union. 1SG Persinger served in the United States Army for twenty-five years, with tours in Germany, Korea, Alaska and a total of twelve years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He attended numerous military schools, most notably 7th Army NCO Academy, where he won the Leadership Award, and the first Drill Sergeants Class at Ft. Sill. Mr. Persinger was well known for his sharp appearance, which led to his being attached to the Fort Sill institute as NCOIC of the Basic Leadership School, Drill Sergeants TAC NCO, TAC NCO of B Company NCO Academy and Team Leader of the first PNOC Course. He served as a Drill Sergeant at Ft. Sill, Ft. Bliss, Texas and Ft. Dix, New Jersey. While at Ft. Sill, Mr. Persinger also served as Assistance NCO and NCOIC of the Ft. Sill IG inspection team. He was also a Sergeant Missile Instructor. His awards and decorations include The Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal, both with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. After retirement, Mr. Persinger worked at the Lawton Post Office for almost nineteen years. He was also a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and the SW Oklahoma Cancer Center. He and his wife delivered mobile meals and he served as President of the Lawton Mobile Meals Executive Board twice. He and three other Prostrate Cancer Survivors started the Lawton-Ft. Sill Prostrate Support Group. During this time, Mr. Persinger attended St John's Missionary Baptist Church where he cooked in the feeding ministry, served as a trustee, an usher and taught the adult bible Sunday School Class. Preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Louise and Ernestine, and a son, John, Mr. Persinger is survived by the wife of the home, a son Eugene Jr and wife Sheron, a daughter Katina, and two grandsons, Bryson and Xavier, and numerous other family members. In lieu of flowers, Mr. Persinger request donations be made to the Feeding Ministry at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church. The family held a private service.

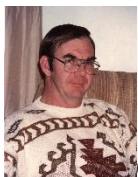


**LARRY H. POLLMANN** - Died Monday, October 12, 2020 at Aviston Countryside Manor at the age of 73. He was a resident of Breese, Illinois. The cause of death was a malignant neoplasm of the temporal lobe. He was born in Breese on September 5, 1947 to the late Alvin and Eugenia (née Middeke) Pollmann. Larry was born and raised in Breese where he attended Saint Dominic Grade School and Mater Dei High School. During his early years he spent a lot of time helping his dad run Pollmann Shell Service in Breese. After he graduated High School, he got a job at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis where he worked in production and planning until he was drafted in 1966 by the United States Army to serve in the Vietnam War. When he was released from the service in 1968, he came home and continued his job at McDonnell Douglas. After Larry and Joyce (née Hilmes), got married in 1969, they resided in Breese where they raised their four children. Even though Larry enjoyed his job at McDonnell Douglas, he decided to attend Kaskaskia College to become an electrician. In 1977, he and Joyce established and ran Pollmann Electric for 28 years until their three sons took over the company. Joyce preceded him in death on July 14, 2002. He was also preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Henrietta, nee Richter, Hilmes; and brother-in-law, Gary Hilmes. Surviving are his children, Jim (Angie) Pollmann of Breese, Jon (Tracy) Pollmann of Breese, Jenni (Brian) Albers of Damiansville, and Mike (Becky) Pollmann of Breese; grandchildren, Mitchell, Jacob, Ben, and Luke Pollmann, Emeri and Hayden Pollmann, Jase and Colt Albers, and Addison and Easton Pollmann; siblings, Ruth (friend Tony Musenbrock) Detmer of St. Rose and Rich Pollmann of Breese; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Judy (Don) Schniers of Breese, Tom (Colleen) Hilmes of Bloomington, Steve (Sue) Hilmes of Soddy Daisy, TN, and Angie (Mike) Kutka of Trenton, TX; and nieces and nephews. In his pastime, Larry enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his 10 grandkids. When he was not with his family, he was a *Life Member* and was very active in **Vietnam Veterans of America Breese - Chapter #269** and was a devoted member of Saint Dominic Catholic Church. In addition, he was a member of the Breese American Legion Post #252. He also enjoyed working in the yard and grilling on his back patio. Larry was dearly loved and will be very missed. Due to COVID-19, the visitation and the funeral mass for Larry Pollmann was cancelled and was rescheduled. In lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts, memorials may be made to Saint Dominic Catholic Church or Vietnam Veterans of America #269 and will be received at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to the family at [www.mossfuneralhome.com](http://www.mossfuneralhome.com).



**THOMAS SHAW "Tom" PYLE II** (USAF, Lt.Col-Ret.) – Died Sunday, March 15, 2020 in Franklin, North Carolina at the of 85, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware on November 3, 1934 to the late Harry R. Pyle and Patricia Wright. In addition, he was preceded in death by his wife of 21 years Judy Avery Pyle. Born in Wilmington, De, he grew up in southeastern Pennsylvania, graduating from Church Farm School in Exton, Pa. He then entered the University of Delaware, but soon enlisted in United States Marine Corps. Lt. Col. Pyle was later commissioned as a United States Air Force navigator on June 10, 1966, attended Electronic Warfare School, and was assigned to Strategic Air Command, B-52, as a crewmember. In May 1966, Pyle received orders to the Wild Weasel Program, and trained in the F105F, arriving at Takhli RTAB, Thailand on July 4, 1966. Pyle flew SAM suppression missions over North Vietnam. On August 7, 1966, Pyle was shot down north of Hanoi. He was captured and spent 6 ½ years as a POW. Pyle credits his faith as the motivating factor that kept him going through those hard times. He "Returned With Honor" on March 4, 1973. Lt. Col. Pyle was awarded 2 Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, 3 Bronze Stars, and 2 Purple Hearts for his service during the Vietnam conflict. Pyle retired from the United States Air Force in 1976, relocating to Marianna, Fla, later retiring from the civilian workforce in Pensacola, Fla, before moving to North Carolina with his wife Cheryl Montgomery Pyle. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters Stacey Lynn Sandifer (Brett) of Atlanta, Ga; Marissa Sue Pyle (Kelli Edson) of Tallahassee, Fla.; stepdaughter Catherine Ganley, Vicenza, Italy; stepson Matthew Ganley (Alexandra), and three step-grandchildren of Miami, FL. A funeral service and burial, with full honors, will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. Tom "fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith". He was a wonderful husband, father, grandparent, and friend, mentoring many with his ability to gently counsel. He will be greatly missed. The family asks in lieu of flowers, perform an act of kindness in his memory. Online condolences may be made at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com). The Macon Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

**ROBERT "Bob" REYNOLDS** – Died Wednesday, December 9, 2020 in Penrose, Colorado at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 9, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado Springs Chapter #1075**.



**GEORGE ERNEST ROBINETTE** - Died Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at his home in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 69, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 16, 1951 in Cumberland to the late Paul Eugene Robinette

and Martha Virginia (née Hunter) Robinette. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Mary Margaret (née Twigg) Robinette on August 17, 2016. An United States Naval veteran, George retired from the Kelly-Springfield Rubber and Tire Company. He was a member of the Potomac Lodge 100 A.F.&A.M., a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, and the Fort Cumberland Post 13 American Legion. He was a life-member of the National Rifle Association and the Cumberland Outdoor Club. George coached the Outdoor Club Youth Hunter Education team for 25 years. He was inducted into the Maryland Hunter's Education Hall of Fame. George was a member of the Murley's Branch United Methodist Church. George is survived by his children, Becky Lynn Robinette and David Scott Robinette. He also leaves behind his brothers, Carl Robinette and wife, Betty, and Larry E. Robinette and wife, Debbie. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland ([www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com)), on Monday, December 14, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The Potomac Lodge 100 A.F.&A.M. conducted a service at 7:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Patricia Bittner officiating, with visitation one hour prior to the service. The interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap.



**EDWARD MICHAEL "Mike" RUSH, JR.** - Died Tuesday, October 27, 2020 in Bear, Delaware at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania on January 22, 1949 to the late Edward M. and Helen V. (née Tyler) Rush, Sr. Mike was a graduate of Salesianum High School, and later served on the Salesianum Class of 1966 Reunion Committee. He continued his education at Goldey Beacom College, graduating in 1980, and was admitted into Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Mike proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps in the Western Pacific during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1970. He was a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter DE0083, the General Thomas Holcomb Detachment Marine Corps League, and a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division Association. Mike was also actively involved in the American Legion Stahl Post #30 for over 35 years and the 29<sup>th</sup> Division Association (legacy). Mike began working in the family operated business, Rush Uniform, Inc., upon its establishment in 1963. Since that time, he took over operations of the entire business, which has expanded to include not only school uniforms and clergy apparel, but also police, fire, security, and industrial uniforms. Mike was an active participant with the Better Business Bureau, serving as Past Board of Directors Member and Past Executive Board Member. He was currently serving as a member of the Chairman's Advisory Committee with Rush Uniform, Inc., being a charter member of the BBB. Mike received a tribute from the Governor and Lt. Governor for anniversary recognition of the Better Business Bureau Award Presentation in April of 2003. He also sponsored the Edward M. Rush, Sr. Memorial Award presented through the Better Business Bureau, which honors outstanding family-owned and operated BBB accredited companies which exemplify the ideals of the community and civic service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark**

**Chapter 83.** Mike was a 50-year life member of Wilmington Manor Fire Company, serving 20 years as a line and administrative officer, including president and 5 years as deputy chief. During his service, he was awarded Member of the Year in 1973. Mike was presented with the title of Deputy Chief Emeritus by Wilmington Manor Fire Co. on December 10, 2016. He also served 33 years as a life member and former director of the Christiana Volunteer Fire Company. Mike was a past President of New Castle County Fire Chiefs' Association in 1990, Delaware Valley Fire Chief's Association in 1993 and the Delaware State Fire Chiefs Association in 2003. Over the years, Mike sponsored and won many awards for his service as a fireman. He earned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hurst Tool Green Cross Award in 1996 for Vehicle Rescue. Mike was also awarded the New Castle County Volunteer Firefighter's Association Firefighter of the Year in 2012 and Fireman of the Year (2012), Hall of Fame Inductee (2014) and Lifetime Achievement Award (2016), all from the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association. He sponsored the Helen V. Rush Humanitarian Award through New Castle County Delaware State Fire Police, which honors a NCC Delaware State Fire Policeman active with his or her fire company, for humanitarian activities not exclusive to his or her fire company or fire service involvement. Mike also sponsored the Matthew Sopkanich Award through Five Points Fire Co., which honors an outstanding fire company or ladies' auxiliary junior member. In addition to his service in Wilmington Manor and Christiana Fire Companies, Mike was an honorary member of Cranston Heights Volunteer Fire Company, Hockessin Volunteer Fire Company, Delaware City Fire Company, Port Penn Volunteer Fire Company, Citizens Hose Company – Smyrna, Five Points Fire Company, Mill Creek Fire Company, Good Will Fire Company (New Castle, DE), Delaware State Fire Police Association and New Castle County Fire Police Association. He was also an honorary member of Smyrna/Clayton Past Chiefs' and Presidents' Association. Mike was a life member for over 30 years of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Eastern Division (IAFC), as well as a member of the National Fire Academy Alumni Association, and 21-year member of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association. Mike enjoyed helping others achieve their highest potential dedicating more than 30 years as an instructor at the Delaware State Fire School, obtaining the title of Lifetime Instructor in 2016. He was also a member of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors for well over 20 years. Mike spent time helping his fellow first responders as a peer de-briefer for Delaware Critical Incident Stress Management Team. A friend to the community, he was a member and Vice Chairman of Selective Service Delaware Local Board #004. Mike also served as the former 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Delaware Children's Fire Safety Foundation. He was a member of the Health and Safety Committee and Out of State Coordinator Committee for the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association (DVFA) and was the Installation Chairman for the DVFA Conference Committee and a member of the Union Historical Fire Society. A man of faith, Mike was the past Executive Officer of Our Lady of Fatima Church Parish Council. He served as a Trustee of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church and was a former member and Executive Officer Diocesan Pastoral Council of the Diocese of Wilmington. Mike was an affiliate of the Catholic Firefighters International. In his spare time, Mike was involved with the National Corvette Owners Association, the Lincoln Club of Delaware and served as past president of the Llangollen Civic Club. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society – Member #5790 as well as the Train Collector's Association – TCA #09-63630. Additionally, Mike was the Wilmington Manor Rotary Club Business-Person of the Year from 1995 to 1996. He was the

recipient of the State House of Representative Award in February of 2003. Mike is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Winifred “Winnie” (Cavanaugh) Rush; children, Megan R. Walstrom, Esq. (Eric) and Barbara F. Rush (Joseph Robinson); the light of his life, his grandson, Seamus David Walstrom; and sisters, Barbara Jean Moore (William) and Catherine P. Malavolta (John). A visitation for family and friends was held from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 2431 Frazer Road, Newark, DE. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. The interment was in the Saint Rose of Lima Cemetery, 301 Lock Street, Chesapeake City, MD. Face masks was required for all in attendance.



**BOBBY EUGENE SANDERS** – Died Tuesday, July 7, 2020 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 79, after a hard-fought battle with his heart. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Scottsboro, Alabama on December 13, 1940. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. Bobby loved old westerns and the Tennessee Vols. One of his favorite things to do was to visit the local barbershop where he was known as “Colonel Sanders”. Many world problems were resolved there each week. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of thirty-three years, Carolyn Sanders; son, Mark Sanders; stepdaughter, Carla (Bo) Mooney; stepson, Rick Elsea; brother, Danny (Susan) Sanders; sister, Linda Higgins along with seven grandkids and seven great-grandkids. A private burial took place in the Chattanooga National Cemetery for family to honor him for his service to his country. A public memorial will be planned at a later time, 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.



**LeROY R. SCHAUB** (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Friday, November 27, 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 74. He was a resident of Green Cove Springs, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. LeRoy was born on July 10, 1946 in Chamberlain, South Dakota to the late Edward Albert Schaub and Alma Dortha (née Breeding) Schaub. He proudly served in and retired from the United States Navy. His proudest accomplishment was becoming a Chief Petty Officer. LeRoy served 22 and half years of dedicated service. He was a member of the VFW Post #1988, American Legion Post #0250, Fleet Reserve Association Branch #91, and Fraternal Order Eagles #4505. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. LeRoy married his loving and faithful wife, Emma Dianne, in May 1970. They were married for 50 years. LeRoy was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather,



brother, and friend. He will be deeply and sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. LeRoy is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Alma Schaub. He is survived by his wife, Emma Dianne Schaub; his children Michele Christianson (Chris), Gloria Russell, Tina DeCarlo, Edward Schaub, and Dawn Schaub; grandchildren Michele Schaub, Justin and Chelsi Christianson, Crystel and Christopher Russell, and Victor, Nick, and Grace DeCarlo; five greatgrandchildren with one great-granddaughter due in February 2021; and brother Edward Schaub (Dorothy). A funeral service was held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at the Hardage-Giddens Rivermead, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Florida 32073. The family received friends one hour prior to service at 2:00 PM.

**JOHN A. SCHRADER** – Died recently in 2020 in Jackson, Michigan at the age 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 14, 1949. He is survived by his daughter, Dana. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach (Florida) Chapter #522**.



**MICHAEL JACKSON "Mike" SEE** - Died Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the VA Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. A native of Winchester, Kentucky, he was born on January 2, 1944, to the late Luther and Reba (née Stone) See. He was also predeceased by his wife, Mary L. See. He was a welder, *Life Member* of NRA, BASS, AMVETS, American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #88**, Winchester VFW Post 2728 and Winchester Elks Lodge. Additionally, he was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, a United States Army Veteran and recipient of the Bronze Star and the Air medal in 1968. Survivors include six daughters, Susan Townsend, Christine (Michael) Nelson, Britt See-Benes, Mindy (Travis) Kinsell, Tiffany (Patrick) Durbahn and Lyly See; one son, Luther J. See; three stepdaughters, Deborah Qualls, Jeanetta Roberts and Lynn Horn; one sister, Susan (Linville) Snowden; one aunt, Betty Hollon; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends. Services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 5, 2019 at the Scobee Funeral Home by Father Frank Brawner. The pallbearers were: John Swaggart, Dwayne Martin, Kim Wedgeworth, Jay Little, E. Ray Heflin, Keith Adams, Dale Davis and Don Aldridge. The Honorary Pallbearers were members of Winchester Elks Lodge #2816 and VFW Post #2728. Burial will follow in Camp Nelson National Cemetery. Visitation was from 10:00 AM until time of service on Friday. In lieu of flowers memorials were suggested to Winchester VFW Post #2728, 116 Sterling Street, Winchester, KY 40391 and/or Elks Lodge #2816, 255 Shoppers Drive, Winchester, KY 40391.



**GILBERT W. "Gib" SEEGER** - Died unexpectedly on Saturday evening December 5, 2020 at his home in Silver Creek, New York at the age of 73, with his loving family at his side. The cause of death is unknown. Gib was born on March 18, 1947 in Silver Creek to the late Frederick and Phyllis (née Czajkowski) Seegert. On June 13, 1970 he married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth S. Mangano and together they raised two beautiful daughters. Gib is survived by his wife of 50 years, Elizabeth Seegert; two daughters, Kristin (Anthony) Dolce of Orchard Park, NY and Megan Seegert of Atlanta, GA; four cherished grandchildren, Ava, Sophia, Nicholas and Gianna Seegert; a brother, Fritz (Sue) Seegert Jr. of Silver Creek; a sister, Marie (Michael) Keane of Lancaster, NY; his therapy cat "Buster"; also survived by several nieces and nephews. Gib graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1966. He enlisted in United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War doing combat duty from March 1968 to April 1969. He worked for NYSTA as a heavy equipment operator, retired after 34 years of service, he also was the Employee Assistance Program Coordinator. Throughout all this Gib attended night school for 10 years earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in "Human Services" from Medaille College in Buffalo, NY. He went onto receive certification from Erie Community College in Alcohol-Substance Abuse and was awarded a scholarship to Rutgers University in Substance Abuse Studies. He served as an outpatient-inpatient substance abuse counselor at the former Gowanda Hospital, also in Dunkirk, Cassadaga and Derby outpatient clinics. He counseled at the Mental Health Unit for Lakeshore Hospital for five years. Gib was a kind compassionate man who tried to help people with substance abuse addictions, having faced his own head on and overcoming them. Gib was passionate about golf, he enjoyed playing recreationally and competitively. He was a former "Club Champion" at Gowanda Country Club. Gib's memberships included the Samuel Cimino VFW Post #6472 in Silver Creek, where he was a *Life Member*, Disabled American Veterans, **Vietnam Veterans of America - Dunkirk Chapter 459**, the Tri-County Country Club, he served on the Board of Directors and the Gowanda Country Club. He will be dearly missed by his family and many great friends. As per Gib's wishes visitation and services will be private. If so desired memorial contributions in Gib's honor may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 459, 8 Queen Diana Lane Queensbury Lane Queensbury, NY 12804 or Hospice Chautauqua County, 20 W. Fairmount Ave. Lakewood, NY 14750. Arrangements were entrusted to the Hole-Parker Funeral Chapel, 160 Central Ave. Silver Creek, NY. To share a condolence or a remembrance with Gib's family go to [www.holeparkerfc.com](http://www.holeparkerfc.com).



**SARA ALICE (née Whitehead) SELLERS** (USAF, CMSGT-Ret.) - Died Saturday, November 14, 2020 in Johnson City, Tennessee at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. A native of "Old Butler", Johnson County, Tennessee, she was born on February 15, 1933 and she was the daughter of the late Carson Hamilton and Eliza Ann (née Robinson)

Whitehead. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Marion "Mike" Sellers, five sisters, and eight brothers. She was a 1951 graduate of Happy Valley High School and was a member of Sinking Creek Baptist Church, where she attended the Ambassadors for Christ Sunday School Class. Mrs. Sellers had a thirty-year military career in the United States Air Force, serving in Germany, Korea, Okinawa, the Aleutian Islands, Spain, England, and several stateside postings, and retiring as Chief Master Sergeant. Her outstanding military career gave true meaning to "Duty-Honor-Country". Some of her notable accomplishments included serving as a Commissioner on The American Battle Monuments Commission, appointed by President George W. Bush; Secretarial appointee to the Veterans Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Chairman Emeritus of the Tennessee Commission on National and Community Service; being appointed by President George H.W. Bush to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service; Secretarial appointee and advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington D.C. Mrs. Sellers also spearheaded the effort to establish a local veteran's memorial located in downtown Elizabethton. Mrs. Sellers was an active member in numerous organizations and held various leadership positions in the Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion; Disabled American Veterans; Korean Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824** ; National Federation of Republican Women Board of Directors; Tennessee Federation of Republican Women as Regents Chairman; Republican Executive Committee of Carter and Washington Counties; TFRW Vice President; and NFRW Armed Services Committee. She also served as Carter County Chairman for the Bush-Quayle Presidential Campaign; and the campaigns for Don Sundquist for Governor of Tennessee, and Fred Thompson, Bill Frist, and Lamar Alexander in their bids for United States Senate. Mrs. Sellers' volunteer work exemplified her deep concern for the less fortunate. To this end, she proudly served on several community organizations including the Board of Directors of the Sheppard's Inn Battered Women's Shelter; America's Promise, which promotes reading to children; Board of Directors of Assistance Resource Ministries (ARM); the Lions Club International; Operation Purple, providing adult supervision and role models at summer camps throughout the United States for children whose military parents are deployed in war zones or are away from home; and she enjoyed reading books to children at Central Elementary School. She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Jean Whitehead and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. A private family graveside service for Mrs. Sellers was conducted, with Pastor Jason Hoagland, officiating. Military Honors were conducted by the Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, SC. Honorary pallbearers will be Dennis Henegar, Alex McKinney, Alan Taylor, Wesley Taylor, Tom Whitehead, and Vince Whitehead. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the graveside service was for the family only. Family and Friends registered their presence at Memorial Funeral Chapel on Thursday, November 19, 2020 from 1:00-5:00 PM. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone was required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, if you wish to express your sympathy, donations may be forwarded to "Oldest Church in Tennessee Restoration Project", c/o Sinking Creek Baptist Church, 2313 Elizabethton Highway, Johnson City, Tennessee 37601. Condolences may be sent to the family at our website [www.memorialfcelizabethton.com](http://www.memorialfcelizabethton.com). Memorial Funeral Chapel in Elizabethton is serving the Sellers family.

**MICHAEL STEPHEN SHARO, JR.** - Died Friday, December 13, 2019 in Washington, New Jersey at the age of 74. He was formerly of Cranford, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #779**. The arrangements were handled by Simplicity Lowcountry Cremation and Burial Services Summerville.



**HOWARD ELDRED SHOUDY** (USA, CWO2-Ret.) – Died Monday, November 2, 2020 at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center at the age of 77. He was a resident of Knoxville, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York on October 26, 1943. Howard was a Veteran of the United States Army, where he was a Chief Warrant Officer 2, having served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He earned various service medals including the prestigious Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters. Howard always put his family first and never missed the opportunity to turn any and everything into a teachable moment. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. He was a dedicated member of Powell Presbyterian Church where he thoroughly enjoyed singing in the church choir. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Joyce Shoudy, his children Michael Shoudy and spouse Heather Shoudy, Brian Shoudy and spouse Dana Shoudy, Georgiann Hill, Eric Smith and spouse Suzette Durand, along with his beautiful grandchildren Abigail Shoudy, Olivia Shoudy, Laikin Shoudy, Addison Shoudy, Houston Shoudy, Fallon Shoudy, Aimee Couture, Adam Couture, Garrett Hill, Violet Smith, his brother Donald Shoudy and spouse Valerie Shoudy, and his nieces Heather and Amber. Howard was predeceased by his father Eldred Shoudy and his mother Lucille Kilian. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Mynatt Funeral Home Halls Chapel with service with Reverend Katina Sharp officiating. Family and friends met at 10:45 AM on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at the Mynatt Funeral Home Halls Chapel, 4131 East Emory Road Knoxville, TN 37938 and proceeded to the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery for an 11:30 AM graveside service with military honors provided by the East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard. Pallbearers: Michael Shoudy, Brian Shoudy, Eric Smith, Houston Shoudy, and Adam Couture. Funeral services for Mr. Shoudy will be livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/hallslivestream](http://www.facebook.com/hallslivestream). Family requests that all who attend services to please wear face coverings and practice social distancing at all times. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in his memory to Wreath's Across America at [www.knoxwreaths.org](http://www.knoxwreaths.org). Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mynattfh.com](http://www.mynattfh.com).



**GARY R. SHULER** - Died Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at University of Pennsylvania Medical Center Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 80. He was a resident of Harrisburg. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1940 in Harrisburg to the late Elmer Shuler and Pauline M. (née

Peirce) Shuler Hockenberry. On July 14, 1971, he was united in marriage with Edith A. (Jacobs) Shuler, with whom he had shared a devoted union of nearly 50 years. Gary enlisted in the United States Navy in 1959 and honorably served his country for 20 years prior to his discharge in 1979 as a Quartermaster. Following his discharge, he worked in retail at Karns Quality Foods and Festival Foods before retiring from Ingram Micro. Gary earned an Associate of Arts degree in Business from Penn State. A member of Eshleman-Pankake-Wolf VFW Post #9639, he was a former Post Commander and was actively involved in the Honor Guard. He was also a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. Gary enjoyed Bowling, often participating in Leagues, and taking cruises with Edith – two of their most memorable destinations were the Bahamas and Western Caribbean. An avid sports fan, he rooted for Penn State Football and was a season ticket holder for the Harrisburg Senators. Gary also found contentment in quiet times spent watching television and reading. In addition to his wife, Edith, he is survived by his son, Gary R. Shuler, Jr., of Florence, KY, and his significant other, Kelly D. Dickens, and daughter, Cynthia L. Shuler, of Harrisburg. He is also survived by his sisters, Sandra M. Shuler, of New Cumberland and Marilyn L. Fry, of Dauphin. His Funeral Service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday December 3, 2020 at the Jesse H. Geigle Funeral Home, Inc., 2100 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, with Reverend Dr. Keith A. Blank, officiating. Interment with Military Honors conferred by his fellow Honor Guard members of VFW Post #9639 was in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. The family\* received friends during his viewing, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, prior to the service. In keeping with current health guidelines, attendees are encouraged to exercise proper precautions including the wearing of face coverings and appropriate social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either the American Heart Association at [heart.org](http://heart.org) or the American Diabetes Association at [diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org).

**RONALD JOSEPH SINCLAIR, SR.** - Died Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in Fort Ashby, West Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 6, 1944 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late George Joseph Sinclair and Catherine Elizabeth (née Brooks) Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair was retired from the United States Army, having been a supply sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was also a retired license examiner for MVA. In addition, Mr. Sinclair had been a clerk at the Social Security Administration. Among the survivors are his three children, Veronica Roach, Lisa Tew, and Ronald J. Sinclair, Jr. The family had a service at a later date.

**ALAN LAWRENCE “Skip” SMITH** – Died Friday, October 23, 2020 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death was end-stage kidney disease, coronary artery disease and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born in Rahway, New Jersey on March 19, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Trude. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick (New Jersey) Chapter #233**.



**KEVIN LEE SMITH** - Died Sunday, November 1, 2020 in Jackson, Michigan at the age of 41. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Maybee, Michigan on December 9, 1978 the son of Edith McFarland, of Jackson and the late Ricki (Debra) Smith. Kevin was a high school graduate of Dundee High. He enjoyed going to the Milan Dragway on the weekends and riding his four-wheeler up and down the back roads. He loved to go and shoot pool and was good at it and enjoyed going fishing and scraping with his dad. He was an active member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans – Jackson Chapter #109**. He is survived by his son, Logan Adam; mother, Edith McFarland of Jackson; stepmother, Debra Smith of Maybee; sisters, Roxanne Schneider of Maybee, Rebecca (Frank) Bogedain of Maybee, Carrie (John) Bellestri of Newport, and Tracy (Gary) Campbell of Newport; brother, Gary (Bud) Belcom of Maybee; his best friend, Bobby White; and many nieces and nephews along with many aunts and uncles and two great uncles. He is preceded in death by father, Ricki Smith; stepfather, Tom McFarland, and his grandparents. A celebration of life took place on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at the L.M.R Fire Department, 8755 Baldwin Road, Maybee, Michigan 48159 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The Desnoyer Funeral Home of Jackson assisted in the cremation.

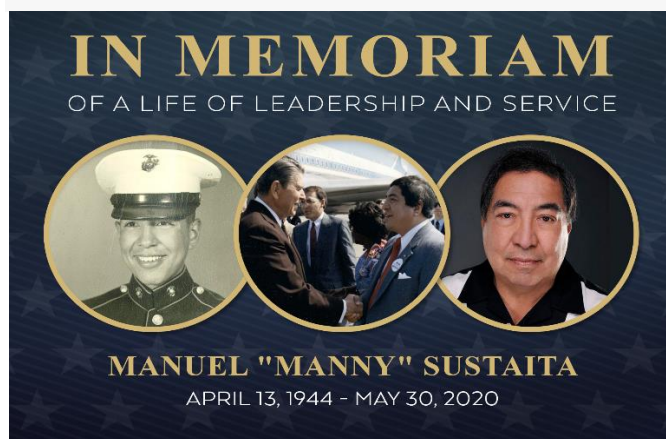
**LAWRENCE E. “Larry” SOURBEER** – Died Wednesday, September 30, 2020 in Arvada, Colorado at the age of 75. The cause of death was peritoneal mesothelioma. He was born in Wichita, Kansas on May 25, 1945. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071**.



**WILLIE GREY ALEXANDER STATON** – Died Wednesday, December 2, 2020 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. Willie was born on September 23, 1942 in Ayden, North Carolina to the late Alexander Staton and Della (née Houston) Staton. He attended public schools in Elizabeth City, NC and in Norfolk, VA and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1960. He served 21 years in the U.S. Army, retiring in 1985. He married Joan Karen Lee on April 10, 1967 in Norfolk, VA. To this union were born Brian, Krista, and Adrienne, ultimately four grandchildren: Kallen, Taryn, Devin, and Lane, and great granddaughter, Arabella Hazel. His military career took him to assignments at Fort Jackson, SC; Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Fort Riley, KS; Republic of South Vietnam; Fort Polk, LA; Augsburg, Gelnhausen, Hanau, and Frankfurt, Germany; South Korea; Fort Bragg, NC; and Fort Sill, OK. He spent several years as a military instructor in Fort Polk, Fort Sill, and Germany in jobs as Field Communications Instructor, Tactical Communications Chief, Senior Communications Instructor, Multiple Branch Multiple Service Communications Subject Writer-Subject Developer, 3rd Armored Division Forward Area Communications Support Chief, MAPTOE-ENRAS, COMSEC Battalion Signal Officer, Platoon Sergeant and First Sergeant. His military awards include: Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Vietnam Service



Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbons, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Qualification Badge for .45 cal. pistol, M-14 and M-16 Rifles, Overseas Stripes, Service Stripes, Letters of Appreciation and Commendation, and Certificates of Achievement. He graduated from Cameron University, Lawton, OK in 1997 with a degree in Sociology. He served twice as president of Alpha Kappa Delta - Sociology Honor Society; and twice as president of the Lawton Sheridan Kiwanis Club, Lawton. He held *Life Memberships* in the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, Disabled American Veterans - Joe McCain Chapter #56, and the Korean War Veterans Association. Willie was a Christian man, and he was baptized at an early age. He was medically retired from the Army in 1985, and he and his family relocated to Lawton. He became a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in 1995 and became a Trustee in 2013. He was employed by the Directorate of Logistics in both Civil Service and contract positions. He was later employed by the Lawton Correctional Facility until health issues ended his employment in 2008. Survivors include Brian Staton and wife Laurie; Devin and Lane, all of Katy, TX; daughter Krista Clavon, of Lawton; daughter Adrienne Staton, Lawton; grandson, Kallen Staton and wife Jessica, Lawton; granddaughter, Taryn Clavon, of Lawton; great granddaughter, Arabella Hazel, Lawton; sister-in-law, Joyce Lee Vann of Portsmouth, VA; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; his parents, Alexander and Della Staton; in-laws, Joseph and Elouise Lee; brothers Curtis and Robert (Jones); sisters, Gracie, June, Othelia, and Della. The funeral service was at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Willie B. Smith, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church officiating. The burial was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, OK. Viewing was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 from 11:00 AM until 8:00 PM and on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Due to COVID restrictions, face masks and social distancing were required at the funeral home and cemetery. Live streaming was available at [grayfuneral.com](http://grayfuneral.com)



**MANUEL "Manny" SUSTAITA** – Died

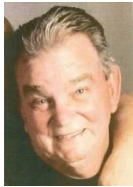
Saturday, May 30, 2020 in Waco, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Waco, Texas, on April 13, 1944, the youngest son born to a hardworking family of migrant farmworkers, Francisco and Guadalupe (née Hernandez) Sustaita. As a boy, he loved spending time with his South Waco friends, playing and selling newspapers, peanuts and popcorn at baseball and Baylor football games. He attended Waco public schools and was a lifelong member of the Latin American United Methodist Church in Waco that was founded by

his grandparents in 1946. Manuel "Manny" Sustaita, a community builder, veterans advocate and decorated United States Marine who served in Vietnam and would go on to build Waco's Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Mr. Sustaita joined the Texas National Guard in 1961, and a year later enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During his four years of service in the Marines, he was deployed to Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Island of Cypress during the Turkish-Greece conflict, and to Vietnam as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division (Forward), Fleet Marine Force that landed in Da Nang, in March 1965, becoming the first Marine combat presence in South Vietnam. Upon returning to civilian life in Waco, Mr. Sustaita began what would become a more than three-decade career in the insurance industry, first for MetLife financial services, where he worked for more than 20 years, and later for his own insurance and real estate company, Manuel Sustaita Associates. He was a founding member of the Organization of Hispanic Veterans, co-founder of the bilingual newspaper El Tiempo, co-founder of the Cen-Tex Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and he played an instrumental role in saving the Waco Veterans Affairs Medical Center from closing. Mr. Sustaita served on several boards and was bestowed with numerous awards for his tireless efforts in supporting veteran, Latino and community causes. Even though he served the Waco community in many functions, nothing gave him more pride than uniting the community to build the Waco Citizens for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which after 10 years of fundraising as its president and founder he helped inaugurate in 2004. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012**. Mr. Sustaita's personal memoirs will be highlighted in Oral Memoirs of Manuel "Manny" Sustaita as part of the Baylor University Institute for Oral History Project that preserves the stories of individuals who have helped to shape Waco history. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Francisco Sustaita; sisters, Lupe, Alvina, Mary and Sarah; and his former wife, Patricia Rivera Sustaita, the mother of his daughters. Left to cherish his memory and legacy are his daughters, Angela Sustaita-Ruiz of Miami, FL, and husband, Manny Ruiz; Melissa Sustaita Acosta of Austin, TX, and husband, Eduardo Acosta; longtime companion, Josie Valdez of Temple, TX; sisters, Rebecca Chavarria of Waco, TX, and Linda Sustaita-Torres of Arecibo, Puerto Rico; his beloved grandchildren; and many loving nieces, nephews and dear friends. The family held a private memorial service on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and invited family and friends to leave condolences at [ManuelSustaita.com](http://ManuelSustaita.com). A celebration of life was planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Manuel Sustaita Memorial Fund through the Waco Foundation to benefit non-profit organizations serving the Waco community. Donations can be made online at [wacofoundation.org](http://wacofoundation.org) or by check mailed to 1227 North Valley Mills, Drive, Suite #235, Waco, Texas 76710.

**CECIL E. SWEATT** – Died Thursday, July 2, 2020 at his residence in Sonora, California at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 22, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**. The Terzich and Wilson Funeral Home was in charge of Cremation arrangements.



**WILLIAM L. "Willie" TAYLOR** - Died Wednesday, November 25, 2020 in Robertsdale, Alabama at the age of 73. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Summerdale, Alabama on August 30, 1947. Mr. Taylor was a member of the Loxley Church of God and served a term on the Robertsdale City Council. He served in the United States Army and was a veteran of Vietnam War. Mr. Taylor was a recipient of the Army Commendation Medal and The Purple Heart. He was the first veteran to be honored at the Robertsdale Veteran's Memorial Park. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter #864**. Mr. Taylor retired from Coca-Cola after working there for 33 years and enjoyed hunting and mostly fishing. His favorite pastime was spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Sarah (née Brooks) Taylor; son, Monty (Tina) Harris; two grandchildren, Cody (Misty) Harris and Taylor (Ryan) Frolik; great grandchild, Carter Preach Harris; brother, James Taylor and sister, Linda Ellison. Funeral services were held on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Loxley Church of God with Reverend Brian Wade officiating with burial in the Baldwin Memorial Cemetery, Robertsdale, AL. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service from 10:00 until 11:00 AM at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Loxley Church of God, P. O. Box 499, Loxley, AL 36551.



**ROBERT M. TOTH** - Died Friday, November 20, 2020, at Heritage Valley, Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. He was a resident of Brighton Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 6, 1944 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, having been a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**, and an active member of the American Legion Chapter #481, Midland, where he served in the American Legion Honor Guard. Robert worked for over 40 years in the airline industry, having started his career with Eastern Airlines, and ending with US Airways. Upon his retirement, he and his wife Jacqueline loved being Florida "snowbirds." He was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church of Beaver. Robert will be greatly missed by his wife of 55 years, Jacqueline Toth, Brighton Twp.; son, Shawn Toth, Ohioville; daughter, Tara Toth McKay, Fallston; one sister, Shirley (Sherwin) Houser, Pittsburgh; along with grandchildren, Jesse, Shannon, Travis, Jacob, Andrew, and Cody. Robert was happily awaiting his first great-grandson due in December. He was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Toth. Friends were received on Monday, November 23, 2020, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM and from 6:00 until 8:00 PM in the Noll Funeral Home Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver, where a funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM. Online condolences may be shared at [nollfuneral.com](http://nollfuneral.com).



**FORD JACKSON TOWNSEND** - Died Monday, December 21, 2020 in the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center in Tennessee at the age of 70. He was a resident of Hampton, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 23, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824**. A Celebration of Life Service was held at a later date. A complete notice will be in the paper at that time. Condolences may be sent to the family at our web-site [www.memorialfcelizabethton.com](http://www.memorialfcelizabethton.com). The Memorial Funeral Chapel served the Townsend family.

**DAVID TREVINO** (USMC, 1SG-Ret.) – Died Thursday, September 24, 2020 in Fremont, Michigan at the age of 70, after losing his battle with COVID-19. He was born on January 1, 1949, in Trenton, Michigan to the late Tomas and Trinidad (née Llanes) Trevino. Dave proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps and retired after 25 years of service as 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. He married Robyn Anne Myers on August 20, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Robyn; two sons, Michael (Megan) Trevino and Evan Myers; granddaughter, Josie Trevino; sister, Lupe Maldonado; brother, Hector Trevino; sister-in-law, Carolyn Lezotte; faithful companion, Lola; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Per Dave's wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America. To send a message of sympathy to the family, sign Dave's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, please visit: [www.MichiganCremation.com](http://www.MichiganCremation.com). Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Michigan Cremation & Funeral Care, Grand Rapids.



**PEDRO "Pete" VALDEZ, JR.** - Died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 | El Paso, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in El Paso on August 5, 1945 to the late Pedro Valdez, Sr. and Ester (née Avila) Valdez. He was a lifetime resident of El Paso, Texas, and graduate of Jefferson High School Class of 1964, where he excelled in both baseball and basketball. He was a proud graduate of UTEP, where he continued to support the Miners. Pete was a proud Vietnam Veteran while serving in the United States Army and enjoyed participating in numerous Veteran's Day events. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He retired from the El Paso Police Department and the El Paso County Probation Department. Pete is preceded in death by his mother Ester Avila, Father Pete Valdez Sr., his brother Joe Avila, and his stepdaughter Yvette Mendoza. He is survived by his wife Sandra Nevarez and by his children, Peter Valdez III, Pamela Valdez, Lavonne Carreon, Ivan Valdez, stepchildren Luis Nevárez, Carlos Nevárez, David Nevárez, Jullia Cruz, brother Rudy Valdez, sisters Terry Avila and Bonnie Vizcarra. Also survived by seven adoring grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and many friends. Pallbearers are Peter Valdez III, Ivan Valdez, Rudy Valdez Jr., Albert Balderrama, Christopher

Carreon, and Gabriel Mendoza. Due to COVID restrictions visitation will be limited to immediate family members. He was laid to rest at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. A memorial service with full military honors will be held at a later date.



**DENNIS R. VANDERMAY** - Died Saturday, November 28, 2020 at the Saint Cloud Hospital I Saint Cloud, Minnesota at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis was born in Homestead Township, New York Mills, Minnesota on March 2, 1943 to the late Jacob and Lila (née Luoma) Vandermay. He grew up on the family dairy farm and graduated from New York Mills High School in 1961. Shortly after his high school graduation, Dennis joined the United States Navy, starting his medical career as a corpsman. He was stationed on the USS Iwo Jima as a member of the Elite Casualty Evacuation team during the Vietnam 1965. Dennis and his family are incredibly proud of the work he did and the sacrifices he made in service to his country. He was enlisted from 1961 to 1965 when he was honorably discharged. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290**. After his time in the Navy, Dennis continued to pursue his dream of helping others in the field of medicine. He worked at the VA in Fargo, North Dakota for a short time before attending Fergus Falls Community College where he graduated in 1969 with an Associate of Arts degree. Dennis then worked at Saint Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, Minnesota supervising the kidney dialysis and respiratory care units. In 1972 he was accepted into the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. He graduated top of his class in 1973 after completing the MEDEX program where he studied to become a Physician Assistant. He worked at the Perham Memory Hospital for a couple of years before moving to Arlington, Minnesota in 1975 to practice family medicine. In 1979, Dennis and his family moved to Saint Cloud, Minnesota so he could work at the Saint Cloud VA Medical Center. For the next 20 years, Dennis saw Veterans in the outpatient clinic and enjoyed connecting with and caring for his patients. Dennis retired from the VA in 1999. After retiring from medicine, Dennis continued pursuing his many interests and hobbies. He spent several years creating art and making crafts including dream catchers, wreaths, ornaments, and other unique items which he transitioned into a small craft business. He attended Christian Clown school and became a certified Christian Clown. He enjoyed making others happy and doing so in the service of God. Dennis was married in 1971 and had three children and later divorced in 2002. Dennis was incredibly proud of his children and grandchildren. He attended as many sporting events, recitals, school plays, and graduations as he could. He would cheer louder than anyone else and his smile was the biggest and brightest in the room. He loved going fishing with his children and grandchildren, taking his children around the family farm to teach them everything he knew about nature and the world around them. Dennis instilled in his children the importance of working hard, being compassionate, and staying positive. Dennis was always happiest when he was outdoors. As a very young child, Dennis developed his love of nature. Dennis had a gift for gardening and took great pride in his vegetable and flower gardens. He enjoyed spending time cultivating and caring for everything he grew and was thrilled when he could share his hard work with others - whether it be a few of his vegetables, a handful of flowers or a guided tour Dennis was always happy to share.

Dennis loved animals and seemed to have a special connection with every animal he interacted with. He had an extraordinary bond with all his "best buds" and "top dogs" who were constantly by his side over the years. Each one held a special place in his heart. Dennis spent the last several years living at Good Shepherd in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. He enjoyed visiting with his neighbors, fellow residents, and staff over the years and made many very good friends. He appreciated spending time with them and loved sitting outside when the weather was nice sharing stories. Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, brother Donald Vandermay, and sister-in-law Mildred (DeGeest) Vandermay. Dennis will be greatly missed by those who survived him including his children, daughter Julie (Vandermay) Wolke and son-in-law Jacob Wolke, daughter Sarah (Vandermay) Wimmer and partner Chad Bueckers, son Niles Vandermay and daughter-in-law Amanda (Christen) Vandermay and three grandchildren, Nathan Wimmer, Hailey Wimmer and Jace Vandermay, several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. A funeral mass was held for Dennis on December 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. Visitation was from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the church. The Funeral Mass was live-streamed for those who are unable to attend in person. The link was available on Sacred Heart Church's website. Dennis was interred at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ripley in Little Falls, Minnesota.

**HERBERT R. VOELKEL** – Died recently in 2020 in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 12, 1942. He is survived by his daughter, G. Buterbaugh. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Graterford Chapter #466**.



**TONY RICHARD WALKER** - Died Friday, October 30, 2020 in Brookville, Indiana at the age of 77. He was formerly of Saint Leon, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. Tony was born on January 16, 1943 in West Harrison, Indiana to the late Richard S. and Selma (née Grubbs) Walker. Tony was a 1961 graduate of North Dearborn High School. On July 11, 1964, he married Beverly Colegate and together they were blessed with two children, Paul and Pam. Tony served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was also a member of the St. Leon American Legion Post #464. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. Tony worked at Cincinnati, Inc. in the Maintenance Department for 40 years. He retired in 2003 after 40 years of employment. He was very fun loving and carefree. He enjoyed helping others. Tony frequently socialized with friends at Bright McDonald's and at Logan Supermarket. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife: Beverly Walker; children: Paul (Missy) Walker & Pam (Bill) Honn; grandchildren: Bryan and Hannah Walker; siblings: Donna Kay (Lowell) Hollins, Debbie (Gary) Hopkins, Peggy (Clifford) Fowler, Dixie Walker, & Connie (Ken) Hayes; sister-in-law: Carol Colegate. Tony was preceded in death by his parents: Richard S. and Selma Walker; siblings: Jo Ann Grubbs, Susan Joy (Elmer) Lucas, Jerry (Monica) Walker, Father and Mother-in-law: John D. and Ruth Colegate; and brothers-in-law: John A. Colgate, and Gary D. Colegate. Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020



from 10:00 AM until time of service 12:00 Noon at Greendale First Church of Christ, Ridge Avenue. Entombment with full military honors was in the Gibson Cemetery, Bright, Indiana. Everyone was required to wear a mask and social distancing was observed. The funeral services were live on Brater Winter Funeral Home's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/braterwinterfh/> Memorials may be made to Saint Leon American Legion Post #464 or Bright Volunteer Fire Department through the funeral home. You may bring your donation at the time of visitation and a funeral home representative will be able to assist you.

**GLENN R. WALTERS** – Died Monday, October 26, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 19, 1949. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Louisville Chapter #454**.



**TERRY DALE WATSON** – Died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in Lawton, Oklahoma at age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 21, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Family held private Services. Visitation was on Tuesday November 10, 2020 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at HHFS Chapel.



**WAYNE E. WEAVER, SR.** - Died Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in Port Huron, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on July 17, 1950 in Port Huron to George and the late Mary Weaver. Wayne served with the United States Marine Corps and later in the National Guard. He was employed with Mueller Brass prior to his retirement. He was a former member and Chaplain of the St. Clair County Honor Guard and was awarded the St. Clair County Veteran of the Year. He was a member of the Charles Hammond American Legion Post #8, Charles J. Fulton American Legion Post #382, the Charles Schoor VFW Post #796, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #12 and the Marine Corps League. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Gratiot Township Chapter #284**. He is survived by his wife, Karen; father, George; children, Wayne (Tracy) Weaver Jr., Angela Rivet, Cheyenne Weaver and Richard Huemiller; stepchildren, Michelle Morley and Rebecca Hoshowski; six grandchildren, Daniel (Jamie) Weaver, C.J. (Sieara) Weaver, Jordan (Crystal) Weaver, Ronald Nedrow, Austin and Nick Sills; three step-grandchildren, Joseph, Emerson and Ashton Morley; and four great grandchildren, Alyssah Smith, Aubree Weaver, Annabelle Sills and C.J. Weaver II. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Cathey. Visitation was held from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-7:30 PM on Thursday, August 27, 2020 in the Pollock-Randall Funeral Home followed by a private family service and military honors. A limited number of people were allowed in at a

time. Masks were required for the safety and comfort of others. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #12. To send condolences, visit [pollockrandall.com](http://pollockrandall.com).



**WAYNE RAY "Sandy" WICKLUND** – Died Saturday, October 3, 2020 in Fountain Hills, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, respiratory failure and heart failure. He was born in Duluth, Minnesota on October 1, 1948. He was a disabled Vietnam Veteran. Wayne served his country admirably with courage and integrity in the United States Army Security Agency and was brought down by Agent Orange. He suffered from many conditions over the last 14 years, but no one knew because he never complained. He was the most positive person everyone ever met and was always striving to do more, to learn more and to better himself in every way. He touched the lives of everyone he met. Wayne was born in Duluth, moved to Ohio as a child then happily transplanted in Arizona as an adult. He attended college in Dayton, OH. After his time in the service he became a police officer in Ohio and when moving to Arizona he met Anne and together they founded Arizona Security Patrol and Investigations, Inc., W. R. Wicklund and Associates Detective Agency, Mountain States School for Dogs and International Ballistics, Inc. Wayne attended the Law Enforcement Academy of Arizona and became a volunteer police officer for Surprise Police Department, received his A+ Certification for computers, attended Rudy Drexler's School for Dogs in Indiana. Nine years later they founded Mobile Checking Cashing Service, Inc. to be followed by MrPAWS by Snow, a service dog business. Many will remember Snow, his White German Shepherd who was always by his side, to be succeeded by Shadow. He worked tirelessly for the Mayor's Commission on Crime in Scottsdale, the River of Time Museum in Fountain Hills and was a member of the FH Republican Club, the FH Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, Veterans for Foreign Wars and was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesa Chapter #1011*. To know Wayne was to genuinely like him. He was the nicest guy, loved everyone and found all he met to be interesting and of value. His nephew Allen wrote, "Uncle Sandy was like a beacon of light. His positive attitude, curiosity of life, and fun/uplifting attitude rubbed off on everyone who interacted with him. I will always be eternally grateful that we got to spend quality time with him. I will personally miss our conversations and his genuine love and caring he had for all of us. Life will not be the same without him, but he gave us a good roadmap of how to live life to the fullest and take everything in stride. I feel lucky to have called him my uncle." Wayne is survived by his wife Anne Wicklund, his brothers Wilfred "Bill" Wicklund and Lloyd "Skip" Wicklund, and his nephews Allen, Kent and Brett Wicklund of Ohio, and niece Emily Winter. There was a viewing at Messinger's Mortuary in Fountain Hills on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM and the funeral service was on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM, with a Celebration of Life at the American Legion at 3:00 PM. Any donations are requested to Hospice of the Valley, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars or AZ Lung Association.



**RICHARD CLAUDE "Rick" WING, SR.** - Died Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Evergreen Manor Retirement Community in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in Oshkosh on August 22, 1946 to Eleanor (née Stieg) Wing and the late Claude Wing. Rick's passion was supporting and spending time with fellow veterans, his brothers-in-arms. He was a *Charter Member, Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Oshkosh Chapter #437**. He was also an annual member of the AMVETS Post #7 and a lifetime member of VFW Post #1908. He proudly served as chairman of the Fourth of July parade honoring all veterans. He was preceded in death by his father, Claude Wing, his brother, Larry Wing and his loving partner, Deanna Schaetz. He is survived by his mother, Eleanor Wing; three children, Wendy Davids, Ricky Wing Jr. and Cody Hallman; two brothers, Brad (Mary) Wing, and Steve (Ann) Wing; four sisters, Bev (Don) Wing-Lonski, Diane (Michael) McCarthy, Karen Davies and Barb Wing; three grandsons and three great grandchildren. Private services were on Friday, December 11, 2020 by the Fiss and Bills-Poklasy Funeral Home at Lake View Memorial Cemetery with Deacon Pat Gelhar officiating. Rick's family would like to extend a special thank you to Duane Canon, president of VVA Chapter 437, and the Evergreen Manor staff for their loving care and support of Rick. Memorial donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #437 of Oshkosh, PO Box 238, Oshkosh WI 54903-0238

**JOSEPH CHRISTY WOODS, SR.** - Died Sunday, November 1, 2020 at VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas at the age of 81. He was a resident of Nederland, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. Joseph was born on June 5, 1939 in Port Arthur, Texas to the late Joseph Woods and Adele (née Richard) Woods. He joined the United States Army serving two tours in Vietnam War, where he received the Purple Heart Medal (twice) and the Bronze Star and several other commendations. Joseph retired from the Army after serving 22 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**. He was owner and operator of a crab and shrimp business and then was a cross-country truck driver with his wife. He enjoyed traveling, was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders and he was a member of the Masonic Lodge #1345 in Bridge City, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Woods, his mother, Adele Carlin, his stepfather, Stanley Carlin, his wife, Arlene Woods and his brother, Michael Woods. Joseph is survived by his son, Joseph Christy Woods Jr., his daughter, Christina Woods, his nephew, David Woods and his wife, Kristina. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Joseph Michael Woods, Robert Charles Woods and his great grandchildren, Rena and Nathanael. A visitation was held on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM at the Clayton Thompson Funeral Home, with a graveside service at the Greenlawn Memorial Park. Joseph's Military Honors were hosted by Southeast Texas Veteran's Service Group.



**GERALD A. "Jerry" WOTEN** - Died at 1:45 AM on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at his residence in Celina, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 30, 1951 in Lima, Ohio to the late Homer and Hattie (née Griesse) Woten. On November 28, 1975 he married Cindy (née Frey) Woten and she survives at the residence. Other survivors include his son, Andrew P. Woten, Hebron, Kentucky; three granddaughters, Cayla, Cammie and Cara; and many nieces and nephews. Also preceded in death by three brothers, Jim, John and Jeff Woten. Jerry was a 1969 graduate of Lima Senior High School and he attended Wright State Lake Campus in Celina. He proudly served his nation in the United State Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Celina Chapter #783**. He retired after 20 years of service working for Job and Family Services helping unemployed veterans to find jobs. Jerry enjoying fishing, watching MMA and spending time with his grandchildren. Private services were held at the convenience of the Woten family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to CALL Food Pantry. The Cisco Funeral Homes in Celina and Saint Marys were honored to care for Jerry and his family. To pay your respects and leave online condolences or memories, visit [www.ciscofuneralhome.com](http://www.ciscofuneralhome.com) or visit Cisco Funeral Home Facebook page.



**ROBERT EMERSON WRIGHT, JR.** - Died Tuesday, August 25, 2020, after battling an illness at the Hershey Med Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. He was a resident of Harrisburg. The cause of death was the result of the coronavirus, COVID-19. He was born on January 10, 1947 in Harrisburg to the late Robert E Wright, Sr. and Betty (née Grazier) Wright. Robert graduated from Lower Dauphin High School in 1966 and joined the United States Marine Corps after graduation. He served in Vietnam where he was wounded, which ended his military career. He married Katherine Brandl on June 5, 1969 and they lived in the Harrisburg area for 51 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. Robert was a member of Mountain View Bible Church, The Bob Smith Detachment of the Marine Corps League, and multiple other military organizations. He was a truck driver for 15 years until he joined the Mechanicsburg Post Office where he was a letter carrier for 30 years until his retirement in 2012. He loved rifle competitions, spending time with family and friends, and reading his Bible. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Sherman F. Wright. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, of the home, his daughter Malissa Fisher (Joe) of Parkesburg, his son Michael Wright (Beth) of Lingelstown, his sister Victoria DeFrank of Harrisburg, five grandkids, Amanda Fisher, JJ Fisher, Coryn Fisher, Madison Wright, Robert Wright III, five great grandkids and numerous nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Services were held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Mountain View Bible Church, 34 Sipe Avenue, Hummelstown. Due to COVID-19

restrictions the burial was for the family only at Fort Indiantown Gap. Viewing was held on Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the church. The funeral arrangements were handled by the Trefz and Bowser Funeral Home in Hummelstown. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Mountain View Bible Church. Online condolences may be shared at [www.trefzandbowser.com](http://www.trefzandbowser.com).

**DONALD ALLEN “Don” YOUNG** – Died Thursday, November 19, 2020 in Rochester, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 3, 1948 to the late Robert and Kathryn Young. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother Richard. He is survived by his Bernie dog, brother, Robert; sister-in-law, Randy; niece, Jamie and nephew, Joshua. He adored Josh's children, Sophie and Jonah. Don was a quiet, soft, kind-hearted man and was loved by all. He proudly served in the Viet Nam War as an Army medic. He found great joy in nature and animals. Go Barons! Go Yanks! Go USA! Private arrangements were made.



**KELLY ROSS ZADAKAUS, SR.** - Died Monday, November 2, 2020 at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, Tennessee at the age of 74. He was a resident of Linden, Tennessee. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in Linden on December 27, 1945 to the late Rob Richardson and Margaret Lee Richardson. He was retired from the United States Air Force and The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. Survivors include his wife Roseanna Zadakaus, sons Kelly "Ross" Zadakaus, Jr. and Lee Zadakaus both of Knoxville, 3 grandchildren, brothers Edd Richardson and Bobby Richardson both of Florida, John Richardson of Trenton and Roy Richardson and a host of other loving family members and many friends. The graveside service was on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 2:00 PM in the Sardis Ridge Cemetery, Sardis Ridge Road, Parson, TN 38363.



**GERALD LEE “Jerry” ZECKMEISTER** - Died unexpectedly on Friday, November 27, 2020 at home in West Bend, Wisconsin at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Jerry was born on January 20, 1949 in Saukville, Wisconsin to the late Ralph and Bernice (née Knopp) Zeckmeister. He graduated from Port Washington High School in 1967. On June 28, 1975 he was united in marriage to Sheila VandeBoom. He was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran who served active duty from 1969-1972. His military occupational specialties (MOS) were Wheel and Track Mechanic, 63H, and Infantry, 11B. When he arrived in Vietnam, he was assigned to be a military truck driver; which had him driving 10-ton heavy-duty trucks filled with

M-60 tanks and other equipment across Vietnam. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement while engaged in military operations at the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Jerry came back to Port Washington where he worked at Simplicity until his retirement. Throughout his life, and into retirement, Jerry enjoyed classic cars, snowmobiling, fishing, and traveling throughout the United States camping with his wife and children, stopping to visit historical sites and visiting relatives that lived further away. He also enjoyed getting together with his neighbors for dinners and playing cards. Jerry was involved in many Veteran causes and you could always find an American flag flying outside his house and see him in parades and at military functions. Jerry was the current Chaplain of the VFW Post #1393 of West Bend, and an active member of both the American Legion Post #470 of Saukville and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburg Chapter #448** of Newburg. One of the causes near to him was Camp American Legion where he attended every summer during the Vietnam and Korean War Veterans week. Jerry was also a founding member of the peer support network at Dry Hootch, a coffee house and meeting space for Veterans to socialize in Milwaukee. He ran support groups on Friday mornings that provided a safe place for other Veterans to share what was on their minds. Jerry is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sheila Zeckmeister; his son, Shaun (Samantha) Zeckmeister of Oostburg and daughter Melissa (David) Smart of West Chesterfield, New Hampshire; grandson, Ryder Zeckmeister; two brothers, Mike (Tracy) Zeckmeister of Shell Lake and Randy Zeckmeister of Port Washington; two sisters-in-law, Cindy (Cal) Stageman and Donna (Randy) Cardarelle; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 12:00 Noon at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 521 Congress Drive, Newburg, with military honors to follow. Due to the current circumstances of COVID-19, masks were needed to be worn and social distancing practiced. The service was recorded and posted afterward on the funeral home website. The family greeted relatives and friends at the church on Saturday from 10:30 until 11:45 a.m. In memory of Jerry, in an effort to keep his patriotic spirit alive and continue to help our country's Veterans, please consider a donation to Dry Hootch or Camp American Legion. Please consider signing our online guest book ([www.myrhum-patten.com](http://www.myrhum-patten.com)) to share your condolences with the family. Cards addressed to the family may be sent in care of: Myrhum – Patten Funeral and Cremation Service, 1315 W. Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095. Myrhum-Patten Funeral and Cremation Service was entrusted with Jerry's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at [www.myrhum-patten.com](http://www.myrhum-patten.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!***