



**DONALD VERNELL “Don” AAMODT** (USAF, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Mercy One North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City, Iowa at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1933 to C. Oscar and Clara (née Peterson) Aamodt on their farm in rural Joice, IA. He was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills, IA. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Joice, IA and confirmed at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church in rural Joice, IA. He graduated from Joice High School in 1951. He continued his education at Waldorf College in Forest City, IA and Iowa State College in Ames, IA. In January 1954, Don entered the United States Air Force Aviation Cadet Program at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in San Antonio, TX. He went on to further training at Harlingen AFB in TX and was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> LT in the USAF with an aeronautical rating as a Navigator. On August 6, 1955 Don was united in marriage to Faye Johnson at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills, IA. To this union two daughters, Debra Faye and Diane Marie were born. Don entered pilot training in November 1957 at Hondo Air Base, TX. He received jet training at Big Springs AFB, TX giving him a Pilot rating in 1958. He received helicopter training at Stead AFB, NV. Don and his family were then assigned to the 71st Air Rescue Squadron at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, AK, flying H-21 helicopters. In 1963, Don was assigned to Bolling AFB in Washington, DC. In 1967-68, he flew H-1 (Huey) helicopters in Vietnam. In 1968, he returned to the Washington, DC area and was assigned to Andrews AFB flying for the 1<sup>st</sup> Helicopter Squadron. His duties included search/rescue and transporting dignitaries to the Pentagon and Camp David. After serving 20 years in the USAF, Don retired. During Don’s service, he was awarded a Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, seven Air Medals and other awards and decorations. After retirement, Don continued working for the USAF as a Safety Officer. In 1997, after 23 years of civil service, he retired and moved to Lake Mills. While in Lake Mills, Don was a County Commissioner for Veterans Affairs. He was a member of the American Helicopter Association, American Legion, Daedalians, USAF Helicopter Pilot Association, VFW and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**. He also served as an officer and on committees for the Sons of Norway and Salem Lutheran Church. Don and Faye were honored as Grand Marshals for the Lake Mills July Jubilee. Don was also given the Citizen of the Year Award by the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corp. and the Governor’s Volunteer Award for outstanding service to the state of Iowa. Don was a devoted husband and father and was proud to serve God, his country and his community. He is survived by his loving wife, Faye of Lake Mills, two daughters Debra (Gerry) Sutton of Harwood, MD and Diane (James McGee) of Seward, AK, a sister, Clarine Steffensen, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Virgean Hogan, two brothers Orian and Carroll, brothers-in-law DeVere Steffensen and Donald Hogan and sisters-in-law, Elaine Aamodt and Maynis Aamodt. A private family service was held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at the Mittelstadt Funeral Home, 902 East Main Street in Lake Mills with Pastor Joel Guttormson officiating. The service was streamed live on the Mittelstadt Funeral Home Facebook page beginning at 1:30 PM on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The public was invited to gather at Salem Lutheran Cemetery in Lake Mills, with the family for the committal service. It will take place at approximately 2:30 PM on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Military honors were conducted by the American Legion Otto Chose Post #235. In lieu

of flowers, memorials may be given to the Salem Lutheran Church Heating and Cooling Fund, 401 South Lake Street, Lake Mills, IA 50450, or to Arlington Veterans Park, c/o City of Lake Mills, 200 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, Lake Mills, IA 50450.



**JOAQUIN ENRIQUE AGUILAR** - Died passed away March 9, 2021 in Watsonville, California at the age of 71. He was formerly of Soledad, California. The cause of death is unknown. Joaquin was born in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on August 16, 1949. He was a graduate of Gonzales Union High School, class of 1968. He then served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972 and was a Vietnam veteran. He was also a veteran from the United States Army and MPC Colleges. After 30 years of dedicated service he retired as a Monterey County Park Ranger in 2004. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San José Chapter #201**. Joaquin was a loving father to his daughters and grandchildren. He loved restoring his 1958 Impala and other vintage autos. He enjoyed morning spiritual walks, nature, reading, yard work, playing his various instruments, listening to oldies and classical music, but most of all he loved his daughters and grandchildren. He is survived by his daughters, Elina Aguilar, Leana Leaver; grandsons, Andrew Villareal, Nicholas Leaver; granddaughter, Neela Mei Leaver; siblings; other loving relatives. As by his request, no services were held. A military funeral took place at the Soledad Cemetery at a later date.



**KENNETH RAY “Ken” “Red Wagon” AKINS** - Died Monday, March 8, 2021 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 15, 1947 in Loudon, Tennessee to the late Calvin and Joyce Akins. Ken was a member of Corinth Baptist Church, Loudon, Tennessee. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and a retired truck driver of 42 years with United Parcel Services. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Ken was best known as Dad, Pop, Red Wagon, brother, and friend. His passions included building projects, helping his friends and neighbors, motorcycling, kayaking, gardening, and building relationships with others. He is preceded in death by parents, Calvin and Joyce Akins; brother, David (Termite) Akins; sister, Sherry Akins, and granddaughter, Caitlyn Akins. He is survived by his children, Bryan Akins and wife, Kelly, of Loudon, TN, and Chris Akins and wife, Cindy, of Corryton, TN; and grandchildren, Jake Akins, Cyleigh Akins, and Cambry Akins; Brothers, Scotty Akins and wife, Brenda, Gerald Akins and fiancée, Melanie; sister, Linda Akins; sister-in-law, Diane Akins, and many nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Loudon Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 7:00 PM with Pastor Adam Cook and Reverend Tommy Self officiating. Family and friends gathered at the funeral home at 1:15 PM on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and proceeded to the Loudon County Memorial Gardens for the 2:00 PM graveside service. The pallbearers were Gerald Akins, Scotty Akins, Jake Akins, Chris Matlock, Mike Matlock, Robert Coleman, and Chris Brown. Masks were optional. Online condolences may be extended to the family at

www.loudonfuneralhome.net. The Loudon Funeral Home and Cremations was in charge of the arrangements.



**DANNY RAY ATKINS** - Died Sunday, February 7, 2021 in Edgewood, Kentucky at the age of 73. He was a resident of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 25, 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Herbert M Atkins and Elda Jean "Boots" (née Meyer) Atkins. Danny served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1966-1968. Danny worked as a Chemical Operator for a fertilizer company for several years. He was a member of Saint John Lutheran Church Bellaire and the Lawrenceburg American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. Danny was an avid Notre Dame Football fan. He enjoyed camping, wood working, and spending time with his family. Danny is survived by his children Jennifer Atkins, Brandon (Andrea) Atkins of Greendale, IN, Brian (Amy) Atkins of Hebron, KY; sisters, Cheryl (Myron) Cors of Lawrenceburg, IN, Linda Sechrest of Aurora, IN, Barb Scherzinger of Lawrenceburg, IN; grandchildren, Hayley Friedhoff, Donovan Atkins, Jacob Atkins, Blake Atkins, Mia Golden, Sammy Golden; great grandchildren, Riley and Melody Roth; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Herbert and Elda "Boots" Atkins; and his loving wife, Ruth Ann (née Schwarz) Atkins. Friends were received on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM at the Saint John Lutheran Church (Bellaire), 4937 State Road #48, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Services were held at the church at 2:00 PM with Pastor Creighton Leptak officiating. The interment was in the Saint John Lutheran Cemetery (Bellaire), Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Southeastern Indiana Honor Guard. Contributions may be made to the Saint John Lutheran Church Building Fund or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness.



**HERMAN HENRY AUFFORTH** - Died Monday, December 18, 2017, in the Kenmare Hospital at the age of 67. He was a resident of Bowbells, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. Herman was born on March 8, 1950 in Kenmare, North Dakota to the late Roelf and Leone (née Carlson) Aufforth. He was raised and educated in Bowbells, graduating with the class of 1968. After graduation, Herman enlisted with the United States Coast Guard, where he proudly served his country from February 1969 until October 1971. After serving his country, Herman briefly helped his family farm before starting a career at the Burke County Courthouse as an Auditor in 1974. He would continue on this career path until 1986. Starting in 1985, Herman began his next and most favorite career as member of the United States Postal Service. He started in Kenmare, moved on to Flaxton and then finished most of his years in Bowbells. This would be a job he would cherish until his retirement in 2008. On August 30, 1975, Herman married the love of his life, Beth Bohnsack, in Hillsboro, North Dakota. This union was blessed with three wonderful children: Brian, Joy, and Molly. Family was very important to Herman, and he was blessed to have one that cared so deeply for him that, on January 8, 2002, he received a kidney transplant from

his sister Tammy. Herman lived a full and active life while managing Type I Diabetes always with a smile. His priorities were his faith, his family, his friends, and his country. In his younger years he was surrounded by avid hunters, and that passion carried throughout his whole life. He shared that love for the outdoors and hunting with his children and grandchildren. He honored his country, and for many years he with help from his family set up the Legion American flags all along Main Street for patriotic holidays. After his retirement his daily routine was a trip up town to get the mail and make various stops to visit with everyone. He loved to tell and hear good stories and jokes. He was filled with laughter, and that laughter was infectious. Herman was a member of the United Methodist Church and of the Carl Oftedahl American Legion Post #127, both of Bowbells. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Town Chapter #487**. In addition, he was honored to be inducted into the North Dakota Goose Hunters Hall of Fame in 2004. Herman is survived by Beth, his wife of 42 years; son Brian (Teri) Aufforth, Minot; daughters: Joy (John) Beard, Bowbells, and Molly Aufforth (Kellen Peters), Madison, WI; brothers: Doug (Glenys) Holter, Pierre, SD, and Rolf (Vickie) Aufforth, Bowbells; sisters: Susan Watson, Sandy UT, and Tammy Ryberg, Bowbells; three grandchildren: Zackery Beard, Haley Seykora, and Camden Aufforth; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Donovan "Sam" Holter; sister-in-law Joann Luke Holter; and nieces Kristi Jo Aufforth and Lori Borth. A funeral service was held on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the United Methodist Church in Bowbells with burial at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan.

**DARRYL L. BAKER** – Died recently in 2021 in the Holderman Veterans Home in the Yountville Veterans Home in Yountville, California at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 27, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**.

**ROBERT JOHN BAMBURY** - Died Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in Groveland, Florida at the age of 81. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 4, 1939. He served in the United States Navy for six years during the Vietnam War. He was a *Founding Member and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23**.



**DONALD WILLIAM BARRY, SR.** - Died unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the age of 74. He was a resident of Darlington, North Carolina and formerly of Middleport, New York. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Paterson, New Jersey to the late Dorothy (Kenneth) Kickbush and the late George Barraco. Donald graduated from Barker Central School in 1965 and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. In September of '65, Don graduated as a Marine as part of the Buffalo Bills Platoon 343. Something he took great pride in. After leaving the Marines in 1968, Don began working for Harrison Radiator in Lockport. Retiring after 30 years and moving to Darlington with his wife. Don also served 20 years in the Army National Guard. Don enjoyed rebuilding classic cars and winning multiple awards in the Darlington area. He also was a lifelong fan of the Buffalo Bills and he wanted to see them win just one! Don took pride in

his volunteer efforts as a *Life Member* with the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. Don loved NASCAR racing and going to watch races with his wife. Don was predeceased by his beloved wife of 34 years Carol. He is survived by sons Don (Kristi) Barry Jr of New York, Mike (Terri) Schwarz of Maryland, Allen (Tammy) Schwarz of South Carolina, grandchildren Jared & Caleb Barry and Amanda (Daniel) Branham and Brianna Schwarz, beloved sister Linda (Henry) Kowalik of North Carolina, Kathy (Charlie) Michel of New York, Richard (Leonor) Barraco of South Carolina, Dr. Robert (Cheryl) Barraco of Pennsylvania, Linda (Glen) Pettigano of New Jersey, Uncle Edward (Barbara) Walker of Florida, close family friends Ron & April Finley, Art & Claire Ackerman, Keith & Bert Stebbins and several other family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Disabled Veterans of America. Visitation and Memorial Service was held at the Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home in Darlington on Friday at 1:00 PM. Memorial Service were held in New York at a later date.



**CLIFFORD E. "Cliff" BAUER** - Died Saturday, November 14, 2020 in Defiance, Ohio at the age 73, after a long illness. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 31, 1947 in Defiance to the late Vernon and Velma (née Osborn) Bauer. On October 8, 1984, he married Sandra (née Santos) Bauer, who survives in Defiance. Cliff worked as an electrician and had 40 credited years with General Motors, retiring on August 1, 2009. He was instrumental in getting the Veterans Committee started at G.M. Powertrain. He served in the United States Army from March 15, 1966 to February 18, 1969 and served a tour in Vietnam from May 1966 to July 1967. He was a member of the American Legion Post #232, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**, a life member of AMVETS Post #1991, Eagles Aerie #372, and #2233, VFW National Home for Children, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3360. He was a Vietnam Veteran and enjoyed helping veterans and their families. He served as Post Commander of VFW Post #3360, VFW Defiance County Council Commander, VFW District 1 Commander, and served as the VFW Department of Ohio State Commander for the 2005-2006 year. He also served as chairman for various committees at the State and National levels. He enjoyed serving as the VFW Post 3360 Quartermaster and on the VFW Post #3360 Funeral Detail for numerous years until his health no longer allowed him to do so, and he had to resign his duties. What he enjoyed most was spending time with his family and traveling with his wife and children to Myrtle Beach, SC until he could no longer do so. Cliff will be deeply missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, and many family members, friends, and colleagues. Clifford is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Bauer of Defiance, his daughter, Adriannea McCorkle, two sons; Adam John Bauer and Robert (Amanda) Spangler, a sister, Terry Raines, nine grandchildren; Brandon, Briannea, Noah, Mya, Adam Bauer Jr., Madison, Taylor, Allyson, and Zoey. He was preceded in death by his parents, his infant daughter Christina, his grandson Scott Grime, and his brother, Daniel Bauer. Visitation was held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance. Due to the recent pandemic, masks and social distancing are required to enter the funeral home. Funeral services were private. The burial took place at Riverside Cemetery, with military graveside honors accorded by VFW Post

#3360. Memorials were suggested to the family. Online condolences can be given at [www.Schafferfh.com](http://www.Schafferfh.com).



**LARRY MATTHEWS BEADLE** - Died Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in Brentwood, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee on July 6, 1944 to the late Raymond and Margaret Beadle. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Michael "Mickey" Beadle and Donald "Skip" Beadle. He graduated from Battle Ground Academy and Auburn University. He was commissioned in the United States Army and later received a Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam. His professional career was with Parman Oil Company and Colliers International. He served on the Board of Operation Stand Down for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #1140**. He was a longtime member of Brentwood Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He is survived by his wife Cherie; daughters Malinda Beadle and Susan Grant (Howard) of Brentwood, TN and Leslie Beadle of Auburn, AL; granddaughters whom he dearly loved, Mary Margaret and Lillie Huff. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. A man of faith, family, and great humor - he will be immeasurably missed by all. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Brentwood Baptist Church, 7777 Concord Rd., Brentwood, TN 37027; Battle Ground Academy, 336 Ernest Rice Lane, Franklin, TN 37069; or Operation Stand Down, 1125 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 8, 2021 at the Brentwood Baptist Church, with visitation one hour prior. An interment service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, 7931 McCrory Lane, Nashville, TN 37221.



**ROBERT ALLEN "Bob" BEAVER** - Died Sunday, March 28, 2021 in Friendship, Wisconsin at the age of 80. The cause of death was sudden cardiac arrest. He was born in Knoxville, Iowa on February 2, 1941 to the late Herbert Cecil and Arlys Jean (née Cummins) Beaver. He grew up in Knoxville, Iowa. Bob attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, where he played football, basketball and baseball. It was at Simpson that Bob met the love of his life, Margo Ann Keil. Bob and Margo were married in May of 1962. Bob was a devoted and caring family man. He loved being outdoors, fishing, hunting, and riding on Castle Rock Lake in his pontoon boat. An avid sports fan, he loved to watch sports being played, especially when he could watch his grandchildren play. Next to sports, Bob's greatest passion was asking the question, "What can I do that is good for children?" and then giving back to causes that he believed in. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston Chapter #729**. Bob is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margo; two sons, Kris (Shelly) Beaver of Columbus, Wis., and Kevin (Amy) Beaver of Adams; grandchildren, Zach (Samantha) Beaver of Sun Prairie, Kelsey Beaver and Jacob Caltagerone of Janesville, and Anna, Karley, Rylan and Lindey Beaver of Adams; and great-grandson, Simon Beaver. Bob is preceded



in death by his father, Herbert Cecil Beaver; mother, Arlys Jean Beaver; brother, Richard Beaver; and sister, Jean Beaver. Memorial services were held at 1:00 PM Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Adams Friendship Fine Arts Center Adams, Wisconsin. Pastor Anita Genrich officiated. Visitation was held on Saturday at the Adams Friendship Fine Arts Center from 10:30 AM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Adams Friendship Area Education Foundation, <https://www.afedfoundation.org/>, and the Moundview Memorial Hospital Healthcare Foundation, <https://www.gundersenhealth.org/moundview/foundation/>.

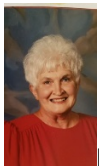


**LARRY EUGENE BECKER** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in Faxon, Oklahoma at the age of 85. The cause of death was cancer. Larry was born on April 9, 1936 in Hanover, Pennsylvania to the late Pius and Mary Becker. He married Jacqueline C. Becker on December 17, 1955. Larry retired from the United States Army at the rank Sergeant Major in 1979. While in the Army, Larry received numerous awards, medals and commendations including The Commendation Medal, Occupation Medal (Germany), Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Meritorious Service Medal to name a few. He then went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Computer Science. Larry worked for City National Bank in data processing for 13 years and retired in 1998. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. Preceded in death by his mother, Mary and his father Pius; brothers: Gerald and Kenneth. Larry is survived by his wife, Jacqueline C. Becker of Faxon; daughter, Dawn Miller of Lawton; daughter, Susan Coats and her husband Aaron of Clarksville, Tennessee; daughter, Lori Riley and husband Cory of Faxon; grandchildren: Andrea Moberly and husband Jeremy of Oklahoma City; Audra Goar and her husband Wesley of Oklahoma City; Kelsey Riley of Faxon; Jarred Riley and wife Daisy of Faxon; Justin Riley and fiancé Sarah Nunley of Faxon; Braden Miller and fiancé Missy Peckham of Lawton; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; brother, Terry Becker of Hanover, Pennsylvania; sister, Phyllis Jean Strausbaugh of New Oxford, Pennsylvania; brother, George Becker of Pennsylvania, sister, Linda Becker of Pennsylvania. Graveside services for Larry Eugene Becker were held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Fort Sill National Cemetery. The family held a visitation on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 3:00 until 5:00 PM at the Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Home in Lawton. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Larry's name to the local Parkinson Disease charity or via the Parkinson's Foundation.



**PAUL J. BERGERON, SR.** (USN, LT-Ret.) - Died Friday, May 7, 2021 at home in Southamptton, Massachusetts at the age of 75, with family by his side, after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. Paul was born on July 15, 1945 in Northampton, Massachusetts and

grew up in Easthampton, Massachusetts to the late Odilon and Frances (née Brouillard) Bergeron. He married his high school sweetheart Betty Fisher in 1964. They had five children. Paul graduated Smith Vocational High school in 1964 from the electrical program. He started his career by working at Easthampton Appliance with his mentor George Stawarz. He enlisted in the United States Navy "Seabees" in 1968 and served two tours in Vietnam in Unit CBMJ301. With time in the Navy reserves, Paul served 27 years in total with the US Navy. Retiring at the rank of Lieutenant. In 1972, Paul started his own business 'Paul J Bergeron Electrical' – it was a successful company with 30 years in operation. In those years, Paul mentored many apprentices that became successful Electricians. His oldest son, Scott Bergeron bought the company in late 2001 and Paul continued on after retirement as an estimator and consultant. Paul received many awards including the "Veteran of the Year" in 2006. He proudly accepted the award at a ceremony at the Legion post in Easthampton with his family in attendance. Paul was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #224 and a member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111*. He worked to host many festivities at the Legion, including Spaghetti night and French Night where he was famous for his homemade French meat pies. He was able to pass along his recipe for French meat pies (along with others) to his Grandchildren and hosted many 'meat pie' days at home with them. Paul is survived by his wife, Betty; his sons, Scott and his wife, Janet, Paul, Jr. and his partner, Jeanne Young and Philip and his wife, Joanne; his daughters, Melissa Bush and her husband Curtis and Michelle Usher and her husband, David; his grandchildren, Joseph and his wife Lauren, Henri and his wife Jocelyn, Paul III, Christopher, Haley, Emily and Autumn; his great-granddaughter, Claire; his brother Leo Bergeron, of Northampton; his sister, Marie Lynch of Northampton. Paul is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Jeannette Martin of South Carolina, Norma Dickinson of Tennessee, Esther Shirley of South Carolina, Jane Kulis of Easthampton, Rose and David Yates of Tennessee, and Bonnie Slys of Easthampton; his brothers-in-law, Paul and Sherry Fisher of South Carolina, Kenny and Mary Fisher of Leeds, and Chuck Dunning of Florida; as well as several nieces and nephews. The family would like to give big thanks to Mary Ellen from "All About You" and Susan and Deb of the 'Fisher House Hospice Care' and to Dr. Henry Simkin who helped to see him through his long tough battle over the years. Paul's funeral was held on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Boucher - O'Brien Funeral Home, 7 Pleasant Street, Easthampton with a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Easthampton. The burial with Military Honors was in the Westhampton Center Cemetery in Westhampton. Calling hours were held on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM. Masks and social distancing were required.



**MARY ALICE (née Wood) BERNSTEIN** - Died Tuesday, April 20, 2021 in Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania at the age of 92. She was a resident of Camp Hill and formerly of Beaver, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. Most commonly known as "Dr. Dunn's nurse," she was born on January 2, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan and was the daughter of the late J. Norman and Elizabeth (née Grant) Wood. She was a member of the Chippewa United Methodist Church. She is survived by her three children, Joseph N. Bernstein, Sr., Mineral Ridge, Ohio, Karen Smith and



her husband Doug Brown, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, Melinda K. Bernstein, Silver Spring, Maryland, two grandchildren, Joseph N. Bernstein, Jr., Jennifer Bernstein, three great-grandchildren, and one loving sister, Geraldine Thonen, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, Edward Bernstein, June 20, 2019, three brothers Thomas, Jack and Samuel Wood, and two sisters, Norma L. Paxton and Donna J. Laughlin. Mary Alice was a devoted and active volunteer with Crimson Line, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**, Friendship Ridge, Heritage Valley Medical Center and Yellow Ribbon Girls. Her proudest achievement was graduating from nursing school late in life. Friends were received on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM until time of service at 8:30 PM in the Hill and Kunselman Funeral Home, [www.hillandkunselman.com](http://www.hillandkunselman.com), 3801 Fourth Avenue, College Hill, Beaver Falls with Reverend Rodney Smith, officiating. Private interment was in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania. The family wishes to express deeply heartfelt gratitude to the caring staff of Homeland Center in Harrisburg, PA, where she was showered with love and respect from everyone. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Yellow Ribbon Girls at 4105 River Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 or Homeland Center at 1901 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102.



**LAWRENCE A. "Larry" BIRO** – Died peacefully Friday, January 29, 2021 in Denver, Colorado at the age of 76, due to ALS on January 29, 2021. He was diagnosed in 2013 and chose not to see ALS "*Lou Gehrig's disease*" as a death sentence, but as a challenge that he must overcome. He was born on December 4, 1944 in Wyandotte, Michigan. He grew up in Wyandotte and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1963, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1967, a Master of Education degree from Wayne State University in 1968, and a Doctor of Education in 1981 from Loyola University Chicago. His whole career was in education and administration in the medical field. After three years in the United States Army, he was a public school teacher for a few years in Lincoln Park and Warren, Michigan. He taught GED classes at the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Milan, Michigan to inmates. He moved his family to Chicago where he worked for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Columbus-Cuneo-Cabrini in Chicago for almost 20 years. He was the hospital administrator at Cabrini Hospital in Chicago. He and his wife left the Chicago area for Washington DC where he worked for six years at the US Department of State. He then worked at the US Veteran Affairs Department for 18 years before his disease forced him to retire. The VA relocated him to medical networks in Pittsburgh, Denver, Atlanta, and Dallas, where he was admired and respected by those who worked with him. He was always a good listener and put veterans first. His career showed him so many different aspects of life and of the human spirit. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston (South Carolina) Chapter #780**. He is survived by his wife Hollace "*Holly*" of 53 years. She was his best friend and soul-mate. He is also survived by his sons Timothy (wife Amy) in Denver and Charles (wife Mala Adiga) and granddaughter, Asha Adiga-Biro, in Washington DC. He is also survived by his brother Mike in Michigan and his sister Patricia in Texas. He lived life to the fullest and even though he has passed he is not gone. Donations can be made in his name for ALS research to [brainsupportnetwork.org](http://brainsupportnetwork.org). A service was held at Fort Logan National Cemetery

on Friday, February 19, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Due to capacity restrictions, we are asking that you attend the service through livestream by clicking on the following link: <https://bxcited.com/larrybiro/>.



**LUTHER ALLEN “Sonny” BITTINGER** - Died Friday, March 12, 2021, at UPMC Western Maryland at the age of 75. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 7, 1945 in Cumberland to the late Luther Adam Bittinger and Bessie May (née Stafford) Bittinger. He was also preceded in death by his sister: Betty Ramsey; an infant brother: Ronnie Bittinger; and his brother: David Bittinger. A graduate of Allegany High School, Class of 1964, Sonny was a United States Army Veteran serving two tours in Vietnam, and retired from the Kelly Springfield Tire and Rubber Company. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Later in life, Sonny obtained his preacher’s license through the Barnabus School of Ministry. He went on many mission trips in South America. Sonny had a strong passion being a missionary. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing, and spending time with his family. Sonny is survived by his loving wife of 53 years: Mary “Janie” (née Everly) Bittinger; his son: Terry Bittinger and wife, Ty Bittinger, and her son Eli Hartman; and Eli’s son: Legend Hartman; his granddaughter, who was the apple of his eye: Jaz Bittinger; his grandson: Brock Dunnington; his daughter: Dottie Bittinger and husband, David Dunnington; two sisters: Helen Neat and Dottie Ruby and husband, Allen; two brothers: Edward Bittinger and wife, Faith; and Michael Bittinger and wife, Debi. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Amy Everly and son, Caden; Steve Neat and Sherry Welch; Tom Ramsey, Dian Liller, Allen Ruby and Kendra Lyons; David, Jr. and Jenny Bittinger; Kayla and Garrett Bittinger; and Eddie, Amanda, Noah, and Jacob Bittinger; as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews. A memorial service was conducted at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM with Reverend Shawna Kirk officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service. Military Honors were accorded by the Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard.



**DAVID T. BLOSSER** - Died Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice Center in Defiance, Ohio at the age of 76. He was a resident of Hicksville, Ohio and formerly of Mark Center, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. David was born on April 30, 1944 in Defiance, Ohio to the late Kenneth and Clara Mae (née Merz) Blosser. He was a 1962 graduate of Fairview High School. David married Dortha J. Burton on August 2, 1965 in Charleston, South Carolina and she survives. David entered the United States Navy after high school and served for four years and three months. After leaving the Navy, he joined General Motors Foundry for 25 years as a millwright and as a Committeeman for the UAW. After retiring from General Motors, David worked as a deputy sheriff for the Defiance County and Paulding County Sheriff Departments. He was a life member of Defiance AMVETS Post #1991 and UAW Local #211. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**.

David was a scuba diver for the Defiance County Search and Rescue Team. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting; fishing; and spending time outdoors. He especially cherished his time visiting with his family and friends. His granddaughters and great grandson were the apples of his eyes. Surviving is his wife of 55 years, Dortha J. Blosser of Hicksville, Ohio; two sons, Phil (Jahne) Blosser of Toledo, Ohio and Matthew Blosser of Defiance, Ohio; two granddaughters, Zoe Blosser and Maya Blosser of Toledo, Ohio; one great-grandson, Kingston Coleman; two sisters, Gloria Connolly Defiance, Ohio, and Yvonne (Jerry Castillo) Blosser of Mark Center, Ohio; two half-brothers, Joe (Bev) Blosser of Sherwood, Ohio and Jack (Kris) Blosser of Oregonia, Ohio. David also had many nieces and nephews that will miss him. David was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather Willis Stevenson; and stepmother, Naomi Blosser; son, Patrick Wade Blosser; brother, Kenneth Blosser, Jr; brother-in-law, Tim Connolly. To honor David's wishes, there were no visitation or services held. The arrangements were in the care of the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 230 East Elm Street, Sherwood. The family asks those remembering David to make memorial contributions to Mom's House in Toledo, Ohio. [www.momshousetoledo.org](http://www.momshousetoledo.org). Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.oberlinturnbull.com](http://www.oberlinturnbull.com).



**RALPH DAVID BOLDUC** – Died Thursday, April 22, 2021 in Gardner, Massachusetts at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 13, 1950 in Quincy, Massachusetts to the late William and Barbara Bolduc. The community of Gardner, Massachusetts lost a well-known, and even more well-adored resident, veteran, firefighter and friend passed away. As a young man, he served our nation honorably in the Vietnam War. His bravery as a United States Marine earned him a Purple Heart, and he retired from service as a corporal. Ralph continued to serve his community in many ways for several decades. He served over 25 years for the Gardner Fire Department first, as a dispatcher in 1980, then as a firefighter in 1994, and retired in 2006. Ralph was a proud member of the VFW Post #905 in Gardner, where he served as All-State Commander 1980-1981. As part of the VFW he tended bar, and volunteered as a Firing Honor Guard for over 45 years, most recently at Winchendon Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In addition, he was a member of the PACC, the Elks, and Club 25, all of Gardner. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #907**. Apart from his various local memberships and service, Ralph always made time to enjoy his favorite hobbies with those closest to him. He looked forward to annual trips to Walt Disney World with his son, Chase, and annual cruises with his daughter, Tania, and his dear friends Ronnie and Robin. Ralph looked forward to day trips of deep-sea fishing, hunting, and visiting the casino, and at home he was content watching old westerns and detective programs. He also loved watching football, and despite living deep in Patriots' Nation, his dedication to the Atlanta Falcons never wavered. It feels like there wasn't anyone in or around town who didn't know, or at least know, of Ralph, and it's unlikely anyone who met him will ever forget him. He will be remembered for his booming laugh, infectious personality, fierce loyalty to friends and family, and his willingness to help anyone, at any time, without any expectation of gratitude or anything owed in return. He was a patient and devoted father, a caring and thoughtful son, brother and uncle, and friend to

more than he probably ever knew. Ralph leaves behind his son, Chase David Bolduc, his daughter Tania Sloan (and her partner Erin), and his companion Mary Ann Pouliot. He is survived by his mother Barbara (Bolduc) Cullen, one brother William Bolduc (and his wife, Debra), and sisters Estelle Stowe (and her husband, David), Sandra Arsenault (and her husband, Duane), Joi Cormier (and her husband, Gary) and Marcia Arioli (and her husband Stephen). He is pre-deceased by his father, William M. Bolduc, and his stepfather, Neil A. Cullen. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 12:00 Noon in the Mack Family Funeral Home, 105 Central Street, Gardner. The burial with military honors was in the Massachusetts State Veteran Cemetery in Winchendon. Calling hours were held on Friday, April 30, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. To honor his memory, and in lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to the VFW Post #905, 176 West Street, Gardner, MA 01440. To send an online condolence please visit [www.mackfamilyfh.com](http://www.mackfamilyfh.com). The Mack Family Funeral Home, 105 Central Street, Gardner directed the arrangements.



**MICHAEL LEE “Mike” BORG** - Died Sunday, April 25, 2021 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 76, from hereditary heart problems, coronary artery disease and exposure to Agent Orange. Mike was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on December 30, 1944 to the late Arthur Borg, Sr. and Bernice (née O’Brien) Borg. Mike graduated from Kaukauna High School in 1963 and received an Associate Degree in Electronics Technology from Fox Valley Technical College. On April 22, 1967, Mike married the former Judy Reider at Holy Name Parish in Kimberly. He lived the early years of his life in Kaukauna, but resided in Appleton since 1974. From June of 1965 until June of 1969, he served his country as a member of the United States Air Force, and was honorably discharged as Staff Sergeant E-5. For the next thirty-five years, he worked as an electronic technician for Northern Musicast in Appleton. Poor health forced his retirement in 2007. His military experience as a Defense Missile Guidance Technician instilled in him a love for Veterans and a special patriotic spirit. Mike was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Harvey Pierre Post #2778 in Appleton and held offices on all levels since joining in 1981 as well as serving as State Judge Advocate 9 years and State Commander with his wife Judy as State President for the 2015-2016 year. He was also a member of the Military Order of the Cootie (serving as Past Grand Commander of Wisconsin), American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brillion Chapter #351**, and Fox Valley Vietnam Veterans. He is survived by his wife: Judy Borg of Appleton; his son: Sean Borg of Little Chute; his daughter: Bonnie (Jon) Gremore of Greenville and their children Beckett and Marleigh; a sister: Sandra Wickesberg of Kaukauna; sisters-in-law; Joan Borg of Kaukauna, Mary Ellen Borg of Little Chute, and Carol Olmstead of Appleton; as well as his special nephew: Lorin (Shannon) Blowers of Menasha, numerous other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Arthur Borg Jr., Gene Borg, Dennis Borg, one sister Maribeth Roehrborn, brothers-in-law Gary Roehrborn and Jerry Wickesberg, as well as his father-in-law and mother-in-law Richard and Margaret Reider. The funeral service with full military honors was held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, April 30, 2021 at Bethany Lutheran Church, located at 124

West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Kaukauna, with Reverend Rob Krueger officiating. Masks and social distancing was required. A private inurnment took place at a later date. Visitation was held at the church on Friday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of the service.

**CHARLES RONALD “Ron” “Bubby” BOSTWICK** - Died Thursday, June 4, 2020 in Waverly, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 30, 1950. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Memorial Celebration of Life service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 1, 2020, at the VFW Post #8104, 206 Broad Street, Waverly. A luncheon and time of remembering followed.

**LEON SAMUEL BOYD** (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Monday, August 10, 2020 in Williamston, South Carolina at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 19, 1935 in Gray Court, South Carolina to the late James P. and Nannie Mae (née Owens) Boyd. He was a retired Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy after 20 years and a retired US Rural Mail Carrier. Mr. Boyd was a graduate of Limestone University and TriCounty Technical College, he was a cryptologist in the US Navy and taught Morse Code in Florida, the Pentagon and schools in Washington, DC. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina**. Mr. Boyd was a member of the American Legion Post #14 where he was past Vice Commander and was a member of Six & Twenty Baptist Church where he was a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and worked the sound board. Surviving are his wife, Gail (née McWhorter) Boyd of the home, three stepchildren: Sherry Pace(Jim), Lisa Boggs(Brian), and Paul Coker(Carren); 11 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; niece, Cindy Ritchie(Jimmy); nephews, Jeffrey and Joey Browning and cousin, Cindy Jones. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Hilda Boyd and sister, Gloria Boyd. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday in the Oaklawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with Reverend Doug Goss officiating. The family would like to thank the Kindred Hospice and two special caregivers, Cathy Oliver and Tyler Hicks. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Six and Twenty Baptist Church, 3701 Six & Twenty Road, Pendleton, SC 29670.



**DELVIN DON “Del” BREN** - Died Saturday, August 22, 2020 at the age of 69, surrounded by his family at his residence in Watertown, South Dakota and formerly of Goodwin, South Dakota after a battle with cancer. He was born on January 6, 1951 at Clear Lake, South Dakota to the late Alvin and Ilo (née May) Bren. He attended Clear Lake High School and then entered the service in the United States Army in 1969 and served in Vietnam. He came home and attended Vo-Tech in Watertown. He then enlisted in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged and retired in 1996 as a BMI. During his service he served on the naval ship that retrieved the first Apollo moon mission and was stationed all over the world serving on many different ships. Del was united in marriage to Clea Stormo in 1973 until 1988, having two children, Jeff and Heather. He loved his family and friends. He enjoyed playing darts, golf, his dog Brodie, pheasant hunting and was an avid Minnesota Vikings Fan. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion and a member of the DAV. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**



**of America – Watertown Chapter #1054.** Del was an out-going, social man. He was always making new friends and having a good time. Del is survived by his children, Jeff (Casey) Bren of Watertown, SD and Heather (Jack) Rasmussen of Watertown, SD; and three grandchildren, Spencer (Michaela DeWald) Rasmussen, Samantha Rasmussen and Brayson Bohling; and three siblings, Dennis Bren of Sioux Falls, SD, Carol Greenwood of Watertown and Laural (Bob) LaFavor of Veneta, OR. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Darla Anderson; nephew, Michael Bren; niece, Teresa Greshaber; and an infant brother, Lyndon. Funeral services were private for the family on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Military honors were conducted by the American Legion Post #17 of Watertown and the South Dakota Patriot Guard Riders. Visitation hours were public from 5:00-7:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2020 at the Wight and Comes Chapel.

**TYRONE H. BROWN** – Died Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 78. The cause of death was vascular heart disease. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on December 20, 1942. He served 23 years in the United States Army with three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista Chapter #1093.**

**RICHARD J. BURDICK** – Died Saturday, August 15, 2020 in the Willowbrook Nursing Home in Nacogdoches, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was kidney failure. He was born on November 24, 1945. He served in the United States Army from February 27, 1965 to February 28, 1985. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nacogdoches Chapter #931.**



**DR. ROBERT PATRICK “Bob” CARROLL, JR.** – Died Monday, December 24, 2018 in Nacogdoches, Texas at the age of 78, after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. Dr. Bob, as he was known to his friends was born on October 7, 1940 in Lexington, Virginia to the late Robert Patrick Carroll, Sr. and Alice (née Robertson) Carroll. He and Ruth Fagelson Carroll were married June 18, 1966 in Annandale, Virginia and she survives him. Bob graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1962 with a BA in Biology. He graduated from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1966 and served a rotating internship at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston Texas followed by two years' service in the United States Army including a tour in Vietnam. He and his growing family moved to Nacogdoches in January 1972 to work in the Student Health Center at Stephen F. Austin State University. In 1976 he opened up his own practice and worked in that until 2006 when after a 40-year career as a family practice physician he retired from full time private practice. After he closed his practice he continued to work for the East Texas Community Health Clinic and Burke operating an Alzheimer diagnosis and treatment clinic. Bob had a servant's heart and served in numerous leadership roles for the Nacogdoches County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the national Alzheimer's Association Board as well as many others. Bob was a deacon at Austin Heights Baptist Church, a former member of the Nacogdoches ISD School board and one of the founding



physicians as well as a former Chief of Staff for Medical Center Hospital. Other leadership roles included serving as president of the board of the Millard's Crossing Historic Village, the Christian Women's Job Corps and the Nacogdoches Historic Zoning Board. He was particularly proud of his involvement with the formation of the East Texas Chapter of the National Alzheimer's Association. He facilitated the first Alzheimer caregiver support group in Nacogdoches for almost twenty years. Bob Loved all sports but especially Ladyjack basketball. He loved spending time with his family and watching his grandchildren participate in their activities. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. He is survived by his wife Ruth (née Fagelson) Carroll, son Michael Joseph Carroll (wife DeNae) of Graham, Texas, daughter Kathleen Carroll Bayliss (fiancé Steve Addyman) of Woodbury, Minnesota, daughter Diane Carroll Havens (husband Hank) of Rockwall, Texas, son Robert Patrick Carroll III of Austin, Texas, sister Ann Carroll Weaver (husband John) of Leesburg, Florida, brother-in-law Dale E. Wykoff of Ashville, North Carolina, a niece Carroll Ann Wykoff and nephew Dr. Randolph Wykoff. He is also survived by six grandchildren Samantha Bayliss, Christopher Bayliss, Nolan Carroll, DeLaney Carroll, Haley Havens and Jack Havens. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Alice Carroll Wykoff. Services were held on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 11:00 AM, First United Methodist Church in Nacogdoches, Texas with Reverend Kyle Childress of Austin Heights Baptist Church presiding. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Christian Women's Job Corps, Austin Heights Baptist Church or the charity of your choice.



**FRANCIS DANIEL “Frank” CASEY** – Died Thursday, April 15, 2021 in Millsboro, Delaware at the age of 77. He was formerly of Rhode Island. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 7, 1944 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island to the late John Joseph Casey and Cecile Marie (née LaPerche) Casey. Frank was raised in Rhode Island, and served in the United States Army serving a tour in Vietnam and was honorably discharged. Frank owned two businesses in his lifetime. He also worked as a limo driver (his favorite job) where he had the opportunity to meet and drive celebrities and meet many great people. In Rhode Island he was a very active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woonsocket Chapter #818** where he had many friends. In Delaware he was active with the **Vietnam Veterans of American – Lewes Chapter #1105**. Frank’s greatest passion in life was helping other veterans in any way he could. Additionally, he was a super football fan, the New England Patriots being his favorite team. Frank moved to Delaware approximately nine years ago with his wife Karen of 21 years, where the two enjoyed retirement together. In addition to his late parents, Frank is preceded in death by his Aunt Laura and Uncle Jack Hardy, Aunts Francis Hargreaves and Claire Coleman. Frank is survived by his loving wife, Karen (Wheat) Casey, daughter Kristyn Casey and her daughter, Eden, of Florida and by marriage, son Jason Johnston and his wife Irene and children, Joshua, Sianna and Katrina of California. Also, cousins in Rhode Island, Keith, Kevin and Michelle Hardy. He was also very fond of his neighbors Thomas and Gail Johnson. Cremation is private at the request of the family. The burial with full military honors took place on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery, 2669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing protocols were observed and masks worn by everyone participating in any aspect of the service. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in Frank’s honor to the

Vietnam Veterans of America, Sussex County Chapter #1105. Checks can be made payable to VVA Chapter #1105 and mailed to VVA Chapter #1105 ATTN: Roger Rose, 31665 Sloan Cove Road, Lewes, DE 19958.



**CHARLES PHILIP CASSIDY** - Died Sunday, February 14, 2021 in Linden, Tennessee at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. Charles was born in Needham, Massachusetts on August 31, 1937 to the late Philip and Viola Cassidy. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in July 1958 as an Aviation Cadet and served for 30 years. After receiving his pilot wings at Graham AB, FL (T-34/T-37) and Greenville AFB, MS (T-33) in 1959, he was assigned to the 3855<sup>th</sup> Fighter Training Wing at Perrin AFB, TX flying the F-86L. In 1960, he was assigned to Strategic Air Command flying over 5000 hours in B-47 and B-52 aircraft from 1960 to 1980. His overseas tours included Guam, Okinawa, and Thailand while completing 57 combat sorties missions in the B-52 over Vietnam in 1969, with numerous deployments overseas to Guam, Spain, Morocco, and England. Other assignments included McConnell AFB, KS (B-47); Little Rock, AR (B-47); Loring AFB, ME (B-52G); Plattsburgh AFB NY (B-52G); Dyess AFB, TX (B-52D); Castle AFB, CA (B-52F); U-Tapao RTNB, Thailand (B-52D); Mathers AFB, CA; Kadena AB, Okinawa as Commander of the 376th Field Maintenance Squadron, from 1976 to 1979; Deputy Base Commander of the 22nd Combat Support Group, March AFB, California from 1979 to 1980; Alaskan Air Command. Elmendorf AFB Alaska as the Deputy Commander for Maintenance (DCM) as Director of Information Systems for Alaskan Air Command and Commander of the 5002nd Information Systems Squadron from 1980 to 1984; United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) at Royal Air Force Bentwaters, England, as the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing Director of Command and Control from 1984-1987. He returned to Elmendorf AFB, AK and retired in 1987 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He held a Master of Science Degree (MAS) from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and was rated by the FAA as a Commercial Pilot and an A&P Mechanic. After retiring, Charles taught for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for at the Elmendorf AFB Campus. In 1996, he moved to Linden, TN. He joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1991 in Eagle River, AK Post #9785. In 1996, he transferred to VFW Post #4973 in Linden, TN where he held many positions in the Post, District and State, and National, earning All-American and All-State honors. He was the VFW TN State Commander 2010-2011. He was a member of the Military Order for the Cootie (MOC) and in 2008-2009 served as the MOC Grand Commander for TN. He was a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**, The Order of Daedalians (Society of Military Pilots), MOAA Middle TN Chapter and Past Chairman of the Perry County Veterans Association to name a few. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister Joan Gallagher (FL). He is survived by his wife of 39 years Billie, and children William (Reagan) Cassidy Linden, Crystal (Mark) Larsen, and Chris (Brenda) McGee, 15 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and sister Linda (Bob) Marsh of Colorado Springs, CO. Celebration of Life arrangements pending. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VFW National Home for Children Child Care and Early Education Center, 3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton

Rapids, MI 48827. Please indicate in memo for Flooring. Williams Funeral Home and Crematory were in charge of assisting the family with arrangements.

**DALE LEARY CHENEY** - Died Friday, January 15, 2021 in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death was thyroid cancer. He was born in Dawsonville on July 20, 1952 to Leary Cheney and Carolyn (née Eskew) Cheney. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from October 7, 1971 to September 5, 1975. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**.



**JOSEPH FRANK "Joe" CHESKO, SR.** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Monday May 3, 2021 at Comanche County Memorial Hospital at the age of 66. He was a resident of Cache, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 1, 1955 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Joseph F. and Rosemary C. (née Ercole) Chesko. He married Cynthia A. Griffin on November 29, 1990 in Wichita Falls, Texas. SFC Chesko served in the United States Army as Military Police/ Investigator for more than 20 years, retiring at Fort Sill in 1994. His service awards included the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two service stars, Humanitarian Service Medal and Kuwaiti Liberation Medal. Following his retirement from the Army, he worked as a Real Estate agent in Lawton for the past 27 years. Joe started his career with Keller Williams and for the past 22 years he has been with Re/Max Professionals of Lawton. Joe was a very active in the community. He was a member of the Mt. Scott Kiwanis Club, he was instrumental in creating the Moonlight Walk Against Drugs, spearheaded the Cache blessing box, and created Children United and Committee from a vision to build an all-inclusive playground in Lawton. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Joe loved his family very much and mostly enjoyed spending his time with his grandkids. Joe will be missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph F. Chesko and Rosemary C. (née Ercole) Chesko and a son, Joseph F. Chesko, Jr. Joe is survived by his wife of 30 years, Cynthia A. (née Griffin) Chesko, two daughters and a son, Jessica J. (Chesko) Gemar and husband, Christian of Dallas Texas, Juli A. Chesko and Robby Baca of Cache, Oklahoma, Michael J. Chesko of Chickasha, Oklahoma, six grandchildren, Brittany, Dean, Robert, Nyla, Khamilliana and Anna. He is also survived by three sisters and one brother, Joanne Roach and husband, Wayne of Florida, Florence Jacobsen of North Carolina, Rosemarie Coles of New York, Anthony Chesko of Florida and six nieces, Kimberly Wikoff and husband Billy of New York, Michelle Safford of New York, Kathy Huestis of Florida, Katrina Chesko of Florida, Kristina Montalvo and husband Jorge of Florida, Hope Singleton and husband Charles of Florida, four nephews, Sean Coles of New York, Jamie Safford of Florida, Michael Huestis and wife, Leah of Florida and Theodore Jacobsen and wife, Chelsea of North Carolina. The funeral service was at 12:30 PM on Monday, May 10, 2021 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain (CPT) Caleb Miller, Fort Sill, Oklahoma officiating. The burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. The

family greeted friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. The service was available for viewing via livestream link at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com) or by visiting the Becker-Rabon Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Children's United in memory of Joe at the Children's United Facebook page, Children United SWOK.



**DENZEL LEJEUNE CLARK** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, May 26, 2021 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 91. Denzel was born in Florence, Alabama on June 21, 1929 to the late YJ Clark and Naomi (née Scott) Clark. He graduated with a degree in Business from Florence State Teacher's College. He devoted 23 years of distinguished service in the United States Army where among other duties he was Deputy Chief of Staff at Fort Rucker, a helicopter test pilot, and completed two tours in Vietnam. It was also his great honor to serve as an Alabama State Representative upon retiring. His joy was spending time with his family playing on the "creek" at their family home in Killen. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**. Denzel was preceded in death by his parents Naomi Scott Clark and YJ Clark, his two sisters Arline Clark Spain and Margaret Clark Springer, and his wonderful wife, Vivian Foster Clark, of 59 years and his grandson Harrison Bay Hinkle. His family rejoices in knowing they are all united together again. He is survived by his three children, Karen Clark Hendon, and husband Jerry Hendon, of Canyon Lake, Texas, Denzel Clark Jr., and wife Sonja Shreves Clark, of Covington, Louisiana, and Malana Clark Hinkle, and husband Walter Scott Hinkle, of Birmingham, Alabama. He leaves behind seven grandchildren, Robert Hendon, Denzel (Trey) LeJeune Clark III, and wife Jennifer Clark, Brittany Clark Hubert, and husband Andrew John Hubert, Tyler Charles Clark, and wife Naomi Van Yperen Clark, Jackson Ashley Hinkle, Hunter Clark Bryant and Hannah Grace Bryant. He also leaves behind five great-grandchildren, Preston, Harvest, Levi, Eden and Selah, and one more on the way. All of his children and grandchildren were the absolute joys of his heart. Visitation was held on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 2:00 PM with a service at 3:00 PM at the Williams Funeral Home, 1950 Helton Drive in Florence, Alabama. A short graveside service followed. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to New Beginnings Church in Florence. Condolences may be left at [wfunerals.com](http://wfunerals.com).

**WILLIAM HAROLD CLOUGHLY** – Died Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 6, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Williamsburg (Virginia) Chapter #957**. The Lee County Cremation Services in Fort Myers was in charge of the arrangements.



**EDWARD ALONZO CORDOVA** – Died Sunday, April 18, 2021 in Killeen, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 25, 1948 in Rockdale, Colorado to a beautiful family that showed unconditional love to each other. With multiple brothers and

sisters. With this basic foundation his parents built in him, it became his way of life by showing love, hope and compassion to live his life to the fullest that he could. When coming to a crossroads of life via a family, friend, coworkers or a stranger that needed that shoulder to lean on, it was there for that person and sometimes it's was just a simple smile or a hug with this simple words "it's going to get better, just hang in there ". With his full service in the United States Army to every job afterwards his brother/sisterhood became his garden of life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. With Edward's basic look at life, he shared it with his wife Rosita and children Terri Ann, Derek, Oscar. Like every good gardener that plants his/her seed, the garden works with the basic tools but it's up to the seed to do its part side by side with the help of God's hands the garden grows with no end to be seen. At times multiple gardens come together to help each other out at the time of needs. He is survived by brothers Donald and family of Pueblo, CO. and Robert and family of Aurora, CO; children, Terri Ann husband Norberto son Noah of Pueblo, CO. and Oscar, wife Michelle, of Killeen, grand-dog Bandit, and the most important one in this is his wife, Rosita. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters, child Derek, granddaughter Makayla. Funeral services for Edward Alonzo Cordova were held at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen. The burial was at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at 2:00 PM with full military honors.

**JOHN GILBERT CRAWFORD** - Died Sunday, November 1, 2020 at his home in Manchester, Kentucky at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Sunday, September 7, 1952 in Oneida, Kentucky to the late John C. and Edith (née Ollie) Crawford. He was retired from the military where he served for 22 years in the United States Army and United States Marine Corps and was a Security Police in Bosnia and Afghanistan as he served in the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester Chapter #868**. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife: Karen (née Brown) Crawford, his children: Lindsey Harmon, April Collins and John Crawford, his grandson: Jace Crawford, his mother-in-law: Merlene Brown as well as his brother: Ronnie Crawford of Connersville, Indiana and his sister: Martha Faye Crawford of Richmond, Indiana. He is preceded in death by his parents: John C. and Edith Crawford as well as his father-in-law: Verner Brown. A memorial service for John Gilbert Crawford was conducted on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Rominger Funeral Home Chapel with Military Honors. The burial was in the Combs Cemetery in the Hooker Community. The arrangements were entrusted to the Rominger Funeral Home.



**JAMES FLOYD "Jimmy" CREECH** - Died Tuesday, March 16, 2021 in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 75. He was a resident of Barnwell South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. Jimmy was born on March 4, 1946 in Barnwell to the late John Fulmer and Alice (née Hutto) Creech. He was a retired Human Resourcing Hiring Specialist at the Savannah River Plant. He served Honorably in the United State Navy and the United States Army Reserves. He was a loving father and grandfather that enjoyed helping others, as well as helping maintain the grass and upkeep at the Barnwell County Veterans Park and also being a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**



**Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828.** Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the Friendship Baptist Church, with burial in the Church Cemetery. The family held a visitation on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Mole Funeral Home. Jimmy is survived by his daughter, Alicia (Robbie) Strock of Barnwell, grandchildren, Brooke Strock and Jamie Strock, great-grandchildren, Jady and Kensley Bolton, sisters, Elaine (Kerry) Morris of Myrtle Beach, Dianne (Ken) Sloan of Barnwell, and Wanda (Eddie) Crouch of Williston. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Faye Denton Creech and a son, Robert Jonathan Creech.

**DAN BARTON CRITTENDON** – Died Sunday, April 18, 2021 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mayfield, Kentucky on February 26, 1942. He served in the United States Army from September 2, 1966 to August 20, 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004.**



**ASA E. CULVER** – Died Wednesday, November 4, 2020 in Raiford, Florida at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1935. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080.**

**RAYMOND MARIO CUSATO** – Died Saturday, February 13, 2021 in Shirley, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He is survived by his wife, Maria. He served in the United States Army for two years during the Vietnam War and then in the Army Reserves for 12 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone Chapter #32.**



**DANNY J. DAEBELLIEHN** - Died Thursday, March 25, 2021 at UnityPoint Trinity in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 74. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Danny was born on December 2, 1946 in Moline to the late Don and Elsie (née Caboor) Daebelliehn. He married Jeanene Ruff on June 1, 1968 in Moline. Danny was drafted in the United States Army on May 17, 1966 where he served 2 years and fought in Dong Tam during the Vietnam War. He started working at Cox Cable in 1973 and retired from Mediacom in 2011. Danny was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church, Moline and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299.** He enjoyed golfing, fishing, playing pool and basketball. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan. Survivors include his wife, Jeanie; daughters, Jennifer (Brian) Wicks, Rock Island and Jana Daebelliehn, Rock Island; sister-in-law, Bonnie Ruff, Moline and Dawn Daebelliehn, Geneseo; niece, Denise (Paul) Urycki, Metamora, IL and nephews, Jim Daebelliehn, Plainfield, IL and Jeff Droversky, Rock Island. He was preceded in death by his brother, John. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111-1<sup>st</sup> Street A, Moline with visitation\one hour prior. The family encourages visitors to



wear casual dress or Chicago Bears or Cubs attire. Masks were required at all services. The burial was at the National Cemetery with military honors conducted by Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #299. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America or do something special for our Vietnam Veterans.



**CAROL ELAINE DAVIS** - Died Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Candler Hospital in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 78, due to complications from COVID. She was a resident of Savannah. She was born on June 7, 1942 in Albion, Pennsylvania to the late Harold Jacob Devies and Lillian Maude (née Peck) Devies. She moved to Savannah, where she met William Francis Davis. The two were married March 12, 1971. Mrs. Davis was employed for many years with Savannah Bank and Trust. She volunteered as a Girl Scout leader for several years. She was proud of her husband and family members' service to their country and was a part of many veteran organizations that included the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary Unit #596, American Legion Auxiliary Post #135, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**, Disabled American Veteran Auxiliary Savannah #8, and Savannah Elks Lodge #183. She dearly loved her family both in the south and up north, remaining close to them all through the years. She enjoyed shopping with her friends, especially for her grandchildren, traveling with her husband before his passing, caring for the neighborhood birds and cultivating her favorite flowers. Mrs. Davis is preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, William Francis Davis; and brothers, Charles and Ronald Devies, and Robert and James Knapp. Surviving are four daughters and sons in law, Sherrie (Dave) Collins, Pamela (Stephen) Helmly, Terri (Ernest) Keldie, and Janet (Brian) Kelly; grandchildren, Tyler Collins, Erin Collins, Stephen Helmly, Jr., Joshua Collins, Nolan Helmly, Ian Helmly, Lily Helmly, Hannah Keldie, Nicholas Keldie, Luke Collins, and Amelia Keldie; great grandchildren, Sam Collins and Corey Collins; and siblings, Roberta Fausnaught, William Devies, Dawn Knapp Hall, Linda Altman, William Knapp, Joyce Sherman, Janice Henretty, and Edward Knapp. Visitation was held on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon with the funeral service at Noon in the chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Drew Humphries officiating. A private interment was held at the Georgia Veterans Cemetery in Glennville. The service was live-streamed using the link that was provided the day of the service. The family respectfully requested that all who attended follow social distancing guidelines and wear facial coverings, especially given the sensitive nature of her death. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of the organizations of which Mrs. Davis was a member.



**PAUL FRANCIS DEFIBAUGH** - Died Monday, January 25, 2021 in Wiley Ford, West Virginia at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cumberland, Maryland on June 14, 1945 to the late Jeremiah and Margaret (née Schoenadel) Defibaugh. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Robert E. “Bobby” Engelbach; grandson, Jeremiah Smith; brother, Thomas Defibaugh; sister, Nancy Stark and husband John; and sister-

in-law, Patty Hare. Paul was a graduate of LaSalle High School, class of 1963. Following high school, Paul served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. After being discharged, he was employed by PPG Industries, CSX Transportation Company, Kelly Springfield Tire Company, and Shamrock Trucking Company. Paul was later employed by the WCI Maryland State Prison, and he retired from that position. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Paul was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Mountains Parish. At the church, he was a member of the Martha's Group. He served his community as a member of the Wiley Ford Volunteer Fire Company. Paul also volunteered at the Allegany Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the Golden Living Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Paul loved Christmas. Every year he played Santa Claus around the community. He enjoyed people, and he had a personality that was larger than life. Paul is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dixie L. (Brown) Defibaugh; children, Tina M. Smith and husband Steve; Michael E. Defibaugh and wife Kelly, and Jennifer L. Engelbach; grandchildren, Garrett P. Smith, Justine M. Smith, Erika R. Smith, and Savannah Ellsworth; great-grandchildren, Willa Smith, and Sage Allen; sister, Barbara Joyce Brown and husband Eugene; sisters-in-law, Suzy Defibaugh, and Lori Miller and husband Dean; brother-in-law, Stanley Hare; as well as several nieces and nephews. Family and friends were received at Saint Mary Catholic Church, 300 East Oldtown Road, Cumberland, on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Noon. A live stream and recording of this service was available to view at [www.ScarpelliFH.com](http://www.ScarpelliFH.com). The burial was in the Maryland State Veteran's Cemetery, Rocky Gap. Friends and family were invited and welcome to only attend the committal service outdoors to accommodate pandemic safety concerns. The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Paul's memory may make contributions to: Wiley Ford Volunteer Fire Department, 149 Stately Street, Wiley Ford, WV 26767; to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; to Bishop Walsh School, 700 Bishop Walsh Road, Cumberland, MD 21502; or to Western Maryland Building and Construction Trades Council, Robert E. Engelbach, Jr. Memorial Scholarship at Allegany College of Maryland. Checks can be made payable to the ACM Foundation and mailed to the following address: ACM Foundation, 12401 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD 21502. Condolences for the family may be left at [www.ScarpelliFH.com](http://www.ScarpelliFH.com).



**EDMUND LINCOLN "Ned" DEVEREAUX III** (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died Thursday, March 4, 2021 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 80 from Brain Aneurysm. Ned was born in Portland on August 17, 1940. He graduated from Ainsworth Grade School and Lincoln High School in Portland, and summered at the family home in Gearhart while growing up. Ned attended seven different colleges and universities before graduating Magna Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota in 1985 with Departmental Honors in History. Ned had a life-long interest in history, starting with Civil War study in high school. He was the last of four generations who worshipped at Trinity

Episcopal Cathedral. In February 1959 Ned enlisted in the United States Army. His first duty assignment was with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment in Amberg, Germany as a tanker, scout and border operations. Ned loved Amberg and Gearhart as his favorite small towns the rest of his life. He subsequently served in a variety of tank, cavalry units as well as instructor, advisor and Operations Sergeant assignments. In 1985-86, he served as the US Army Europe Operations Sergeant Major in Heidelberg. Besides service in Germany, he served in the United States and Vietnam; in Vietnam he was wounded in action with the South Vietnamese 11<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Squadron in Quang Tri province. His final Army assignment was as the Command Sergeant Major of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse) in Bad Hersfeld Germany. During this assignment he revitalized the Squadrons Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Corps, reactivated the NCO Spur Program that increased the unit's Esprit de corps immensely. During this same time, he worked to establish two new Partnership Units with NATO Allied Military Units, the British Blues and Royals and the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment. These partnerships increased unit working knowledge of Allied Unit Operations and built a bond with the British Units that last to this day for many of the soldiers involved. Post Army, he worked in the residential construction industry culminating with over twelve years as a safety consultant for Contractors Insurance Services. He was a life member of several veterans' related associations. Closest to him was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Association where he spent eight years [June 2006-Present] as the editor of the Association's newsletter The Thoroughbred and continued being a Sergeant Major with his advising the Association President which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newport Chapter #411**. He is survived by his wife of [55 years] Doris who he met and wooed while assigned to the tank company in West Berlin, his son, Edmund IV (wife Rebecca), granddaughter, Dorian (Concord, NC), grandson, Levi (DePauw, IN) and the twin grandchildren, Josie and Hunter, both of Portland. His great-grandson, Cohen (DePauw, IN) and he will soon have a second great-grandson that will live here in Portland. There was visitation located at Lincoln Memorial and Funeral Services, 11801 SE Mount Scott Boulevard, Portland, OR that started at 10:00 AM on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. The Funeral Services were at Noon and a graveside Military Service was held in the Willamette National Cemetery on Mount Scott on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to a charity of your choice.



**DR. THOMAS G. Del GIORNO, JR.** - Died Monday, May 17, 2020 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia on October 14, 1946. He was a dedicated and respected physician to the South Philadelphia Community for 30 years until his retirement. He was the devoted husband of Sandra (née Geria) Del Giorno; brother of the late Dr. John Del Giorno; brother-in-law of Mary Del Giorno, Leonard (Linda) Geria, Maria (Frank) Argenzio and Dr. Michael (Cathy) Geria; loving uncle of Dr. Thomas (Julie) Del Giorno, Dr. Joseph Del Giorno, Dr. Charles (Angelee) Del Giorno, Dr. Tamara (Marc) Fisicaro, Dr. John Del Giorno, Michele (Joseph) Barry, Leonard (Kim) Geria, Stephen (Jennifer) Geria and Monica (Joey Robinson) Argenzio. He served in the United States Army from November 19, 1968 to June 28, 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. The viewing was on Thursday beginning

at 9:00 AM at Saint Monica Church, 17<sup>th</sup> and Ritner Streets. The Funeral Mass was at 11:30 AM. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers donations to Saint Monica Church were appreciated. A memorial celebration in Dr. Del Giorno's honor will be held in the future. Please check [www.stolfofuneralhome.com](http://www.stolfofuneralhome.com) for a date.



**DANIEL “Dan” DIRIDONI** – Died Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in Redwood City, California at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in San Francisco, California on December 23, 1947 to the late Audrey and Alvarado Diridoni. He graduated from Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, California, in 1965. After attending one semester of junior college, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 19 in 1966. Diridoni joined the Marines as part of the buddy program, which allowed him and his best friend to enlist together and then attend recruit training at the same time and in the same platoon. After completing basic training, he attended infantry training at Camp Pendleton in California in November 1966. Diridoni then went to Camp Lejeune to receive training on different water purification techniques and equipment. After finishing training, he went back to Camp Pendleton in March 1967 with the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion for one month. There, he received his assignment for Vietnam as a combat engineer with the 9th Engineer Battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. Diridoni spent 13 months in Vietnam. He built, repaired and maintained buildings, roads and power supplies. During his time in Vietnam, Diridoni served in a service company, where his military occupation specialty was water purification. Diridoni worked to purify water for the troops with his “water buffalo.” After arriving in Chu Lai, he joined B Company to build roads near Hue City. Diridoni arrived in Hue City and remained there when the Tet Offensive began with the Battle of Hue on Jan. 31, 1968. When the Tet Offensive ended in March, Diridoni went to Landing Zone Sally, the staging area for the 101st Airborne. He left the base camp every day with his water purifying equipment and spend the day making sure the water was safe for drinking. Diridoni also served at Firebase Bastogne in the A Shau Valley before returning to Phu Bai and rejoining B Company to help with their work around Camp Eagle. In October 1968, he went back to Chu Lai. In 1969, Diridoni returned home to California and left the Marine Corps. A year later, he married his wife after writing her many letters while in the service. Diridoni enrolled in college, and after receiving his degree, he worked as a probation officer. He soon found his passion for restoring cars and opened a body shop in 1988. Diridoni and his wife ran Evelyn Auto Body together in Mountain View, California, for 20 years before he retired in 2009. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #388**. Today, Diridoni loves dogs and camping. He also enjoys riding his Harley motorcycle and spending time in the mountains. He has two daughters and four grandchildren. Thank you for your service! Proud Marine and defender of our country. Survived by wife Jan; his daughters, Carrie Lyle and Amanda Bell; sons-in-law, Chris Lyle and Michael Bell; his grandchildren, Gianna Lyle, Daniel Lyle, Noah Bell and Jack Bell; his sisters, Sandra Grigsby and husband, Donn Grigsby and Patricia Diridoni, and; also his best friend of 50+ years, “Mac” McNeese, Semper fi!



**GARY PAUL DIVELBLISS** - Died Thursday, December 10, 2020 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 71. He suffered from complications from COVID-19 and died from hypoxic respiratory failure. He was born on August 12, 1949 in Berkley Springs, West Virginia to the late Leo H. Divelbliss and Helen (née Munday) Divelbliss. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Junior Divelbliss, Marie Singhass, Patsy Allen, and Debbie Stallings; as well as his good friend and father-in-law, Carl Bennett. Gary was a 1967 graduate of Fort Hill High School. After graduation, he joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He was a recipient of two Purple Hearts and a medal for Heroism. Gary was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172**. He worked at Memorial Hospital and Western Maryland Health System for 36 years as a respiratory therapist. In 2005, Gary was the Employee-of-the-Year. He was a member of Central Assembly of God Church and worked in several ministries. Gary was involved in missions, served as deacon, helped with children's ministries, a van driver for the church, and helped with bereavement dinners. One of his favorite ministries was helping to make chocolate eggs at Easter. He was the president of the Alleghany Chapter of Gideons. Gary loved the Lord and his family. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed hunting with his brother, Donald, and his nephews. Gary had a great sense of humor and loved a good joke. Those who knew Gary were blessed by his kindness and willingness to help others. Surviving are his wife, Carol (née Bennett) Divelbliss; sons, Brian P. Divelbliss and wife, Becky, and Eric S. Divelbliss; grandchildren, Kalea Divelbliss, Ethan Divelbliss, and Tinsley Divelbliss. Gary is also survived by his mother-in-law, Clara Bennett; sister-in-law, Cheryl Atkinson; brother-in-law, Craig Bennett; and his siblings, Donald Divelbliss and wife, Irene, and Jackie Moses and husband, Dave; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. 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 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The funeral services were at 1:00 PM with Pastor Doug Seaman officiating. The interment was in the Restlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. We thank the staff at UPMC for their compassion and care. Thank you to our family and friends for their outpouring of love and prayers during this time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be sent to Central Assembly of God, 2020 Bedford Street, Cumberland, MD 21502.



**CHARLES DOUGLAS DOTY, SR.** (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, April 28, 2020, at his home in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 9, 1930. Charles proudly served in the United States Air Force for over 27 years before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. He was preceded in death by wife, Norma. He is survived by sons, Charles Douglas Doty Jr. and Linden Brice Doty both of Knoxville. Family and friends gathered at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the East Tennessee State Veteran Cemetery for graveside

services with full military honors conferred by the US Air Force and East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard.



**JOHN M. DOWD** - Died suddenly with his pet canine companion, Charlie on Friday, April 2, 2021 in Middletown, New Jersey at the age of 71. He was formerly of Keyport, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Long Branch, New Jersey on August 5, 1949 to the late John and Margaret Dowd and resided in the Middletown Township most of his life. He was drafted into the United States Army as a combat medic and served his country bravely in Vietnam before returning back to New Jersey to be with his family. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12*. John was a warehouse worker for John Wiley & Sons Inc. for 8 years before retiring. He loved the outdoors and sports. If he was not at the beach, he would be either be playing softball or rooting for his favorite teams, the New York Yankees and New York Giants. John was very active in softball, and played for several established teams in Monmouth County for over 30 years. Surviving are his four siblings; Rita M. McManus, Patricia Carroll, Margaret E. Taintor; Joseph T. Dowd, and many nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Margaret Dowd; brother, James P Dowd; nephew, Richard H Wilson; and nephew, Christopher J Flanagan. A Memorial Visitation was held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM at the John F. Pfleger Funeral Home, 115 Tindall Road, Middletown. Funeral prayers were scheduled for 7:30 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution in John's name to The Wounded Warrior Foundation or a veteran organization of your choice. The arrangements were under the direction of the John F. Pfleger Funeral Home, Middletown.



**GARLAND WARNER DULA, JR.** (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, January 8, 2020 Camden, Delaware at the age of 70. The cause of death was congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease. He was born in Lenoir, North Carolina on June 11, 1949 to the late Garland Warner Dula, Sr. and Olene Dula. Garland W. Dula, Jr. affectionately known as "Penny" by family members and "Dula" throughout his Military Career, was raised in a Christian home. He joined Dulatown Presbyterian Church early in life and after he served time in the military, he became a member of Christ Memorial Baptist Church in Dover. Garland was educated in the public school system in North Carolina and graduated from Hudson High School. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was a Vietnam Veteran who proudly served his country. Garland later joined the United States Air Force Reserves and held the rank of Master Sergeant while serving as Superintendent of Services at Dover Air Force Base. He also worked for many years as a Civil Service employee. MSgt. Dula retired from Dover Air Force Base after completing 35 years of Meritorious Service. He was awarded many medals and certificates. Garland in the past served as a Commissioner of Planning (Town of Camden) and First President of the Newell's Creek Homeowners Association. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason (Dover Air Force



Base Military Lodge #28), a member of the Shrine, a member of the Disabled Veterans Association, and the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. "Dula" enjoyed many hobbies such as working on his radio controlled airplanes, boats and helicopters, Drag Racing Cars, camping in his RV and flying aircraft. He was preceded in death by a sister, Audrey Ann; and a brother, Thomas (wife Martha). MSgt. Dula is survived by his wife of 47 years, Dr. Eva Dula (the love of his life); son, Andre (wife Angela); granddaughter, Audriana (his heart); sisters, Diane and Minister Felicia; brothers, Patrick (wife Babbette), Sherman (wife Gelene); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and very close friends. The funeral service was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Pippin Funeral Home, 119 West Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, Delaware. Friends visited starting at 11:00 AM. A private interment was scheduled for a later date. Share a memory at [www.pippinfuneralhome.com](http://www.pippinfuneralhome.com).

**DUANE F. EVANCHUK** - Died Thursday, March 18, 2021 in Deerfield Beach, Florida at the age of 78. He was also of Pompano Beach, Florida. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 5, 1942. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23**. In loving memory Duane joined the US Army, served in Korea, retired from Ford Motor Co after 30 years. He is survived by sister Karen Evanchuk/Bozian, two nephews Ryan, wife Amy and Mark Longhi/ wife Cyndy, Andrew, Paige, Nicklas, Ethan & Owen. His son Michael Evanchuk, wife Tara, daughter Taryn, sister Michelle Evanchuk. Grandchildren Logan and Skylar. Rest in Peace after his long battle with Cancer. In memory of my dad, who was a father when I didn't have one. Michelle (Evanchuk) Overholser. He was laid to rest at a later date at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, FL.



**JOSEPH ANTHONY FERNANDEZ, M.D., F.A.C.S.** - Died Tuesday, March 30, 2021 in Enterprise, Alabama at the age of 79, in the arms of his wife and surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. Dr. Fernandez was born an American citizen abroad on February 7, 1942 in El Ferrol, Spain to the late José Maria Fernandez and Antonia Fernandez. The family was separated by World War II and was not reunited until 1951 when he and his mother arrived in New York City. Growing up on Staten Island, he graduated from Saint Peters High School for Boys and attended for one year the City College of New York where he played in the first NCAA Soccer Semi-Finals in 1958. Accepting a four-year Naval ROTC Scholarship, he travelled to the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque where he graduated and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in 1964. Dr. Fernandez was designated Naval Aviator in 1966 after attending flight school and initially flew the UH-34 "Sea Horse" helicopter and the transitioned to the CH-46 "Sea Knight." During this time, he served aboard the USS Okinawa in the Caribbean Sea and flew humanitarian rescue missions in the aftermath of Hurricane Inez in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Returning from the Caribbean, he served in the Republic of Vietnam from April 1967 – May 1968 during which time he proudly served as a rotary wing aviator in the HMM-361 "Flying Tigers" and HMM-362 "Archie's Angels" helicopter squadrons,

aboard the USS Okinawa once again as a member of the Afloat Landing Forces at Khe Sahn and many other named operations. On the ground, he served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> BN, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines Regiment as the Air Liaison Officer during the Tet Offensive. On return from Vietnam he transitioned to jet aircraft and became a jet flight instructor at NAS Meridian, Mississippi. On leaving the Marine Corps in 1970, he flew Huey helicopters for the Mississippi National Guard as he attended medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson. On graduation he returned to active military duty as a flight surgeon for the United States Navy before completing a residency in urology at the Madigan Army Medical Center in Washington State. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373*. Retiring from the Navy in 1986 he became the Chief of Urology at the Asheville Veterans Administration Medical Center in North Carolina. Dr. Fernandez returned to active military service because of Desert Storm, initially serving as the acting commander of Lyster Army Hospital before deploying to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as the Chief of Urology with the 13<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital. Returning to Lyster, he completed his service and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and began private practice in Enterprise and Ozark, Alabama. He retired from medical practice in 2007 but remained a member of the Coffee and Dale County Medical Associations. Among his many achievements and awards are his designations as a Naval Aviator, an Army Aviator and a Naval Flight Surgeon; his earning of the Presidential Unit Citation, 23 Air Medals, Combat Action Ribbon and Purple Heart from his service with Marines in Vietnam, multiple commendation and achievement medals and the Meritorious Service Medal from his service in the Army and Navy. He served as a Clinical Professor of Urology for Duke University in North Carolina and has published articles in several medical journals as well as becoming a Board-Certified Urologist and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Locally, he was a large, if anonymous benefactor for several charities and as a member of Saint John's Parish in Enterprise, attained the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in the Knights of Columbus. He was also the physician assisting thousands of residents of the Wiregrass. He was known to all as a kind and generous man. Was a devoted husband and father and cherished by his family. He is survived by his wife, Ruby (née Franklin) Fernandez (formerly of Jay, FL); his two sons Joseph Fernandez (Kimberlee) of Enterprise, AL and John Fernandez of Asheville, NC. He has five granddaughters, Skyler Henley (Christian), Raven Brock (Kyle), Jolee-Ann, Isabella, and Elizabeth Fernandez and two great-grandsons, Leo Henley and Bear Brock. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Father Zachary Greenwell, Dr. Rick Harrelson and Covenant Hospice, Dr. Walter Lawrence, Center Home Care, and Sorrells Funeral Home for their care and support. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 2, 2021 at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church with Reverend Father Zachary Greenwell officiating. The family received friends at the church beginning at 12:00 Noon and continued until time of service. Face masks and social distancing were required to attend these events. A Man's life is bounded by two dates – his birth and his death. The dash between contain the myriad dates and details of a life lived. If viewed as the covers of a book, the number of chapters and pages will vary, with some having few pages, and others many chapters. Dr. Fernandez' life contained many pages and many chapters, touching thousands of lives through his 79 years on earth.

**ANTONY FRANK "Tony" FERRUCCI, JR.** – Died Monday, February 1, 2021 in Shoreline, Washington at the age of 76. The cause of death was a stroke exacerbated by diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born in Alliance, Nebraska on August 25, 1944 to the late Tony F. Ferrucci, Sr. He

served in the United States Army in the Artillery from 1963 to 1966. He served mostly in Ansbach, Germany with short tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Seattle Chapter #102**.



**GARY LEE FOSTER** – Died Sunday, March 14, 2021 at the Iowa City VA Health Care System, Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 71. He was a resident of Milan, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. Gary was born on August 4, 1949 in Moline, Illinois to the late Francis and Ruth (née Harper) Foster. He married Mary Hynes on March 7, 1970 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Gary was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran serving in the 3/187<sup>th</sup> Infantry Rakkasans, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He retired from the Rock Island Arsenal, working as an engineer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**. Gary enjoyed woodworking, golfing, playing pool, and spending time with his friends at Mr. Ed's. Gary is survived by his children, Tim (Margret) Foster, Moline, and Stacy Jewell, Milan; grandchildren, Christina Attaway, Damien Foster, Korbi Foster, Mya Johnson, and Macy, Morgan, Kelsea, and Cooper Foster; great grandchildren, Thea and Riley Attaway, Liliana, Jase, and Lorelai Foster, Kingston Boone and Levi Bahrs; siblings, Bob (JoAnn) Foster, Milan, Arlene (John) Great House, Illinois City, Denny (Judy) Foster, Milan, Butch (Penny) Foster, Milan, Mike (Kathy) Foster, Milan, Steve (Sandy) Foster, Milan, and Kathy (Woody) Marshall, Bennett, IA; sister-in-law, Georgia Ernst, New Boston; and brother-in-laws, Sam Petersen, Andalusia, Ernie Jennings, Tipton, IA, and Pat Hynes. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary K. Foster; parents; and siblings, Beverly (Robert) Bethel, Kenneth Foster, Marilyn Petersen, John (Linda) Foster, and Kay Jennings. Visitation was held from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, March 19, 2021 at the Wheelan-Pressley Funeral Home and Crematory, Milan, with a service at 1:00 PM. All visitors were asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing. The burial was at Chapel Grove Cemetery, Taylor Ridge, with military honors. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Local #309 Veterans Assistance Fund.



**ERNEST ROBERT "Pete" FRAPPIER** - Died Friday, May 7, 2021 in the VA Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 73. He was a resident of North Smithfield, Rhode Island. He was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on April 2, 1948 to the late Fred and Aline (née Leblanc) Raymond. He was the loving husband of Linda (née Moran) Frappier. Pete was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was a Legacy Member of the VFW Post #6342, the AMVETS Post #7, and was a former Rhode Island State Commander of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. He was also a member of the United Veterans Council of Woonsocket. He worked as an extruder operator for Miller Electric and was a clerk for Stop and Shop Super Market until his retirement in 2010. He was also a Eucharistic Minister and CCD teacher at Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Woonsocket. In addition to his loving wife, Linda, he is survived by his sons: Brian Frappier and his wife Tammy-Jean of Woonsocket, Kevin Frappier of Woonsocket, his grandson

Logan, a brother, Robert Raymond of North Smithfield, and three sisters; Lorraine Bourget, Aline Berube, and Pauline Croteau, all of Woonsocket. He was also the brother of the late Fred Raymond II. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 PM on May 11, 2021 in the Fournier and Fournier Funeral Home, 463 South Main Street, Woonsocket. The burial with Military Honors was held at a later date in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter and was private.



**STEVEN K. FRISBEE, SR.** – Died Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in Hilton, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on July 27, 1949 to the late Kenneth and Arline Frisbee. He is also predeceased by his stepfather, Maxwell Davis. He is survived by his children, Melissa (Stephen) Mikolajko, Steven Frisbee Jr. and George (Michelle) Frisbee; and his four grandchildren, Nora Mikolajko, Jakob Mikolajko, Emma Frisbee and Zachary Frisbee. Steve was a Veteran of the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He worked for SPX Lighting as a welder for his entire career. He loved farming and hunting. He was also a long-time member of the Lions Club. Steve was a very social guy. He truly cherished his conversations with family and friends. There was a visitation, following all CDC health guidelines on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc., 735 East Avenue in Hilton. Donations can be made to Lollypop Farms, Humane Society of Greater Rochester, 99 Victor Road, Fairport, NY 14450, online at <https://www.lollypop.org/>, in Steven's memory. Steven and his mother, Arline Frisbee Davis were buried in Parma Union Cemetery on Saturday, May 8th at 10:00 AM.



**MICHAEL BERNARD "Mike" GANO** - Died Monday, March 1, 2021, in the VA Medical Center, Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 71. He was a resident of Andalusia, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 3, 1949 in East Liverpool, Ohio to the late George and Patricia (née McKeever) Gano. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam and took part in the battle of Khe Sahn. He married Cynthia Robbins on October 9, 1976, in Rock Island. Before becoming disabled due to his military service, he was an over-the-road trucker and also worked in floor covering and for John Deere. He was a *Life Member* of both **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299** and DAV, enjoyed doing yardwork and being outdoors, and loved spoiling his grandkids. Mike is survived by his wife, Cindy; a son, Scott Gano of Seattle, Washington; a daughter and son-in-law, Miranda and Robert Fonger of Illinois City; three grandchildren, Hailey Peters, Brynn Peters, and Rowen Pearson; and siblings and spouses, Nancy and Steve Circello, Charles Gano, Dan and Diann Gano, Georgia and Robert Ramirez, Timothy Gano, Lisa and Greg Wyers, and Shawn Gano. Services were at 11:00 AM on Friday in the Horizon Room at Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline. Cremation took place at Trimble Crematory. The entombment was in the Rock Island National Cemetery, where

Vietnam Veterans of America presented military honors. Mike's family invited friends to share stories and condolences at [TrimbleFuneralHomes.com](http://TrimbleFuneralHomes.com).



**CARL STEVEN GERG** (USA, CPT-Ret.) - Died Friday, April 2, 2021 at Penn Highlands Elk at the age of 68, after a brief illness. He was a resident of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. He was born in Saint Marys on June 15, 1952 to the late John D. and Mary L. (née Wildnauer) Gerg. Steve was a graduate of Elk County Christian High School, Class of 1970. He was a retired employee of GrafTech. He is survived by his daughter, Stacy Merrow (Brian) of Clearfield; his son, Steven Gerg (Julie) of Homer, NY; by Stacy and Steven's mother, the former Chris Gnan of Clearfield; by his daughter, Sarah Augustine of Corning, NY; by three grandchildren: Lilly Merrow, Ella Merrow, Dakota Gerg; by his brother, Richard F. Gerg of Saint Petersburg, FL. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Parks. For 50 years, Steve was a committed member and fire chief of the Crystal Fire Department. After graduating high school, he entered the United States Navy and served on the USS Tripoli and USS Blue Ridge. He was a retired United States Army Reserve Captain and was in the Army National Guard. He was a former member of the Saint Marys Servicemen's Burial Detail, past president of the Saint Marys American Legion, and a *Life Member* and the *Former Secretary* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bucktail (Saint Marys) Chapter #720**. He was Chairman for the Bicentennial parade in Saint Marys and was a dedicated instructor at the Tri-County Fire School. In his free time, Steve was an avid hunter and fisherman and really enjoyed going to camp with the gang. Family and friends were invited to a Mass of Christian Burial in the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday, April, 6, 2021, at 11:00 AM, with the Reverend Father Michael Gabler, OSB, Pastor, officiating. Full military rites were accorded by the Saint Marys Servicemen's Burial Detail. Burial will be in the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery. A private visitation for the family was held at the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Crystal Fire Department, 319 Erie Avenue, Saint Marys, PA 15857 or to the Vietnam Veterans of America Bucktail Chapter #720, PO Box 220, Saint Marys, PA 15857.



**JANICE ADDLE "Jan" (née Lindsay) GOODING** – Died Sunday, February 28, 2021 in Orange Park, Florida at the age of 75, surrounded by her loving family after suffering from her 9 ½ year battle with Pancreatic Cancer. She was born on June 12, 1945 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the second child of the late James Wilson Lindsay and Jeannette (née Wyckoff) Lindsay. Preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Lynn A. Lindsay, and her father-in-law, Judge Marion W. Gooding and mother-in-law, Eunice D. Gooding, Jan is survived by the love of her life, her husband of more than fifty-one years, Mack Duffie Gooding; three children, Rebecca A. G. Holmes (Robert), James M. Gooding (Patricia), Joseph C. Gooding (Ashley); five grandchildren, Ryan C. Holmes (Lindsey), Kayla B. Holmes, Liam M. Gooding, Braelyn S. Gooding, Kelsey R. Gooding; three step-grandchildren, Steven, Brandon and Christian Buchhalter; one great-grandchild, Rhys W. Holmes; five sisters-in-law, Jean Y. Lindsay, Marilyn G. DeSimone, Elaine G. Vickers, Kathleen (Kathy) G. Nordsiek, Cathy R. Gooding; two brothers-in-law, Marion (Bill) W. Gooding, Jr., Judge David M. Gooding (Cathy); numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and precious friends of many

years. As a child, Jan was actively involved in Girl Scouts and school related activities. She was also Worthy Advisor in Jacksonville Assembly #21 of Rainbow Girls. After graduating from DuPont High School in 1963, Janice shortened her name to Jan and spent the next two years at Lees McRae College at Banner Elk, North Carolina. She graduated in 1968 from Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, Georgia with a BS Degree in Elementary Education. She went on to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades in both Duval County and Clay County schools, where she later substitute taught at Orange Park High School for twelve years. For many years, Jan held various positions in Eastern Star and also traveled extensively as the Local High Priestess of the Ladies Oriental Shrine. She also served as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Nursing at Saint Johns River Hospital. Active for many years in the Ministry of Young Adults at Island View Baptist Church in Orange Park, she has been active for the last several years in the ministries of Advent Lutheran Church in Orange Park. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. A Private Memorial Service to Celebrate Jan's Life was held at a later date at Advent Lutheran Church. Jan's nephew, Reverend Gerald A. Nordsiek, Jr. officiated. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that remembrances be made in Jan's name to the Morocco Shriners Patient Transportation Fund, 3800 Saint Johns Bluff Road South, Jacksonville, FL 32224-2620. The arrangements were made by the Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, FL. Please post words of comfort at [www.hardage-giddensrivermead.com](http://www.hardage-giddensrivermead.com).





**GORDON ELLIS GRANT** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Friday, March 5, 2021, at WhiteStone's Care and Wellness Center in Greensboro, North Carolina at the age of 88. He was a resident of Greensboro. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. Gordon was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on December 8, 1932, to the late Gordon E. and Isabel (née Ellis) Grant. He grew up in Chicago, IL, and attended Amundsen High School. He graduated from Ripon College in Ripon, WI, in 1955. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He earned an MBA from George Washington University. Gordon entered the United States Army upon graduation from Ripon and served for 21 years, including two tours in Korea and one in Vietnam. He attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. The proudest moment of his military career was when he, as adjutant general of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, directed their redeployment to the U.S. at the end of the Vietnam War. After returning from Vietnam in 1970, Gordon lived with his family in Alexandria, VA, for the next 46 years. He retired from the Army in 1977 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington (Virginia) Chapter #227**. He worked the next thirteen years for the Boeing Company in Vienna, VA. A lifetime golfer, Gordon worked as a starter at the Fort Belvoir South Nine Golf Course for several years. In 2016, he moved with his wife to Greensboro, NC, to be near family. Gordon is survived by his wife of 53 years, Susan S. Grant, and son Scott Gordon Grant, of Kernersville; three grandchildren, Christina Hampton of Evans, GA, Shannon Meyers and Cody Meyers of Edgewater, MD; six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Lynnelle Nolan, his daughter from his first marriage, predeceased him in 2013. In Greensboro, Gordon was a member of College Place United Methodist Church. Contributions may be made to the church choir in his name in lieu of flowers. A private committal service was held in the Danville, VA National Cemetery.



**CARL A. GRAY** - Died Thursday, April 22, 2021 in Aurora, Indiana at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 5, 1954 to the late Charles and Virginia (née Robinson) Gray. Carl was a member of the United States Air Force and was a proud veteran. While in the Air Force he had the responsibility of an airplane mechanic and in his spare time he was a DJ, playing for NCO clubs. Semi-trucks were his passion and he drove a truck from 1989 – 2017. He thoroughly enjoyed his time working for Delivery Express and was extremely loyal to his company. He earned "Driver of the Year" award multiple times along with safe driving awards. Carl enjoyed taking his daughter on trips with him in his semi, and even picked up his son in his semi when he was discharged from the Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. Carl loved going to the truck shows and the kids would be right by his side taking it all in. His love of trucks fostered his love for travel and about the only place Carl hadn't seen was Niagara Falls. When he was home, Carl loved spending time with his grandkids and was big on family. He like to fish, collect model cars, enjoyed his guns and playing darts. Carl was a huge fan of music and had a collection of vinyl records. Carl will be greatly missed by his children Crystal Gray of St. Petersburg, FL, Candace Gray (Casey Morris) of Yorkville,

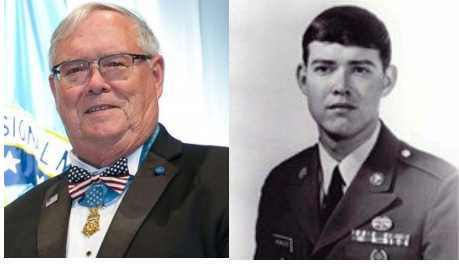
and David Gray of Moore's Hill; Candace & David's mom, Jan (Skip) Stutz, his grandchildren Jacob Gray, Bryson Gray, Amelia Gray, Robert Gray, Brantley Kernan; his siblings Catherine Harvey and Dorothy Jean Lester. He is preceded in death by his parents Charles and Virginia Robinson Gray, and his siblings Linda Gray, Dale Eugene Gray, Barbara Sue Gray, and Theresa Lynn Gray. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Guilford Covered Bridge Park at 4785 Main Street in Guilford, beginning at 3:00 PM. A non-formal event, the Legion will perform military honors and friends and family can spend time celebrating Carl. Memorials can be given to Family Wishes and were accepted at the Celebration of Life or could be mailed to Andres-Wuestefeld Funeral Home at 25615 State Route 1, Guilford, IN 47022. Please visit [www.andres-wuestefeldfh.com](http://www.andres-wuestefeldfh.com) to sign the online guestbook or leave condolences.



**JAMES HAROLD "Jim" GRIMM** – Died Friday March 26, 2021 in Idaho Falls, Idaho at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on January 7, 1946 in Latrobe, Pennsylvania to the late James Edward Grimm and Annabelle (née Senter) Grimm. His two older sisters, Deanna Kaye and Judith Carol, called him "Jimmy." The family lived in McKeesport, PA, where his father was employed by Westinghouse. An extended family and grandparents lived in Paducah, Kentucky, a beautiful area that Jim visited every summer and where many fond memories were made. He attended Lincoln Elementary School, McClure Middle School in White Oaks, and McKeesport High School where Jim's class was over 800 students. Jim received many awards for citizenship and leadership, including the American Legion Award. Early in his childhood, it became obvious that Jim was a natural athlete. He much preferred sports to academia. As a youth, he played baseball for the Pony leagues, and he was consistently on the All-Star Teams. Jim was a half-back for the McKeesport High Tigers football team. In his senior year, McKeesport lost the State Football Championship by two points. Jim also participated in YMCA basketball, but his true love and favorite sport was baseball. He was an outstanding third baseman for the Tigers and instrumental in the team winning PA State Baseball Championships. The *Daily News* reported, "After graduation, Jim Grimm, third sacker and also fast half-back in football will enter Southern Mississippi University as a star athlete." Because he lived near Pittsburgh, Jim came to be an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Pittsburgh Pirates. As a youth, he spent countless hours attending Pirate games. Jim had enduring friendships with his teammates and his childhood acquaintances who were a variety of nationalities. Many of their fathers worked in the steel mills and Jim came to understand and appreciate how challenging life was for the workers and their families. He did not forget the work ethic they possessed and the desire each family had that their children could break away from the steel mills through academics or sports. After much contemplation Jim made the difficult decision to leave Southern Mississippi and join the United States Marine Corps, knowing that he would most likely be assigned duty in Vietnam. He was correct. After basic training, he was deployed to duty in Vietnam with the Marine Third Reconnaissance Battalion, Alpha Company Platoon, which became known as Hoover's Hunters. Lieutenant Hoover was one of those whose face appeared on the Vietcong/North Vietnamese Army (NVA) wanted posters along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Jim was a ham radio operator in a five-man patrol. On one patrol led

by Cpl. George Neville, Jim's team was inserted by Hueys (choppers) into the middle of a hornet's nest of NVA. The NVA must have been shocked by the choppers and ran in one direction while the Marines ran in the opposite direction. Throughout the first day, Neville called artillery in close to the Marines landing zone and current position. As the hours passed, the NVA regrouped and began their own search-and-destroy mission against the five young Americans. Neville requested extraction and was denied. Artillery and air strikes on the NVA continued throughout the night. At dawn, Neville again asked for choppers to extract the team as the mission was compromised and the NVA now knew there were only five Americans. Extraction was again denied. The team established a defensive perimeter. As the NVA attacked, the Marines fought back but were outnumbered ten or more to one. Pfc. Alvin Stokes was shot in the arm. Neville then called in Phantoms. If the Marines were to survive, it would be only if the radio was not destroyed and the jets and gunships were accurate. Command then told Neville to find a way out as the F-4s were going to drop napalm. Neville told the jets to first make a run over the target and then climb high while the Marines would push themselves through thick bush and run down a piece of the high ground opposite of their landing zone. Even though the Marines could feel the heat and burning smoke on their bodies, they had survived the blast. They were then advised by command to get back to their original landing zone for extraction. The five Reconners climbed back up to a usable landing zone and a bird dropped down that was not a gunship. All hands aboard the bird were firing their weapons into NVA teams that had regrouped. The bird could only get one skid on the slope and the Marines jumped for the hatch hoisting each other on board as the pilot pulled up. One bullet exploded through the metal skin of the chopper inches behind the pilot's head, and several came up from below and whistled through the Marines legs and partially severed a fuel line. But the Huey pulled away. The Recon team came very close to being five killed-in-action (KIA) and probably killed in action – body not recovered (KIA-BNR). The five men with painted faces had held off more than a company of NVA killing 20 in their battle for life. Two Silver Stars and three Bronze Medals were awarded to the eighteen- and nineteen-years old Recon team. "For exceptional courage in fighting against the enemy and gathering valuable intelligence," L.Cpl. James Grimm was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V". Other metals Jim received include Purple Heart Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. Upon learning of Jim's death George Neville said, "God bless my radioman." Jim's parents moved to Idaho Falls with Westinghouse while he was still in Vietnam. When his Marine service was completed, Jim came to Idaho Falls where he met and married Mary Dee Bitner on July 18, 1970. He was particularly fond of his in-laws, Willard and Virginia Bitner, and would listen intently to Willard's whopper stories. Many summers were enjoyed with Jim playing third base in the fastpitch Idaho Falls Softball Association league at Tautphaus Park in Idaho Falls where the games were broadcast with George Fife as the commentator. The first league team Jim played for was Denning's Showcase. An annual Fast Pitch Softball All-Star Game was played, and tournaments were routinely attended throughout Idaho, Montana, and Utah. In the winters, Jim would play on an "old men" basketball team at the Idaho Falls Recreation Center with twins Garon and Tharon Brower's team. Jim and Mary Dee gained many lasting friendships through his participation in the softball and basketball leagues. Jim received his BA degree in Sociology from Idaho State University (ISU) in 1970. His career centered around the "Famous Idaho Potato" which was ironic as Jim had never seen a potato plant until he arrived in Idaho. Jim began his marketing of

dehydrated, fresh, and frozen potatoes career with Roger Brothers which was later consolidated into Basic American Foods. He also worked for Nonpareil Corporation, Idaho Pacific, and retired from the Idaho Potato Commission as Northwest Marketing Manager. In 1979 a handful of men including Jim gathered after hours in the cafeteria of an Idaho Falls potato processing plant. The group did not have a name. All they needed was the closeness of comradeship felt in Vietnam to help them survive at home. Membership numbers steadily increased and in 1981 the "*Freedom Bird*" organization was incorporated. The organization's name was derived from the massive passenger plane that brought the soldiers home to freedom and from the devastation of the war. This group rekindled the comradeship they had in Vietnam and helped one another with the support needed to survive the after-effects of the war. Through the years Jim and others helped the Veteran cope with civilian life by focusing their efforts on community service, charity events, and social projects. After some of the Freedom Bird members attended the fall of 1984 dedication of the National Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. the group embarked upon a Vietnam memorial for Idaho veterans either killed or missing in action (MIA). A unique design by Tom Chriswell of a 28-foot tall inverted "V" stainless steel was chosen for the memorial. Regional newspapers and media later reported "Fifteen years after the nation's most controversial war and six years after the idea first originated, the *Idaho Vietnam Veterans Memorial* will be dedicated August 4, 1990, in Idaho Falls." He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ucon Chapter #972**. Jim enjoyed fishing. He was also very supportive of his son Patrick James (PJ) playing baseball and basketball. From the time PJ was old enough to participate on city and Jazz league basketball teams, Jim would spend Saturdays taking PJ from one basketball game to another game. He also learned how to downhill ski so he could ski with PJ. With his travel schedule, Jim was, fortunately, able to attend some of PJ's junior college basketball games in California. Jim was an avid collector of sports memorabilia, especially sports cards. After retirement he spent hours going to garage sales and bargaining on the price; he developed a very good eye for finding antiques. Jim was a "regular" at Chuck-a-Rama and Club Apple in Idaho Falls and Golden Corral in Meridian where he enjoyed the company of many good friends. Most importantly, he was an advocate for Veterans and took great pride in assisting those who were struggling from the effects of war. He was very happy to recently help an elderly Veteran apply for and receive the benefits he had deserved for years. Survivors include his wife, Mary Dee (née Bitner) Grimm of 51 years; son, Patrick James (PJ) Grimm; sisters Judith Carol Savin of Bonita Springs, Florida, and Deanna Kaye Grimm of Blaine, Washington; nephews, Douglas Brown and Brady Orchard; and nieces, Nichole Blake, Leslie Mikesell, Marcy Brown, and Darcy Proctor. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, his sister-in-law Alice Ann Brown, his nephew Bradley Brown, and many Marine brothers. Jim's family extends a heartfelt thank you to the Boise VA Hospital doctors, nurses, and staff who lovingly cared for him, eased his fears, prayed for him, wept for him, and loved him. Thank you to Scott Hardy, a neighbor in Meridian, Idaho, for his friendship and support to Jim, and Coltrin Mortuary for exceptional understanding, kindness, and service. Memorial services were held at 11:00 AM on May 21, 2021 at the Coltrin Mortuary, 2100 First Street, Idaho Falls. The family will visit with friends one hour prior to services. Inurnment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.coltrinmortuary.com](http://www.coltrinmortuary.com).



**CHARLES CHRIS HAGEMEISTER** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - ***Medal of***

***Honor Recipient*** Died Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at Saint John's Hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas at the age of 74. He was a resident of Leavenworth. The cause of death is unknown. Charles was born on August 21, 1946, in Lincoln, Nebraska to the late Carl and Alvina (née Ludwig) Hagemeister. Charles grew up in Lincoln with his parents and three sisters, Carole, Sondra, and Mary. He graduated from the Lincoln High School class of 1964 and attended the University of Nebraska for one year, then was drafted into the Army in 1966. He then embarked on a career in the United States Army that lasted 24 years in uniform. He attended the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon graduation, he remained on the CGSC staff as an instructor in the tactics faculty. Charles was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his courageous actions in combat in Vietnam on March 20, 1967, while serving as a Specialist 4 Medic in Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Other awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, NCO Professional Development ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation ribbon, Combat Medic Badge, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation. He retired in June 1990 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Charles married Barbara (née Craig) Hagemeister on June 4, 1971, at Fort Hood, Texas. They would have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year. Charles was the father of two children, born while they were stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany. Other duty stations included Fort Sam Houston, Fort Knox, Fort Hood and Fort Leavenworth. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75**. Following his retirement, Charles and his family remained in Leavenworth, where for the next 25 years he worked for local contractors serving the Army. He traveled to Army installations in the continental United States and abroad to train military personnel using computer simulations. Upon retirement from the Northrop Grumman Corporation, he dedicated himself to the work of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, primarily the MOH Character Development Program and Wreaths Across America, and volunteer work with their local Catholic Church. Charles and Barbara enjoyed regular trips to Manhattan and Nashville to see their children and grandchildren. Family gatherings at Topsail Island, North Carolina, brought the extended Hagemeister family together and made for many happy memories. Charles lived a life of service to others, both in his professional and personal life. He was the person who saw something that needed to be done and stepped up to make it happen. He was a problem solver, persistent and determined until the job was done to his high standards. Charles was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Mary (2013). He is survived by his wife Barbara, son Scott (Karla) of Manhattan, Kansas; daughter Stacey, of Nashville, Tennessee; and two grandchildren-Jakob and Emmaly in Manhattan. He is also survived by sisters Sondra (Williams) and Carole (Epp) and nieces and nephews, Jill Figueiras, Tony Williams, Shelly McClellan, Debbie Humm, and Chuck Epp. Visitation was held at the

Belden-Larkin Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Leavenworth KS. The interment was at the Leavenworth National Cemetery at 1:30 PM with full military honors. Memorials may be directed in his name to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or Fort Leavenworth Wreaths Across America ([www.wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org)). Arrangements have been entrusted to Belden Larkin Funeral Home.



**CARL EMIL HALFTER, JR.** – Died Tuesday, July 7, 2020 in Dundalk, Maryland at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 1, 1945. He was the beloved husband of Kathy Halfter (nee Cummings); devoted father of Mark Eric Halfter, Carly S. Burns and her husband Robert, and Tracy L. Halfter; cherished grandfather of Cora Halfter, Alexander and Ean Burns; dear brother of the late Raymond Halfter. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Edgemere Chapter #965**. Friends visited at the family owned Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk, Inc. 7922 Wise Avenue on Sunday July 12, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM. A graveside service was held at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery on July 30, 2020 at 10:45 AM.



**LAWRENCE ALBERT "Larry" HAMMOND** - Died Saturday December 5, 2020 at his home in Milan, Illinois at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was rectal cancer. Larry was born on February 3, 1948 in Rock Island, Illinois to the late Lawrence W. and Kathryn (née Kelty) Hammond. He married Linda L. Groom on September 17, 1966. He was a United States Army Veteran having served in Vietnam with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne. Mr. Hammond had been a drywall contractor and later been employed at Jordan Catholic School, Rock Island. He was a member of the Milan American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299** and several veteran organizations. Larry loved spending time with his family, playing with his grandson, fishing, and building radio controlled planes. Survivors include his wife, Linda; son and daughter in law, Bill and Amy Hammond, Milan; grandson, Tanner and a couple foster granddaughters; sisters, Sandra, Laura, Roberta, Christa and Barbara. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Thomas and Tony Hammond; brother, Joe Hammond. Livestream services were at 1:00 PM on Thursday and may be viewed at [www.wheelanpressly.com/milan-live-stream](http://www.wheelanpressly.com/milan-live-stream). Drive up visitation will be from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM on Thursday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, Milan. A private graveside service was held at the Rock Island National Cemetery, with Military Honors by Milan American Legion. Memorial donations may be left to the Milan American Legion.





**KENNETH BOYD HAMONS** - Died Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Pocahontas Center at the age of 72, after a long, courageous battle with lung cancer. He was a resident of Hillsboro, West Virginia. He was born in Nicholas County, West Virginia on July 21, 1948, Kenneth, was one of 9 children of the late Beecher and Elizabeth Hamons. Though he was born in Nicholas county, Kenneth called Pocahontas County home most of his life and considered Williams River his "home place". In 1968, Kenneth was drafted into the United States Army during the peak of the Vietnam War. He served as a diesel engine inspector on the island of Okinawa. He often credited his time in the Army for making him the man that he became and was always proud to have served his country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marlinton Chapter #1100**. Shortly after his return home from his tours of duty, Kenneth met his beloved wife Vickie while working at Denmar Hospital. They married in 1976 and made Hillsboro their home. Kenneth was an avid bear and coon hunter his entire life as well as an active member of the Pocahontas Coon Club. Dustwagon, as he was known to his hunting buddies, was well known as an epic story teller and faithful friend. Kenneth had many occupations during his lifetime but his favorite was Maintenance Director at Pocahontas Center where he served for 12 years. In 2013, he was recognized by the West Virginia Health Care Association as the "Long-term Care Employee of the Year" because of his endless devotion to the residents and staff of the center. Most mornings you could find Kenneth in the kitchen cooking made-to-order breakfast for residents "and staff or assisting a resident with their meal after becoming a certified feeding assistant. He loved tending his flower beds at the facility much to the enjoyment of all that saw them. He had an uncanny mechanical ability and was known to be capable of fixing the unfixable. His proudest accomplishment in life was being a loving, supportive husband, father and grandfather. Kenneth spent countless hours volunteering for youth football during the 1980s and 1990s. He never missed an opportunity to attend a school event or a sports game. He worked tirelessly to make life better for all he knew, and his family was at the top of the list. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Sue Mullens, and two brothers, John Welch and infant Jimmy Hamons. Kenneth is survived by his wife Vickie of Hillsboro, son, Brian of Renick, and daughter, Kristi and her wife Charlie of Hillsboro. Additionally, he leaves behind his grandchildren; Brianna Rae and Kenneth Cecil Hamons of Renick, brother Junior and wife Charlotte Hamons of Marlinton, sisters Nancy Rogers and Rhonda Collins of Bridgewater, VA, sister, Marie and husband Luis Soriano, of Buckeye, brother, Joe and wife Rose Hamons of Hillsboro as well as many nieces, nephews and close friends who will miss his presence dearly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department. In serving Kenneth's legacy of kindness, the family encourages everyone to perform an act of service for their community or fellow man as Kenneth did his entire life. In keeping with his wishes, Kenneth was cremated and a memorial service was held at Trinity Baptist Church on Friday, April 30, 2021 from 12:00-12:30 PM with visitation immediately following until 4:00 PM. Online condolences may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com).



**WILLIAM E. "Bill" HEINRICH** – Died Sunday, April 4, 2021 in Hilton, New York at age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on January 8, 1945 to the late George and Pearl Heinrich. He was also predeceased by uncle, Ray Sykes; aunt, Margaret Sykes, aunt, Phyllis Caves. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Heinrich; daughter, Deborah (Al Micchia) Ranieri; grandson, John (Katie) Ranieri Jr.; great-granddaughter, Ellie Bee Ranieri; siblings, Darlene Heinrich, Paul (Kathy) Heinrich and Margaret (Dan) Milner; sister-in-law, Lorie (Randy) Cook; many nieces, nephews & cousins; dear friends. Bill was a proud veteran of the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He enjoyed fishing and working on his lake side home. He was a recumbent bicycle rider, and rode around three of the great lakes and followed the Adventure Cycling Southern Tier Route. He enjoyed telling jokes and was a professional napper. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Bill's visitation was held on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Vay-Schleich and Meeson Funeral Home, 1075 Long Pond Road. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Saint Leo Church, 110 Old Hojack Lane, Hilton, NY. Livestreaming was made available through <https://www.facebook.com/Meesonfamily/>. The interment was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #20, PO Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612 or Lap Robes for Veterans, 73 Stanton Street, Rochester, NY 14611 in his memory. For more information and to sign his online guestbook, visit [www.meesonfamily.com](http://www.meesonfamily.com).



**NICKOLAS "Nick" HELEG-GREZA** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Sunday, October 4, 2020 at Overlook Village Senior Living, Moline, Illinois at the age of 73. He was a resident of Moline. The cause of death is unknown. Nick was born on December 2, 1946 in Judenburg, Austria to the late Hans and Lujza (née Balov) Greza. He married Deborah J. Foster on December 28, 1968 in Des Moines, Iowa. Nick was a United States Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He retired from the U.S. Army on March 31, 1995 as a Command Sergeant Major. He then was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers retiring on December 31, 2011. Nick was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Moline, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Moline Chapter #299** and National EOD Association. He enjoyed photography. Survivors include his wife, Debbie; children, Sophia (Leland) Panter, Warrens, WI and Nicole (Gregory) Loisel, Mequon, WI and granddaughters, Megan and Eléa. Visitation was from 9:30-10:30 AM on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111-1<sup>st</sup> Street A, Moline. The burial was at the National Cemetery, Rock Island with military honors by Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #299. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Church, Moline.



**DONALD FITZGERALD HEMPHILL** (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died Saturday, April 24, 2021 in Pollock, Louisiana at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 13, 1947 to the late George Hemphill and Barbara (née Hamilton) Hemphill.

George Hemphill was a native of Oak Grove, Louisiana. During his service in World War II, George met and married Barbara, a native of Bessbrook Co., Armagh, Ireland. Donald attended school in the Cleveland area and in 1964 at the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Army. Upon completion of his training in 1965 he served in Korea. In 1966, he was deployed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Airborne to serve in the Vietnam War. During his service he saw extensive combat earning his Air Assault Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and a Purple Heart. In 1968, returning from Vietnam, he served as a Drill Sergeant at Fort Polk in the historic "Tigerland" Training area. In 1974, he joined the Army Reserves and served with them until 1980 when he joined the Louisiana National Guard. In 1982, at the age of 34, he achieved the rank of E-9 Sergeant Major. He served as the CSM for various units throughout Louisiana and for eight years served as Brigade Sergeant Major for the 256<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade of Louisiana. In 2007, he retired from the military with 38 years of service. After leaving full time service with the Army, he was employed by Bell South Communications beginning his career as a lineman. He was employed for thirty years and retired from Bell South as a senior supervisor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131**. In 2001, Donald became the Commandant for the Camp Minden Youth Challenge Program. In 2009 he was promoted to Deputy Director of the program, a role he served until his state retirement in 2012. During these years, he worked with numerous employees that became dear and trusted friends. Through his role as Commandant and Deputy Director he influenced the lives of hundreds of "at-risk" young men and women needing to make a new life. Donald is preceded in death by his parents, George and Barbara Hemphill; one son, James Hemphill; and one sister, Gloria Holcknecht. He is survived by his wife, Geneva Harvey-Hemphill, of Ball; four daughters, Renee LaCaze (Randy), of Sterlington, Shawnee Chason (Andy) of Sterlington, Rebecca Dunbar (James) of Oak Grove and Jennifer Harvey-Pederson (Stephen) of Shreveport; one son, Bobby Hemphill, (Kimberly) of Oak Grove; and was blessed with fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM on April 28, 2021 in Restland Memorial Gardens, Pollock, with Reverend Joel Johnson officiating, under the direction of the Rush Funeral Home, Pineville. A time of visitation was held at Rush Funeral Home, Pineville, on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 from 5:00 until 8:30 PM. The pallbearers honored to serve were the Louisiana National Guard Honor Guard. The honorary pallbearers were Sr. Airman Randall Taylor LaCaze, Shawn Hatcher, Eddie Ray Franks, Caden Hedrick, Chris Hedrick, Tim Duncan, the Veterans Center Group and the VVA Alexandria Chapter. Friends may post online messages of condolence for the Hemphill family by visiting [www.rushfh.com](http://www.rushfh.com).



**JOSEPH MICHAEL "Joe" HENDERSON** - Died Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in Levittown, Pennsylvania at the age of 73, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 11, 1947 to the late Joseph and the late Margaret "Peg" Henderson. Joe served his country proudly as a Vietnam Veteran with the United States Army. After serving in Vietnam, Joe went to work as a Steamfitter. He was a member of the Steamfitters Local Union 420 for 50 years and continued as a past President of the Steamfitters Local Union #420 Retirees Association. Joe remained active in military organizations following his Honorable Discharge from

the Army. He was a Past President of the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association and a *Life Member* and *Secretary* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**. Joe was able to travel, with his wife, to more than 40 states while attending the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association and “A” Company reunions. When he wasn't traveling to the reunions, Joe and Martha enjoyed trips to Europe. Closer to home, Joe was always planning bus trips to local destinations. He was also a longtime member of AOH Division #1 Bristol. An avid sports fan, Joe's favorite teams were the Phillies, Eagles, and Notre Dame. Although he liked all sports, baseball was his passion and he always knew the box scores and stats. He was a youth coach for St. Joseph the Worker CYO and Levittown Continental Little League. Always up for a challenge, Joe enjoyed playing Trivia and could oftentimes be found poolside with a Miller Light and a crossword puzzle. Cherished husband of Martha C. (née Hall); Beloved father of Joann, Jeni, Colin (Holly) and stepfather of Robert Brodsky, Jr.; adoring grandfather of Amy, Dylan, Jude, Alfie, and Fallon; devoted great-grandfather of Lacey, Ava, Fraser, Teddy, and Layla; loving son of Joseph and the late Margaret “Peg” Henderson; dear brother of Margaret (the late Jimmy) Mullarkey, John (Elaine) Henderson, and Thomas (Geri) Henderson; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his viewing on Monday, April 12, 2021, from 5:00–8:00 PM at the Fluehr Funeral Home, 864 Bristol Pike (Rt. 13) Bensalem PA and on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, from 8:15– 9:15 AM at Saint Frances Cabrini Church, 325 South Oxford Valley Road. Fairless Hills, PA, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 AM. The Rite of Committal was in Resurrection Cemetery. Donations in Joe's name may be made to West Catholic Preparatory High School, [www.westcatholic.org](http://www.westcatholic.org).

**SOPLY L. HENDRIXSON** – Died Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1949. He served in the United States Army from July 21, 1967 to July 30, 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



**JOHN R. HERRIDGE, JR.** - Died Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in Land O'Lakes, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ballinger, Texas in 1949 and moved to Florida in 1993. John served in the United States Army Special Forces, later becoming a computer programmer for Verizon Data Services. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lutz and also a member of the American Legion Post #572 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo (Texas) Chapter #457**. He enjoyed Geocaching, Munzees and computers. He is preceded in death by his sister Karen Gunn; survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Linda Herridge; sons, John R. Herridge and Andrew S. Herridge; sisters, Carolyn Stover and Brenda Spavins; grandchild, Lucy Herridge; daughter-in-law, Vanessa Reyes, and nieces and cousins. In Lieu of flowers, please donate to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. John will be missed, but we will see him again in eternity.



**ARLON RAY HIERS** - Died Saturday evening May 30, 2020 at his residence in Blackshear, Georgia at the age of 75, surrounded by his family following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on January 12, 1945 in Pierce County, Georgia to the late Clyde Alton and Ella Mae (née Davis) Hiers. He was a 1965 graduate of Blackshear High School and served in the United States Air Force in the Vietnam War, rising to the rank of Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070**. He retired in 1994 as a machinist from the CSX Railroad in Waycross and had owned his own farm for a number of years. He was a faithful member of Walkerville Baptist Church and attended the Senior Adults Sunday School Class. He had served on several building committees over the years and had recently helped break ground for the new sanctuary. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Kenny Hiers, Alton Worten, and Billy Hiers; and a half-brother, Randy Hiers. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Willene Taylor Hiers of Blackshear; three daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Randy Crawford of Blackshear, Kristie and Mike O'Steen of Waycross, and Robin and Tony Mixon of Cochran; grandchildren, Brooke (Michael) Williams of Brunswick, Karissa (Bryan) Willis of Adel, Eric Tyler Johnson and Ryan Halsey, both of Charleston, WV, Brandon Johnson of Smyrna, GA, Kyler Crawford of Blackshear, Karrigan Foskey of Milledgeville, GA, Ethan Foskey and Gavin Foskey, both of Cochran; great-grandchildren, Brody, Baylor and Mia Katherine Williams, all of Brunswick and Easton and Elleree Willis, both of Adel; brothers, Wallace Hiers of Bristol, Jimmy Hiers of Mershon, and Rev. Roger Worten (wife Cathy) of Starke, FL; half siblings, Wanda Scott, Terry Hiers, and Clifton Hiers, all of Waycross; and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. A funeral service took place on Wednesday morning, June 3, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Hart Funeral Home. A private burial was held at the Walkerville Baptist Church Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Michael Williams, Tyler Johnson, Brandon Johnson, Kyler Crawford, Bryan Willis, and Ethan Foskey. The Walkerville Baptist Church Senior Adult Sunday School Class was asked to serve as honorary pallbearers. The family received friends at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 5:00-8:00 PM. The use of masks and social distancing were recommended. Anyone who felt uncomfortable in a crowd were welcome to come by the funeral home between 1:00-5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Walkerville Baptist Church Building Fund, 3000 Walkerville Road, Blackshear, GA 31516 or the Southeast Cancer Unit, PO Box 667, Blackshear, GA 31516. Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at [www.hartfh.com](http://www.hartfh.com). The Hart Funeral Home of Blackshear was in charge of the arrangements.



**CHRISTINE ANN (née Coaches) HIGGINS** - Died Monday March 15, 2021 at Community Medical Center, Toms River, New Jersey at the age of 68. She was a resident of Beachwood, New Jersey. The cause of death was pneumonia and complications from COVID-19. She was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on May 10, 1952 to the late Anthony and Claire Coaches. She was also predeceased by her siblings, Raymond and Gail. She met her husband, Danny, at a Saint Patrick's Day dance, and they were married on March 18, 1978. They bought a home in Beachwood, where they lived for 42 years. Christine was employed at Karing with Kindness in Ocean County for 40



years, working as a Medical Aide. She will be greatly missed by her fellow employees and patients. She was a devoted caregiver to her patients and took care of her ailing mother for five years as well as other family members. She had a passion for travel and loved reading her Bible. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Toms River, NJ, and a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12*. Surviving is her loving husband Daniel T. Higgins, his parents, Rex and Jennie Ralph, his brothers and their spouses, Albert and Dee Higgins, John and Laura Higgins, Patrick and Roselle Higgins and eight nieces and eight nephews. Family were received on Sunday March 21, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 PM at The Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals, 145 Saint Catherine Boulevard, Toms River, NJ. A Funeral Service was held on Monday March 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Funeral Home. The entombment was in the Ocean County Memorial Park, Toms River, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Christine's name to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.ryanfuneralhome.com](http://www.ryanfuneralhome.com). The family wishes to send a special thanks to Cathleen Sullivan, RN, Christine's devoted friend for all her wonderful help and care.

**DAVID R. HIZER** – Died Friday, March 19, 2021 in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on December 24, 1949. 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*.



**BILLY BURTON "Bill" HOWARD** - Died Sunday, April 25, 2021 at his home in Marlinton, West Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 26, 1944 in Buckeye, West Virginia to the late Gilda Howard. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Linda Grubb and Barbara Casteel. Bill was a loving husband, father, and grandfather (a.k.a. PaPaw Bill) who strongly believed in the Christian faith. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War (1965-1967) where he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious services. He continued his support for our armed services as a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Marlinton Chapter #1100*. Bill was a truck driver by profession where he had 40 years of service with Burns Motor Freight. He excelled during his career with recognition including 1984 WV ATA State Driver of the Year and membership in the "Mack/ATA Million Mile Clubs." He continued his driving career after retirement while driving ambulance for Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and driving truck for Boxley. Bill had many hobbies and interests which, first and foremost, was spending time with family and friends. He loved the outdoors and working with his hands. Carpentry and remodeling of homes was a favorite past time for him. Survivors include his wife Phyllis Howard, daughter, Lisa Howard of Marlinton, son, Mike Howard and wife Lori of Fraziers Bottom, WV, granddaughter, Addie Grace Howard, sisters Wanda Halterman of Lewisburg, Clara "Tink" Gum of Buckeye, and Sherry Buttrey of Elkton, MD. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. The burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton with military graveside rites by the Pocahontas Honor Guard. Visitation was held on Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Lantz Funeral Home from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations of



sympathy may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America. Online condolence may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com).



**EUGENE CLARENCE "Huffy" HUFF** – Died Tuesday, March 2, 2021 in New Philadelphia, Ohio at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 19, 1943 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio to the late Fred and Dessie (née Briggs) Huff. Eugene was a 1963 graduate of Conotton Valley High School. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. After serving his country he was employed at the Timken Company where he retired after 32 years of service. As a child he enjoyed being outdoors, participating in 4-H, working on the family farm, photography and woodworking. Many hobbies he carried into adulthood including beekeeping, fishing, hunting, gardening (especially tomatoes!) and spending time with family and friends. He is preceded in death by his brother and sister in law Kenneth L. and Mary Jane Huff and son in law Brian Kessler. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Huff with whom they would have celebrated 20 years of marriage this month. He is also survived by two children from his previous marriage and five grandchildren. The family wishes to thank all of Gene's friends at the VFW, AMVETS, American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America for which he was very proud to be a part of. A graveside service was held on Wednesday at 1:00 PM at Sunset Hill Memory Gardens. The family invited everyone to sign the online guestbook and share fond memories.



**BRYAN H. HUNTER** – Died Saturday, April 10, 2021 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia on March 2, 1947. He served in the United States Army from October 14, 1964 to August 1, 1966 with a tour in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.

**FRANK JOJOLA** – Died recently in 2021 in Isleta, New Mexico. The cause of death is unknown. He was a *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America**.



**JOSEPH BENJAMIN "Joe" JONES, JR.** - Died Tuesday, January 1, 2013 of Forston, Georgia at the age of 83. He was formerly of Monticello, Georgia and Decatur, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1930. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Jones-Newborn; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Carol Jones, Oxford, Alan and Bonnie Jones, McDonough, Mike and Gayle Jones, Newborn; brother, Jack Jones, CA; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mr. Jones was retired from Plantation Pipeline and a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Newborn, GA. He was a *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America**. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Reverend Danny Sorrells officiating. Family received friends from 10:00 until 11:00

AM prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Abbey Hospice, 215 Azalea Court, Social Circle, GA 30025. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012.



**PATRICK H. KAILING** - Died Thursday, April 8, 2021 in Reed City, Michigan at the age of 71. He died in the Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The cause of death was heart disease. Patrick was born on March 8, 1950 in Reed City to the late Henry and Elizabeth (née Kuipers) Kailing. He graduated from Reed City High School in 1968 and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving until 1971. Following Patrick's honorable discharge, he returned to Reed City to pursue his education. He attended Ferris State University where he received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Patrick married the former Rosemary Suckow on October 19, 1979 and together they made their home in the Reed City area. He went on to earn his Master's degree from Central Michigan University in 1982. Patrick worked for the State of Michigan as a staff auditor; it was during that time he earned his CPA. He also worked as an instructor at Ferris State University for a year. In 1981 he established Patrick Kailing CPA, PC in Reed City, currently Crossroads Business Services. Patrick was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Reed City. He belonged to several civic and veteran organizations including; the Moose Lodge, the Jaycees, and AMVETS Post #2965, where he served as the financial officer and was part of the Honor Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville (Kentucky) Chapter #454**. He was also an Osceola County Commissioner serving from 1987 to 1992, chairman of the Lake/Osceola Soil Conservation District, the Supervisor for Richmond Township Planning Commission and was a volunteer at Recycle for Osceola County. In his spare time, Patrick loved to farm, he was happiest out on his tractor. Patrick is survived by his wife of over 41 years, Rosemary; four children, Michael Snavley of Derby, KS, Dawn (Tim) Pullen, Jennifer (Nathan) Wallace, Toni (Norman) King all of Reed City; 10 grandchildren, Stephanie Snavley, Samantha (Sean) Brown, Nathan Snavley, Lauren Snavley, James Snavley, Evan Pullen, Brenden Pullen, Jaysen Pullen, Owen Wallace, Grayson Wallace; a brother, James Kuipers of Louisville, KY; 4 sisters, Kay (Edward) Suckow of Paris, Joan (John) Williams, Pam (John) Vanderhoof, Laurie (Daniel) Grein all of Reed City; brother-in-law, Lonnie (Rosemary) Ward of Whitehall, 2 sisters-in-law, Linda (Walter) Parks of Denver, CO, Cathy Quinn of Reed City; many nieces and nephews. Patrick was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Daniel Kailing, 2 sisters, Nancy Ward, Barbara Kailing, niece, Stacy Kuipers and a nephew Wesley Parks. A Memorial Service took place at 1:00 PM on Friday April 16, 2021 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Reed City with Pastor Paul Tonn officiating. There were military honors under the auspices of VFW Post #2964/AMVETS Post #2965 of Reed City. The family greeted friends on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM also at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions in Patrick's memory may be made to either the Trinity Lutheran Church of Reed City, the Osceola County Foundation or the Lake/Osceola Soil Conservation District. Share a memory, condolence or photo at [www.daggettgilbertfuneralhome.com](http://www.daggettgilbertfuneralhome.com). The arrangements were entrusted to the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids.



**JAMES DELANO “Jim” KEENER** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Friday, April 2, 2021 in the comfort of his home in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 80. The cause of death was Parkinson’s disease and dementia. He was born in Greeley, Colorado on June 30, 1940 Jim served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired as a Major. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He was a member of the Community Fellowship in Christ Church. He was preceded in death by his father, James H. Keener; and mother, Julia E. Keener. He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Phyllis A. Keener; son, Forest (Kim) Keener; daughter, Erin (Scott) Montgomery; and granddaughters, Brooke and Amanda Montgomery. In memory and in lieu of flowers, the family request contributions to the Michael J. Fox Foundation (Parkinson’s). The arrangements were made by the Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown.



**LYNN KELLER** - Died Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center at the age of 74. He was a resident of Defiance, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. Lynn was born on December 15, 1946 in Defiance to the late William and Valera (née Schatz) Keller. After graduating from Defiance High School in 1964, he pursued a degree in Mathematics Education at Defiance College, graduating in 1970. He received his Master of Arts Degree from Saint Francis University in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1975. Lynn proudly served in the United States Army from 1966-1968. Lynn served his country in the Vietnam War. After graduation he taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math at Defiance Junior High for 28 years. On June 19, 1971 he married Sharon Yekisa at Saint John Lutheran Church in Defiance, Ohio. Lynn and Sharon went on to have two children, Lisa and Jason. After Lynn retired from teaching, he worked in the private sector for 15 years, the last 10 as a route salesman for Frito-Lay. As a member of Saint John Lutheran Church, he served on many boards. The one that started sister church, Christ Our Savior Lutheran, was his proudest. He was a life member of VFW Post #3360 in Defiance. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**. He also volunteered at The American Red Cross and Friends of the Defiance Public Library as President of Art in the Park. He was a big DHS and OSU sports fan. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his family and nurturing his grandchildren to be the best they could be. Lynn was preceded in death by his parents William and Valera Keller, his brother Dennis Keller and brother-in-law Roger Yekisa. He is survived by his wife of 49 years Sharon Keller, his children Lisa (Matthew) Streuer of Morrow, Ohio, and Jason (Stacie) Keller of Liberty Township, Ohio, and his beloved grandchildren Jakob, Collin and Madelyn Streuer and Ethan and Mason Keller. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Saint John Lutheran Church in Defiance. A memorial service was at 1:00 PM at the church, with Reverend Kurt Mews officiating. The burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, with graveside military honors accorded by VFW #3360. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Saint John Lutheran Church, JDRF Southwest Ohio, or to The American Cancer Society. Online condolences can be given at [www.Schafferfh.com](http://www.Schafferfh.com).

**MICHAEL ANDREW KELLEY** – Died Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in Snohomish, Washington at the age of 71. The cause of death was pulmonary embolism, septic shock, anasarca and chronic diastolic heart failure. He was born in El Paso, Texas on January 2, 1950. He is survived by his wife, Susan

Kelley, of the home. He served in the United States Army with a 13-month tour in Vietnam from November 1969 to December 1970. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**.



**ROBERT FULTON "Bob" KIGGANS** - Died Monday, December 7, 2020 at his home in Ravenna, Brimfield Township, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 8, 1947 in Akron, Ohio to the late Robert G. and Eileen (née Fulton) Kiggans. Bob was an honorably discharged United States Marine Sergeant veteran, serving during the Vietnam War, Semper Fi. Bob was a retired diesel mechanic for Schneider National Trucking Company. He enjoyed old cars, especially his 1929 Ford Coupe and his 1974 Corvette. He and his wife loved going to car shows and traveling. Bob was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717** in Akron. Survivors include his loving wife, the former Diane (née Jones) Hengle; his sons, Robert E. "Bob" (Ann) Kiggans and Jeffrey M. "Jeff" (Beth) Kiggans; his step-children, Daniel (Jerilyn) Hengle, Staci (John) Young, Todd (companion, Liz) Hengle and Stefanie Hengle; his grandchildren, Leda, Delaney, Griffin, Zoe, Lauren, Brandon, Noah, Mikaela, Anthony, Leah, Hannah and Carley. Also surviving is his sister, Barbara Snyder. Other than his parents; Bob was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Susan Dobbs, she preceded him on January 26, 2013; his brother-in-law, Joseph Snyder and Barbara's long-time companion, Kenneth Arbogast Family and friends visited at the Newcomer Funeral Home, 131 North Canton Road, Akron on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. A private funeral service was at 2:00 PM where Pastor Amy Downard celebrate Robert's life. Robert was laid to rest in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio at a later date.



**ROBERT FRANCIS "Poppop" KNIGHT** - Died Saturday, April 24, 2021 at his home in Longneck, Delaware at the age of 69, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was formerly of Millsboro, Delaware. He was born on May 26, 1951 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Francis B. and Grace C. (née Wust) Knight. Mr. Knight was a proud veteran, having honorably served in the United State Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nassau Chapter #1105**. He was a faithful employee of Exelon Corp., contributing 36 dedicated years' service, retiring as a shift foreman. Mr. Knight's interests were many and varied. He loved the outdoors, particularly fishing and hitting the open road on his Harley Davidson. Mr. Knight had an affinity for all animals, but especially his pets. He had a fascination with the engineering and function of things, de-constructing and rebuilding all sorts of motors, engines, and everyday items. Mr. Knight was also a longtime Friend of Bill W. Above all, he cherished time spent with those he held most dear, especially his adored grandchildren. Mr. Knight was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who will be genuinely missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. In addition to his parents, Mr. Knight was preceded in death by his siblings: Lillian Flynn, Raymond Knight, and Linda Conover. He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Janice J. (Stockton) Knight of Millsboro, DE; his sons: Robert W. Knight and Michael F. Knight, both of Essington, PA; his daughters-in-law: Heather C. Knight and Heather M. Knight; his grandchildren: Eric, Genesis,

Ashley, Sean, Alex, and Samantha; his brother, Richard Knight (Susan) of Riverside, NJ; and his sisters: Louise Armstrong of Willingboro, NJ and Laura Holmes of Riverside, NJ. A Celebration of his life with military honors was held on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends visited beginning at 2:00 PM. All were invited to join via live-stream by visiting <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1135039>. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed by everyone attending any aspect of the services. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Sussex County Chapter 1105, PO Box 424, Nassau, DE 19969, or the American Cancer Society, 1315 Mount Hermon Road, Suite D, Salisbury, MD 21804.



**THOMAS G. "Tom" KOBER** - Died Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Agrace Hospice at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 10, 1946 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to the late David and Amalia (née Eirich) Kober. After high school, Tom enlisted in the United States Army and would serve his country for the next 20 years in active duty and in reserves. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236**. Tom worked for GM in Janesville and retired after 32 ½ years. On February 22, 1969, Thomas married the love of his life, Aurora "Dora" Hernandez in Jefferson, WI. Family was number one to Tom and he loved watching his grandchildren in their activities, especially Charlie with his baseball and hockey. Tom was a self-proclaimed number 1 Green Bay Packers fan and you would find him watching every game, though he was also a fan of all Wisconsin sports. Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years; Aurora Kober; son Kory (Nicole) Kober and their children: Charlie and Kate; daughter Amanda (Michael) Barrette and their children: Haily Clark, Elizabeth, and Indy; three sisters: Marilyn (Ronald) DeKarske, Sherry Baalke, and Linda (Wayne) Thiel; brother Gary (Karen) Kober; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Ronald, William, Robert and Mark Kober; and brother-in-law Thomas Baalke. A funeral was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 16, 2021 at the Apfel Wolfe Funeral Home, 21 South Austin Road. Visitation was from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Committal services were at the Milton Lawns Memorial Park where Tom was accorded his full Military Funeral Honors. Please visit [www.apfelwolfe.com](http://www.apfelwolfe.com) to send condolences to the family. Memorials in Tom's name are appreciated to the Milton School District, memo Patrick McCann Scholarship. A heartfelt thank you is wished upon the entire staff of Agrace Hospice for all their compassion and care given to Tom and his family.



**KEITH A. KULLAND** - Died Saturday May 1, 2021, at Mountrail Bethel Home in Stanley, North Dakota at the age of 82. He was a resident of Williston, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. Keith was born on May 8, 1938 at a home near the Palda coal mine, in Mountrail County to the late Alfred and Mildred (née Holstenson) Kulland. Alma Eklund helped deliver him. As a boy Keith helped on the family farm east of Belden, ND, and was confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church of rural Belden. He attended high school in Parshall, ND, then went on to enlist

in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed in Japan and the Philippines. Upon his return he worked at North Dakota missile sites in Langdon and Larimore among other places, married Ellen (Kellel) Kulland, and had two children, Janice and Jason. Keith was a long time resident of Williston ND, and as a young man worked in the oil patch for Calvert, then Bomac drilling companies. One day in his late 30's he came home and announced, "I bought a crane!" Keith then went on to own Kulland Excavating and Gravel Inc. for 25 years, and later started a business of taking down old granaries and grain elevators in Northwest North Dakota and Eastern Montana. For all who knew Keith he was an eccentric, with many dreams and ideas, and many of which came true. He was an inventor, master mechanic, collector, explorer, and best of all story teller. We used to say, he never bought anything that couldn't be fixed, and he had a love of tinkering and fixing old vehicles and machinery. He was also instrumental in the construction of the American Legion Park located southwest of Williston in the 1990's. Keith wore many hats. He was a member of Toastmasters, Williston Moose Lodge #239, and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Town Chapter #487*, and was a lifetime member of Williston American Legion Post #37 (Where was Post Commander from 1983-85, and Legionnaire of the Year in 2008), Williston VFW Post #12169, and Williston Forty and Eight Voiture Locale #360. Keith was also well known for his faithful portrayal of Gen. George S. Patton. He and his North Dakota Military Police Association won several awards in the North Dakota State Fair Parade. The highlight of his Patton portrayal was when he recited his famous speech on the Medora Burning Hills Amphitheater stage in 2002. He was known to many as, "The General". Keith was an avid military history historian, and a true patriot, but most of all he loved life and cherished his family and friends. Keith is survived by his children, Janice Strande (Dave) of Grand Forks, ND, and Jason Kulland of Langdon, ND, grandchildren, Nathan Strande (Meagan), of Council Bluffs, IA, Erik Strande (Kelsey) of Vernal, UT, and Shaun Strande (Jennifer) of Grand Forks, ND, great grandchildren, Keaton, MaKenzie, Judd, and Lucy, and one sister, Anita, of Mulvane, KS. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Clark, Dean, and Darwin. The Springan Stevenson Funeral Home of Stanley assisted the family. Friends may sign the on-line register and give their condolences at [www.springanstevenson.com](http://www.springanstevenson.com). Visitation was held at American Lutheran Church in Stanley, ND on Saturday, May 8, 2021, from 12:00 Noon until service time. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 8, 2021 (Which would have been Keith's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday), at American Lutheran Church in Stanley, ND. Pastor David Behm officiated. The burial with military honors was in Johns Cemetery near the Kulland farm in Palermo, ND. A Memorial and Celebration of Life for Keith was held at Concordia Lutheran Church in Williston, ND, on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM with visitation beginning at 6:30 PM. A social gathering was held at Williston American Legion Post #37 following the Memorial Service on Friday. The Funeral Service was broadcast, you can view Keith's service directly on his obituary page on our website [www.springanstevenson.com](http://www.springanstevenson.com). Due to COVID-19, everyone was required to adhere to local and state requirements for social distancing.





**MICHAEL JOSEPH LAMENDOLA, JR.** – Died Friday, April 23, 2021 in Greensboro, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. Michael was born on December 24, 1944 in Massena, New York to the late Greta (née Wagner) Lamendola and Michael Joseph Lamendola, Sr. After graduating from high school, Michael enlisted and served with the United States Navy Seabees Battalion 9 in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington (Vermont) Chapter #601**. Although a talented artist in his youth, Michael made his career in numbers and spent most of his life working as a CPA and later went on to earn a MBA from Antioch University New England. Michael and his family lived all over the US, but most comfortably called Vermont home. Michael was a passionate bass fisherman and he and his wife Glenda spent many days fishing the beautiful lakes of Vermont, Lake Kissimmee, Florida, Lake Tahoe, Nevada and their favorite place to vacation Black Lake, New York. Proud of his Cree heritage and known for his kind and generous spirit, Michael was always the first to lend a hand to a friend or stranger in need. This gentle giant of a man made lifelong friends wherever he went. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and brother William. He is survived by his adoring wife Glenda (Greensboro, PA) and her children, Raymond Hanchek and Samantha Hanchek and her grandson, Lucas; and his daughter Dawn and husband, Josh Winer and grandson Griffin of Bar Harbor, ME and sister Agnes of Riverdale, NY. There were no services, but the family is certain that he is in heaven catching the big ones.



**GORDON C. "Gordie" LANE** - Died Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, New York at the age of 73. He was a resident of Baldwinville, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse on September 13, 1947 to the late James and Marion Lane. He was a lifelong resident of the Syracuse area and a retiree of the Syracuse Police Department after 20 years of service. Gordie proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and experienced combat duty in Vietnam. Gordie was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment VA Volunteers in Fort Shenandoah, VA for many years. Gordie was one of the *Founding Life Members* as well as *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103**. He dedicated his life to serving the veteran community and was a well-respected advocate for veteran wellness. He holds many awards and honors for his leadership and veteran advocacy. Gordie was predeceased by his parents, James and Marion; and son, Joshua. Surviving are his wife, Wendy Collins; daughter, Kelly (Patrick) Lewis; sons, Gordon (Leslie) R. Lane and Theodore Lane; brother, James Lane; sisters Brenda Tork and Linda Cichello; grandchildren, Emilia, Phoebe, Abigail, Louis and Gavin; great-grandchildren, Zaid and Brinlee; and several nieces and nephews. A celebration of Gordie's life was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #103, P.O. Box 675, Liverpool, NY, 13088.



**WILLIAM H. "Bill" LANE** (USAF, SMSGT-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at home in West Springfield, Massachusetts at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Bill was born in Dillon, South Carolina on January 8, 1950 to the late William and Earldean (née Britt) Lane. He grew up in Mallory, SC before moving to West Springfield. He retired from the United States Air Force after 26 years, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 207, West Springfield and was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**. His wife of 48 years Nancy (Green) Lane died Wednesday, March 17, 2021. She leaves a son, Michael S. Lane and his wife Kristine; three granddaughters Kaitlyn, Heather, and Megan; great grandchildren Nelson, Anthony and Tessa; a brother James E. Lane and his wife Linda and many dear friends. Besides his parents, Bill was predeceased by a son, William J. Lane in 2000, and his sister Linda Lane. Visiting hours were held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30 AM followed by a funeral home service starting at 11:30 AM. A private burial was held in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. For online condolences please visit [curranjones.com](http://curranjones.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the William Joseph Lane Memorial Scholarship, c/o Lynn Jones, Syracuse University, 640 Sky Top Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Syracuse, NY 13244.



**MARLENE JANE (née Birnesser) LAUGHNER** - Died Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Shenango-on-the-Green Hospice, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. She was a resident of Darlington, South Beaver Township, Pennsylvania. She passed peacefully with her family at her side after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. She was born May 16, 1944 to the late John and Olga Birnesser. She lived her entire life in South Beaver Township. She graduated from Providence Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse for Dr. L.P. Atwell, and for Dr's Cuddy, Pupi and Thompson. She spent the majority of her career at Beaver Valley Nursing and Rehab, formerly known as Elmcrest. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Sandra Birnesser in 2013; and by her husband of 50 years, William G. Laughner on September 10, 2018. She will be greatly missed by her daughters and their spouses, Laurie and Dan McCracken of Bloomsburg, PA, Jodie and Larry Aikins of Hermitage, PA, and Christine and Mike Sylvester of New Castle, PA. She also leaves behind eight grandchildren who loved and adored her, Eric, Allison, and Emily McCracken, Austin Aikins and his fiancée Monika, Nate and Hannah Aikins, and Domenic and Maryn Sylvester. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Pat Birnesser; and sisters and brothers-in-law, James Laughner, Barbara and Lou Magnotta, Robert and Linda Laughner, and Becky and Keith Dunbaugh. She also leaves behind her animal friends Lucy, Roxy, Ava, Rosco, Flash and Mocha. Friends were received on Sunday

from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Gabauer-Lutton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 117 Blackhawk Road, Chippewa, PA -[www.gabauerfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.gabauerfamilyfuneralhomes.com) where a service was held on Monday at 11:00 AM. The Reverend C.F. Hoffman officiated. Private interment took place in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Little Beaver Helping Hands (formerly the Little Beaver Lioness Club)- PO Box 52, Darlington PA 16115 or the Vietnam Veterans Chapter #862- PO Box 26, Rochester, PA 15074. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Shenango on the Green and Kindred Hospice for the kind, compassionate care given to Marlene.



**JAMES EDWARD "Jim" LAVOIE** (USN. SCPO-Ret.) - Died peacefully on Thursday, April 29, 2021 in Saint Albans, Vermont at the age of 81, with his family by his side. The cause of death was cancer. Jim was born on April 20, 1940 in Burlington, Vermont to the late Leo J. and Violet F. (née Thomson) Lavoie. Jimmy attended schools in Burlington, graduating from Cathedral Grammar School in June of 1954, and Burlington High School in June of 1958. From the time Jimmy turned six years old, he worked at his father's Burlington Esso gas station, as well every day after high school at Belville's station. In May, 1957, during his junior year of high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve. During the summer of 1957, he attended boot camp at the United States Training Center (USNTC) in Bainbridge, Maryland. Jim served his country proudly in the United States Navy from 1957 until retiring with rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1985. Jim spent time in Vietnam and continued to serve his fellow veterans until the last weeks of his life, with an active role as a *Life Member and Treasurer* in the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Saint Albans Chapter #753**. During his twenty-eight years in the Navy, Jim was awarded the Navy "E" Battle Efficiency Medal and Ribbon, the Navy Good Conduct Medal and Ribbon, with one bronze star, the Naval Reserve Meritorious Medal and Ribbon, with one bronze star, the National Defense Medal and Ribbon, the Armed Forces Expeditious Medal and Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal and Ribbon, with one bronze star, the USN Sea Service Deployment Medal and Ribbon with one bronze star, the USN/USMC Overseas Service Medal and Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve/Navy Medal and Ribbon, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal and Ribbon. During the later years in his life, Jim enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren Eliana, Sylus and Isaac, giving fellowship and support to area veterans as well as hunting, gardening and the great outdoors. Jim battled through several illnesses the last 3 years of his life and the family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Krista Evans and Dr. Maura Barry of the UVM Medical Center as well as Jim's "personal nurse", Jolene O'Connell, who gave Jim more joy than she will ever know. Jim is survived by his four children, James J. Lavoie of New Britain, CT, Michael Lavoie of Saint Albans, Ann Lavoie Woods and husband Sammy of New Britain, CT and Patrick Lavoie and wife Melien of West Suffield, CT., his first wife and mother to his children, Margaret Danyow of Essex Junction, two sisters, Patricia Dominski and Elizabeth Crosby, both of Florida, as well as step-daughter, Brenda Rice and her children, Sarah and Alex as well as countless nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Jim was predeceased by his sisters Barbara Hill, Carol Adams Stark, brother Robert Lavoie, as well as his second wife, Cora. Visiting Hours were on Monday morning, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at The LaVigne Funeral Home, 132 Main Street, Winooski, VT 05404, followed by a service for all who wish to stay and attend. A private burial with immediate

family members was at the New Mount Calvary Cemetery in Burlington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #753, located in Saint Albans.



**RICHARD G. “Bird” LAWRENCE** - Died peacefully on Veteran’s Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lancaster on October 27, 1948 to the late John Spencer and Virginia M. (née Berger) Lawrence. He bravely paid his final price for his military service in Vietnam 1967-1970. 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 Company, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Soldiers 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. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. Of notable volunteer service, like his mother, he volunteered at the Lancaster General Hospital. 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. (née 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 and 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, the interment took place at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Hospice and Community Care, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy, PA 17522.



**BOB EARL LITTELL** – Died Sunday, March 28, 2021 in the Glendive Medical Center, Glendive, Montana at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 27, 1949 in Glendive to the late Fred and Olive (née France) Littell, and welcomed by older brother Gary, Bob had a happy childhood surrounded by the love of his family. Bob later gained an honorary brother, Tommy Schmidt, a young boy with a difficult home life that gained refuge, comfort, and love in the Littell home. Bob had a special relationship with his maternal grandfather Earl “Shorty” France, whom he enjoyed spending time with. Educated by Glendive Public Schools to the best of the system’s ability, Bob left Dawson County High School during his senior year to enlist in the United States Navy. Bob earned his GED while his ship was deployed near Da Nang, Vietnam. While serving in the US Navy from 1969-1973, Bob had the unique privilege of being on the crew that decommissioned one ship, LST-1073 (Landing Ship Tank) USS Outagamie County, as well as having the honor of being on the commissioning crew of the USS Racine LST-1191. In his years of service Bob received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. Bob’s time in service to his country was a defining chapter in his life and one for which he always felt a lot of pride. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Bob lived and worked in Portland, Oregon for a short time. However, Glendive was always his home and he returned to Montana. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendive Chapter #234**. In October of 1974, Bob married Char(lotte) (née Wieland) Roller. From this union daughter, Jillian, and son, Jarod, were hatched. The couple later divorced in 1986, but as they say, when one door closes another opens. Bob met the love of his life, Tami Jenkins, later that same year and the two started dating. On June 28, 1993 they were married. Bob could not have imagined spending his life anywhere but Eastern Montana. He loved the beautiful countryside. He spent his fall every year in search of “the big one”. and spent the remainder of the year planning the next hunt, camping, fishing, watching football and agate picking. He was a man that really appreciated a nice rack. In fact, he had procured so many antlers that they had to be restricted to his basement man cave that he lovingly and proudly referred to as his “boneyard”. He also had an extensive collection of antique bottles. Bob was preceded in death by his father



Fred E Littell, his mother Olive M (née France) Littell, and brother Gary D Littell, and brother from a different mother Tommy Schmidt. He is survived by his wife Tami (née Jenkins) Littell, his daughter Jillian West and son in law Steven of Annapolis, Maryland, his son Jarod Littell of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and two grandchildren, Stasha and Geneva Henning of Fargo, North Dakota. Funeral services with military honors were held on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Silha Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 AM with Pastor Chuck Rushing officiating. Rather than leaving behind a tale of a courageous death, Bob wanted it known that he died as a result of being stubborn, refusing to follow doctors' orders and raising hell for a little over seven decades. He continued his morning coffee run to Holiday and to imbibe at his favorite local watering hole, The Southside Tavern, until his failing health forced him into the Glendive Medical Center.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).



**THOMAS JOSEPH "Tommy" LOCASTRO, JR.** - Died Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at his residence in Shannon, Mississippi at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 18, 194 to the late Thomas Joseph Locastro, Sr. and Thelma (née Godbey) Locastro. Thomas graduated from Itawamba Junior College in Industrial Electricity and attended Mississippi State University in Electrical Engineering for 2 years. He served three tours in Vietnam with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. During those three tours, he was wounded three times with three Purple Hearts, received a Silver Star for saving lives in combat and two Bronze Stars. He was very proud of his service in Vietnam. He served the rest of his military career as an Army Reservist and served during Operation Desert Shield where he also earned numerous commendations with the Perscom Unit. He worked many years with TVA in the Electrical Engineering field. After retiring, he loved spending his years with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening, raising chickens, ducks, and numerous other animals. Thomas was a unique individual with a charismatic personality that most people loved and he touched many lives in a positive way. A Catholic, Tommy will be remembered as a kind, gentle man with a crazy attitude but he was always able to see the positive in every situation and person even people down on their luck had a place in his heart no matter who. He will be missed by many in so many ways. "Airborne All the Way Tommy!" He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mississippi**. He Leaves behind three daughters, Tina Locastro Sullivan of Nettleton, MS, Raven Locastro of Okolona, MS, and Angel Locastro of Shannon, MS; four sons, Brian Locastro of Fulton, MS, Tony Locastro of Fulton, MS, Jamie Locastro of Shannon, MS, and Gio Locastro of Shannon, MS; one sister, Rose Davis of Guntown, MS; ten grandsons; seven granddaughters; two great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters, and; many nieces and nephews. A Life Celebration took place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, April



11, 2021 at the Tupelo Chapel of Holland Funeral Directors. Sis. Liz Brown recite scripture and prayed and the family and friends were given the opportunity to express gratitude for Tommy's life. Visitation was from 2:00 PM on Sunday and concluded with the 5:00 PM service. On Monday at 1:00 PM, a committal service with full military honors took place in the Corinth National Cemetery with Brother Don Baggett officiating. He was interred beside his son, Gabriel, immediately following. Holland Funeral Directors was honored to be serving their friends. For those unable to attend, the service was able to be viewed at 5:00 PM on Sunday at [hollandfuneraldirectors.com/Live-streaming](http://hollandfuneraldirectors.com/Live-streaming) and will be permanently archived thereafter. Memorials may be made to Tupelo Veteran's Park, P. O. Box 3608, Tupelo, MS 38802, or to Excel Commons, 230 West Main Street, Okolona, MS 38860.



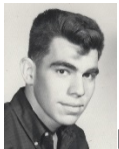
**ROBERT WESLEY "Bob" LOWER** - Died Saturday, March 27, 2021 at his residence in Milbank, South Dakota at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1942, in Eureka, California to the late James Wesley and Evelyn (née Norenberg) Lower. Bob grew up in Arcata, CA, where he attended school and graduated from high school. Bob was united in marriage with Ada Shaffer on October 24, 1964. Bob served in the United States Air Force for 25 years. He served during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, and Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. Bob was stationed at Minot Air Force Base, Minot, ND, when he was honorably discharged on September 30, 1983. Bob worked as a Professor of Business at Minot State University. He and Ada were missionaries for the United Methodist Conference, working with Children of the Harvest. From that mission Bob and Ada started Spirit Lakes Reservation Ministry. Bob worked a variety of other jobs including tree farmer and business owner. He later worked as the business manager at Calvary United Methodist Church in Fargo, ND. Bob lived his Christian life through selfless acts and helping others in need. He had a huge heart for missions. He worked for the Dakotas United Methodist Conference Foundation as a Disaster Relief Coordinator and UMCOR for Minot Flood Relief. He and Ada donated countless hours to The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry and Taste of Heaven Soup Kitchen. He was active with the church's men's ministry and offered leadership and volunteerism. He was a kind hearted man, always available, and would help anyone, day or night (especially his grandchildren)! He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Bob loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He loved to grill and cook for his family. He had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing. Bob especially loved and cherished his family. He and Ada were a "team." They did almost everything together with Christian love and spirit. His daughters and grandchildren knew how much Bob adored and loved his wife! Together they set an example of what a loving and happy marriage looks like. They were a compliment to each other. Bob and Ada moved to Milbank, SD, to be closer to his daughters: Tami and Deb. He suffered a short illness, but was surrounded by his family and Christian love from the community. His memory will be cherished by his wife, Ada of Milbank, SD; his daughters: Tami (Lonnie) Boschee of

Milbank, SD; Deb (Thom) Bowsher of Milbank, SD; an extended daughter, Tracy (Dennis) Gramps of Bellevue, NE; grandchildren: Madison Bowsher, Wesley Bowsher (Madison Schulte), Carter Bowsher (Elsie Rogers), Braylen Bowsher, and extended granddaughter, Laramie TeScher; sisters: Evelyn (Mike) Boydston of Redding, CA; and Jan Smith of Redding, CA; many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents: James and Evelyn; two infant sons; granddaughter, Alexis; and sister, Alice Hopkins. Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Mundwiler Funeral Home in Milbank from 5:00 until 7:00 PM. The funeral service was held on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Calvary United Methodist Church in Fargo, North Dakota at 11:00 AM with Reverend Dave Motta officiating. The burial was held on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Minot, ND at 11:00 AM. While maintaining social distancing guidelines, we are now able to gather for visitations and services. The use of face masks by attendees is required, and we will continue taking the necessary steps to keep our facility clean. For those who prefer or require continued precautions, webcasting and/or livestreaming will be viewable at [www.mundwilerfuneralhome.net](http://www.mundwilerfuneralhome.net). The pallbearers were: Madison Bowsher, Wesley Bowsher, Carter Bowsher, Braylen Bowsher, Madison Schulte, and Elsie Rogers. The honorary pallbearers were: Scott and Becky Dunker, Tracy and Dennis Gramps, Laramie TeScher, and Faith UMC Men's Group. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations be given to your local food pantry or soup kitchen.



**CHARLES RAYMOND "Charlie" LYONS** - Died Friday, January 29, 2021 in Oldtown, Maryland at the age of 64, after a battle with cancer. He was born on November 26, 1956 in Greenville, South Carolina to the late Charles W. Lyons and Joyce (née Coffman) Lyons. He was preceded in death by a brother: Mark Lyons; a stepson: Justin G. Dolly; and his first wife: Linda May (née Snyder) Lyons. Charlie was a United States Air Force Veteran where he served with the Military Police and he was a Martial Arts Instructor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Afterwards, he served with the Westernport Police Department, the Allegany County Sheriff's Office, and the Maryland State Police as a Trooper, then he transitioned to the Maryland Department of Corrections where he retired as a Lieutenant. As an ordained minister, Charlie enjoyed filling in at various services when requested. He was a prayer warrior and spiritual rock that witnessed and prayed for many. His biggest mission was leading people to the Lord and he was a member of the Trinity Assembly of God in Midlothian. Charlie was known for his sense of humor always knowing what to say to bring a smile to your face. Charlie is survived by his wife: Lisa (née Wentling) Lyons; his daughter: Lesley McCutcheon and husband, Brian; and his stepson: Garhet Dolly. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Maverick, Mia, Maren, Lilly, Bryson, Olivia, and Conor; his sisters: Joy Smith; and Debi Genovesi and husband, Nick; his mother-in-law: Barbara Wentling; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Rob Culler officiating. The interment was in the Glendale Cemetery.

**PRUDENCE MILDRED LYONS** - Died Monday, March 8, 2021 peacefully at her home in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 73, with her loving family by her side. The cause of death was ALS- Lou Gehrig's disease. She was born on July 28, 1947 in Portland, Oregon. She is survived by her husband of 47 years David Lyons. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106**. Graveside services were conducted on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1:30 PM in the Fort Logan National Cemetery with Chaplains Garry Turks and Joe Plant as co-officiants. Services have been entrusted to the Stork-Bullock Family Funeral Home of Denver.



**RONALD K. "Ron" MANGOLD** - Died Monday, April 6, 2020 in Divernon, Illinois at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 17, 1945 in Springfield, Illinois to the late Glenn and Wilma (née Grant) Mangold. He married Sharon Dozier on December 21, 1974. Ron served in the United States Army from 1968-1974, as a special forces Green Beret in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. Surviving are his wife, Sharon; five children, Christine Mangold, Roni Mohan, Matthew Mangold, Glenda (Mangold) Grider and Jacob (Laura) Mangold; 12 grandchildren, Leslie, Isbella, Connor (Holly), Mackenna, Shelby (Jared), Virginia, Olivia, Mayleigh, Everly, Matthew, Paige and Memphis; four great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.



**DR. JOHN HUGH MATHER, MBBS, FACPE** - Died passed away early on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at Williamson Medical Center (after) having taken himself to the medical center earlier the previous afternoon. He was 77 years of age and a resident of Franklin, Tennessee. Dr. Mather was born in Harrow, England on March 18, 1943 to the late John Robert Mather and Helen Theodora (née Penfold) Mather. He is survived by a son, Stephen Robert Mather of Bowie, Maryland; daughter, Alexandra Mather (Thomas) Bourne and granddaughter, Margaret Susan "Maggie Sue" Bourne of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware; brother, Dr. Martin (Linda) Mather of Ilfracombe, England; sisters, Helen (Scott) Cassel of Lindale, TX and Margaret (Peter) Lambert of Braunton, England. He is also survived by two former wives, Susan Howard Mather, M.D., M.P.H., of Bowie, MD and Karen Rhea, M.D., of Franklin, TN, five nieces, two nephews, nine great-nieces, eight great-nephews and many friends all over the world. It is planned that Memorial service will be conducted virtually early in the New Year – please no flowers. Should you wish to remember John through memorial contributions, the family asks that contributions in John's memory should be sent to: In the U.S. to a youth sports or Veterans organization of your choice (please let the family know the organization to which you donate); and in the UK the Lyonian Association's "Hardship Fund." To be found at: <https://www.oldlyonians.org/fundraising/donation/12>. A memorial guest book is hosted at web site for Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, [williamsonmemorial.com](http://williamsonmemorial.com). The family is working on a site in his memory, which will be located at [www.johnhmather.com](http://www.johnhmather.com). To say John Mather was

a force of nature is an accurate description of the man, and almost an understatement. He was generous, kind and known for standing up for people he thought were wronged in some way, and to the causes he supported. He was always on the move and a bundle of energy throughout his life, although also known to take short naps almost anywhere. John would push the boundaries and limits in his life, be it his parent's rules in his youth, or when standing up for something he believed in. He practically always had a smile on his face and was constantly there to lift up those around him to be the best they could be and accomplish their goals so that "they stood on mountains". John loved kids and was welcoming and generous to them. Starting, early in life as a big brother to one younger brother, whom he insisted on naming when he was born, but whom he called "Titch" and two sisters, all of whom he loved dearly. He would spoil nieces and nephews with sweets and goodies, whenever possible and regularly sent his granddaughter cards and packages of things he had found for her. John would contribute his time and resources to any youth sport organization. He was definitely that "cool" dad, uncle, and man kids loved. His genuine interest in hearing about what was going on in your life, regardless of whether he'd known you for his entire life, or you had just met him that day appealed to kids and adults alike. John was a snappy dresser. He loved bowties, was an elected member of the International Bow Tie Society, and always had the right clothes for an event. At the end of his life, he became the Town Crier for Franklin TN, of which he was very proud and perfectly suited for, increasing his wide circle of friends. John also loved to read and was a writer of poetry. He was the first to see the new action film in the theater, especially a Bond film. He also loved music throughout his life, especially symphony, chamber music, bagpipe, 70s music especially Linda Ronstadt, and at the end of his life developed a love for country music, after moving to Tennessee. John Mather was born during WWII in the suburbs of London, while his father served in the British Army in North Africa. For the first 3 years of his life, both he and his mother, called Dora, were without his father Jack. One of his earliest memories was doodlebug bombs falling from the air at the end of war and hiding under the kitchen table with his mother. Jack was then posted to Italy in the Royal Signals and then finally as a solicitor for the British Army in the Mediterranean Theatre by the end of the war. John grew up in the towns of North Harrow and Pinner, in Middlesex, and was joined by a brother and two sisters once his father had returned from the war. The Mather family's favorite place for vacations was the south coast of England, in the town of Dawlish Devon. In the early years the family spent holidays staying with Aunty Peggy in her flat and later her bungalow, along with her daughter June. Dora and Jack then purchased a holiday home there. Dawlish is where, as a young child, John had to be tethered on the beach to keep him from wandering away from his mother. John was educated at The John Lyon School, the "day" school of the famed Harrow school, located in Middle Road, Harrow-on-the-Hill, England from 1954-1962 as had his father and uncles before him. While at the school, he enjoyed many activities including the Combined Cadet Force. He was Regimental Sergeant Major, Soccer, and became Captain of Athletics and Cross Country and in 1962 was made Head Boy of the school. During his time at John Lyon, he became a Foundation Scholar, was honored with the Oliver Hanscombe Cup for the most outstanding cadet of the year 1962, his athletic colours in his 4th year, the Geography prize in his "O" level year, and was the school's first recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold award, paving the way for others at the school to follow. Outside of school John participated in Outward Bound both as participant and instructor and developed a love of trekking/camping (hiking), completing difficult treks in Corsica & Scotland, he ran a "Do it

Yourself” camp in Cumbria England with Crusaders – a Bible Class organization for which he was a teacher locally in Harrow. Although he was raised a Christian, it was during these years, John accepted Jesus into his heart, thus began a lifetime of works to the glory of the Lord. In his youth he participated in Christian Youth Fellowship at his church in Headstone Harrow and youth camps in Scotland. After leaving secondary school, he went on to study medicine at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London. In 1964 John met a medical student Susan from the University of Maryland, who was in the country as an exchange student, and they fell in love. In 1966, John participated in a student summer exchange at the University of Maryland, during which he and Susan became engaged. In the summer of 1967 they married in Salisbury, Maryland, and lived in England for the first year of their marriage. He graduated in 1968, with his MBBS (a double degree Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery), after which he undertook a six-month residency at the Middlesex Hospital. John moved to the US in 1968 and lived in Baltimore, MD. Having signed up for the draft when he came to the US, he received one of the few military deferments for doctors, allowing John to complete his training in ENT surgery. In 1970 he became father of a son, Steve, and in 1973 the father of a daughter, Alex. In 1973, he and his family moved to Bowie, MD, outside Washington DC. John served as a Major in the United States Army, from 1972 to 1975 and was an Ear Nose and Throat surgeon at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from 1972 until 1974. He passed his ENT, board certification while in the Army. John was naturalized as a US citizen in 1975. In Bowie, John was an Ordained Elder in Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC) and served as Clerk of Session for three years. He became involved in the building of the new sanctuary at CCPC as Chairman of the Sanctuary Building Committee and was a driving force behind the completing the beautiful sanctuary. He was active in the Bowie Soccer Association, as a coach and referee. During his time in Bowie, he founded and was the longtime president of the Washington Society for Churchill. John spent most of his career in service to his chosen county in some form or another. John served as a Commander, US Public Health Service, and was involved in health manpower policy development in the National Institutes of Health Bureau of Health Manpower. John then held various positions as a physician executive in the Veterans Administration Central Office (VACO), including Director, Affiliated Education Programs; Associate Chief Medical Officer, Geriatrics and Long-Term Care; Assistant Inspector General for Inspections, Veterans Administration and Chief Officer, Office of Research Compliance and Assurance and during his career, he also served as Chief Medical Director of the Social Security Administration. He graduated from the Federal Executive Institute and was in the first Veterans Administration Leadership Class. His Federal career as a physician executive was interrupted for two years, when John served as the Associate Executive Director of Medical and Research Programs for Paralyzed Veterans of America. In 2004 he retired after 30 years Federal Service. John was not a man who knew how to retire. Following his “retirement” from federal service, John did not slow down. He spent a year at the University of Michigan as the school’s first Director of Human Subjects Research Compliance, before establishing his own medical consultancy firm, UNI-CORN LLC. In later years he was an Independent Medical Examiner and conducted medical evaluations of veterans applying for disability benefits at the Nashville VA Medical Center, as well as completing the review of applicants for Social Security disability benefits in Tennessee. He continued to serve veterans as a Mentor of the Veterans Treatment Court of Williamson County TN. In 2007 John and his first wife separated and he moved to Washington DC, and then to Rehoboth Beach, DE. Divorced in 2010 he then moved to Franklin, Tennessee. Soon after he

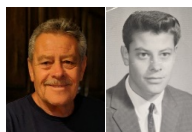
became a grandfather to Maggie Sue, his only grandchild. John fell in love with Tennessee, Williamson County, Franklin and Karen Rhea MD, a physician who practices psychiatry in Tennessee. They were married in 2016, in Franklin, TN. John and Karen enjoyed traveling together and visited many of John's "bucket list" locations including Switzerland, Vienna Austria, Madrid and Valencia, Spain and Italy. That marriage ended earlier this year. John Mather was a lover of all things Sir Winston Churchill. He was very proud of having met Churchill, prior to his death when John was in his last year at the school John Lyon. John was a pathographer, (medical biographer) specializing in Churchill's medical history. John was active in The International Churchill Society, where he served as its Secretary for a decade, from which he received its prestigious Blenheim Award for service to Churchill's legacy. He also worked with members of Churchill's family on preservation of his legacy, notably Churchill's daughter Mary Soames. He was the immediate past President of the Churchill Society of Tennessee, a Chapter the International Churchill Society, USA. He also in recent years, contributed his updated & revised conclusions regarding Churchill's father's cause of death for the Hillsdale College Churchill Project. John always loved his cars. Although he didn't get his driver's license until coming to the US, he was driving before stepping foot in the US. He was known to have taken a friend's car for a spin during his time in medical school. John had a long line of cars he loved from his Mustang in early years to the Bentley he drove at the very end of his life. In the summer of 87' he achieved a childhood dream. With his daughter in tow, he drove into the Mather family's favorite holiday destination of Dawlish England in a Jaguar. He especially loved English cars, having owned several Jaguars through the years. He was also a notoriously bad driver, having accidents in cars throughout his life and terrifying people who rode with him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #1140**. John was designated Town Crier in Franklin TN for the Heritage Society of Williamson County, the Bard of Franklin and a toastmaster for special events. John was an active member of American Legion John E. Stephens Post 156, Brentwood TN and WA Post 1014; he was Chirurgeon for both. He was a Life Coach holding the Certificate of the Coaching Alliance and was a Certified Federal Mediator and Mentor and completed the Stephens Ministry training. John was elected to Fellowship in several medical organizations including the Academy of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, the American Geriatrics Society, and the Gerontological Society of America. John was inducted as a Knight Commander of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and was the Grand Chirurgeon for the Grand Priory of the USA. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Franklin, TN. John was Regent for the International Douglas Clan in Tennessee and at the end of his life worshiped at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin, TN. The world is a poorer place since his departure. Given his education, experience and service to his country and others...his family and friends mourn his departure.



**PAUL J. "P.J." "Chico" MARTINEZ** - Died Monday morning, March 15, 2021 in Espanola, New Mexico at the age of 79, 13 days before his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The cause of death is unknown, Paul was born on March 28, 1941 in Abiquiu, New Mexico and attended school in El Rito, and graduated from Los Alamos High School. Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, adopted parents, Juan B. and Aleja Martinez, his stepbrother, Johnnie B. Martinez, stepsister, Tita Trujillo,



nephew, Patricio Trujillo, in-laws, Augustin and Dorotea Garcia. He leaves behind his beloved partner and companion of 22 years, Julie Ortiz, as well as his best friend, who was like a son, Jimmy (Loretta) Leal as well as Fred (Amelia) Martinez, his very close childhood buddy. Also included are his nephews Mick and Gino Trujillo, Benjie Valdez, and goddaughter, Yolanda (Eddie) Serna, who he helped raise. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. We can't forget his furry friends "Chico" and "Martina" and his Shih Tzu Terrier. Paul is a retired fireman from Los Alamos County, and also worked with Protection Technology Los Alamos (PTLA), and Bechtel of Nevada. He was a member of the American Legion of Northern NM, *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Fe Chapter #996*. He was a kind, generous, peace-loving person. He also volunteered at the Espanola Soup Kitchen. He enjoyed the Senior Bowling League, and was a dedicated Catholic. He enjoyed singing in the choir at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, in Santa Fe. Paul served his country as a proud United States Marine with Delta Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance, receiving numerous medals. In his younger years he did the rodeo circuit, roping and riding bulls into his early sixties. The pallbearers were Lupe Gallegos, Tanner Trujillo, Patrick Trujillo, James Esparza, Perla Davis, and Benjie Valdez. The honorary pallbearers were the Los Alamos Fire Department crew. The Rosary was held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 2:30 PM at the Rivera Funeral Home in Espanola (305 Calle Salazar). A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, in Santa Fe. (417 Agua Fria Street). The burial was on March 31, 2021 at the National Cemetery at 2:15 PM. Donations may be made in his name to the Carmelite Monastery or your favorite charity. The family entrusted the care of Mr. Martinez to Rivera Family Funeral Home in Espanola. Please visit [www.riverafamilyfuneralhome](http://www.riverafamilyfuneralhome) to leave stories, pictures, and condolences.



**JAMES W. "Jimmy" MARTSH** (USA, CW0II-Ret.) - Died Friday, March 12, 2021 in Espanola, New Mexico at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Espanola on February 14, 1949 to the late John Martsh and Maria Elvira (née Martinez) Martsh. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Rosella of 48 years; son, Matthew Martsh and wife Barbara; daughter, Leslie Martsh; grandchildren, James Matthew and Allyson Martsh; brother, John Martsh (Carmen); sisters, Shirley DeVargas, and Barbara Fresquez (Paul); sister-in-law, Anita Leyba (Johnny); brothers-in-law, John Rivera (Ellen), Joe Arthur (Patsy), and; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. James was a lifelong resident of Espanola. He was a proud United States Army Veteran and member of the 244<sup>th</sup> Delta Hawk Aviation Company during his tour in Vietnam. After returning home, James honorably served in the Army National Guard and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer II. James worked and retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory. He was also an active *Life Member* in the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Northern New Mexico Chapter (Santa Fe) #996**. James will be remembered by his family and friends for his sense of humor and generosity. James enjoyed woodworking and was an avid outdoorsman. He was always the life of the party. His grandchildren, nieces, and nephews absolutely adored him. Today we celebrate his life and cherish the love and memories he left us with. Public Visitation was at the De Vargas Funeral Home on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. The Rosary and Funeral Mass was held at La Iglesia de Santa Cruz de la Canada on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM. The burial was in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. The Rosary and Funeral Mass were streamed on YouTube: Santacruz Parish Espanola <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC00woEHogjakiQ3S7I1Z0Cg>. Serving as pallbearers were: Jim Turner, Steven Jaramillo, Joe Duran, Johnny Leyba, Jamie Archuleta, Paul Trujillo, Dennis Duran, and Brian Calzabillas. The honorary pallbearers were his Godchildren: Paul E. Fresquez, Yolanda Garcia, John Martsh, Lynn Valdez, and Jim Maes. The family of James W. Martsh (Jimmy) entrusted the care of their loved one to the DeVargas Funeral Home and Crematory of the Espanola Valley. [www.devargasfunera.com](http://www.devargasfunera.com).

**GERALD STEVEN MAURIN** – Died Saturday, April 25, 2020 in Waretown, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death was COVID-19. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on January 23, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Janice Maurin, of the home. He served in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1968 and was discharged at the rank of Sergeant. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**.



**JEFFREY ALAN "Jeff" McCAW** - Died Thursday, October 8, 2020 in Havertown, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death was multiple organ failure, diseased colon and heart failure. He was born in Havertown on November 1, 1949. He was the beloved husband of

Gina (née Falcone) McCaw and a 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**. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at the Logan-Videon Funeral Home, 2001 Sproul Road, Broomall, PA 19008, where relatives and friends came calling 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, Broomall.



**RANDALL ELWOOD "Randy" McDANIEL** - Died Sunday, January 17, 2021 at Saint Vincent Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 74, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Hoover, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 20, 1946 in Fairbanks, Alaska to the late Noel and Gay McDaniel. Randy graduated from Hewitt-Trussville High School in 1964 and earned degrees in geology and mineral engineering from the University of Alabama. He was a Captain in the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. Randy held a lifelong love of rocks, minerals, fossils, and geology. He cultivated a curiosity about the Earth and enjoyment of being outdoors from an early age, when he played along the stream on his grandfather's farm in Lamar County, Alabama, and visited the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains with his parents and sister, and later with his wife and children. That deep curiosity led to him enjoying a long career as a geologist. Randy was a geologist employed by U.S. Steel, Energen, and other companies. He was affectionately known as the Alabama Rock Doctor. He was also a great storyteller, husband, father, and uncle. While at the University of Alabama, he met Gretchen Schaefer of Hoover and they were married on August 14, 1976 in Birmingham. He loved his family and will be missed. Randy is preceded in death by his parents, Noel and Gay McDaniel; his father-in-law, Carl Schaefer; and a daughter-in-law, Caitlin Sweeney-McDaniel. He is survived by his wife, Gretchen; three sons, Paul of Atlanta, Georgia, James of Reykjavik, Iceland, and Phillip of Hoover; sister, Cheryl Worthington (Mike) of Hillsboro, Oregon; mother-in-law, Gloria Schaefer of Hoover; sister-in-law, Carol Milster (Danny) of Birmingham; brothers-in-law, Carl Schaefer (Shari) and Dale Schaefer (Gladys) of Birmingham; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and many good friends. Thank you, Randy, for setting a great example and inspiring us to find great hiking trails, majestic mountain views, fascinating geological formations, and to learn about our beautiful world. We love you and will miss you. A family graveside service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Southern Heritage Cemetery in Pelham, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Randall McDaniel's memory to Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve in Birmingham.

**QUINCY CLAYTON McMILLION** – Died Friday, January 22, 2021 in Buckeye, Pocahontas County, West Virginia at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Renick, Greenbrier

County, West Virginia on September 6, 1934. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marlinton Chapter #1100**.

**JOHN A. "Jack" McQUIRK** – Died Sunday, March 28, 2021 in Carson City, Nevada at the age of 77. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on September 26, 1943. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #688**.



**RUSSELL FLOYD "Doodle" MEADOWS** - Died Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at his residence in Adel, Georgia at the age of 71, surrounded by his family. He passed away from COVID-19 related complications with Alzheimer's disease, after a lengthy hospital stay. He was born on November 20, 1948 in Sparks, Georgia to the late Floyd Meadows and his surviving mother, Mildred (née Duren) Meadows. Russell was a life-long Baptist and loved his Lord and Savior. His first church home was at Sparks Baptist Church. He attended Cook High School prior to joining the United States Army, where he served three tours of duty in Vietnam, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He later attended Valdosta Technical School receiving training and awards in Advanced Diesel Mechanics. He worked with Griffin Corporation, was employed as Service Manager with Ryder Systems in Valdosta, Georgia, managing the Valdosta and Thomasville Ryder Shops for 23 years before retirement. His interests centered around doing things with his hands, working in his yard, reenacting with fellow War Between the States hobbyists, marching in parades, portraying Santa Claus, camping, shaking hands with other Veterans, serving as a member of the committee that brought the Vietnam Moving Wall to Adel in 2013, and dusting his Mustang Shelby. He held membership in the Valdosta Sons of the American Revolution, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –Adel Chapter #1090** and American Legion Post #91. Russell is survived by his wife, Linda (née Ward) Meadows of Adel; children: Allison "Lisa" Meadows (Tina Valdes) of Dacula, Georgia and Russell Bryan "Rusty" Meadows (Michelle Meadows) of Adel; grandchildren: Preston Meadows and Ashlin Meadows, both of Adel; step-grandchildren: Jerad Edmondson (Julie) of Cecil, Georgia, Matthew Edmondson of Omega, Georgia and Heather Danielle "Dani" Edmondson of Athens, Georgia; step-great-grandsons: J.D. and Landon Edmondson of Cecil; mother, Mildred Duren Meadows of Sparks; siblings: Lester Meadows (Judy) of Lenox, Margie Hickey of Hahira, Georgia, Kathy Meadows of Sparks and Tim Meadows (Cindy) of Wewahatchka, Florida; aunt, Bertha Duren Rountree of Sparks; several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition, Russell's devoted Shih Tzu, Bear, misses his Papa. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 25, 2020 at the Chapel of Boone Funeral Home with Reverend William Davis officiating. The interment was in the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with Military Honors provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #1090. Ryan Duren, Phil Emrich, Chad Ward, Jamie Hickey, Chuck Warren and Dennis Harrell served as active pallbearers; honorary pallbearers included members of the Georgia Patriot Guard, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1090, and the American Legion. Steve Meders sang "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Go Rest High on that Mountain." Visitation was conducted from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at the Boone Funeral Home. Flowers were

accepted and memorials may still be made to the local Vietnam Veterans Chapter #1090 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10001 or on the web at alzfdn.org. Condolences may be expressed at [www.boonefunerals.com](http://www.boonefunerals.com). Boone Funeral Home, Inc. is serving the Meadows family.



**THEODORE L. "Ted" MITCHELL** - Died Thursday April 29, 2021, at his residence in Rebecca, Georgia at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 26, 1948, in Baltimore, Maryland to the late J.C. Mitchell, Sr. and Sally (née Smith) Mitchell. He served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He earned several medals including the National Defense Service, Good Conduct, Army Commendation, and Republic of Vietnam Service. He also received a Meritorious Unit commendation. Mr. Mitchell retired from Delphi Corporation in 2006. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082** and the United Auto Workers Union. Mr. Mitchell coached for DLS and served on the Ben Hill County Board of Education. He loved his country and was very patriotic. Mr. Mitchell was a member of First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald. He is survived by his wife of 52 years: Jeryl O. "Jeri" Mitchell of Rebecca; two sons: David L. Mitchell and Karen of Rebecca and Kevin L. Mitchell of Leesburg; a daughter, Pamela Mitchell Dombrowski and Cecil of Kathleen; four grandchildren: Steven Mitchell, Camryn Lynn, Maggie Elizabeth and Jake Mitchell; two great-grandchildren: Hayden Mitchell and Elizabeth Mitchell; two brothers: James R. Mitchell of Port Arthur, Texas and Robert M. Mitchell and Lisa of Ashford, Alabama and a sister, Joyce Werner of Palm Beach, Florida. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, John C. Mitchell, Jr. and a brother-in-law, George Werner. Graveside services were held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Fitzgerald, Georgia, with the Reverend Jay Moore officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home beginning at 1:00 PM prior to the graveside.

**JOHN A. MOZEE, SR.** – Died Wednesday, February 19, 2021 in Vacaville, California at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 22, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Jaqueline Mozee, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters (Missouri) Chapter #458**. Graveside services were held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 2:00 PM in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA 95620. Funeral arrangements were provided by the McCune Garden Chapel and Milton Carpenter Funeral Home in Vacaville and Dixon, California.

**JIMMIE DALE MURRAY** – Died Saturday, July 18, 2020 in Manchester, Kentucky at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Manchester, Clay County, Kentucky on December 12, 1947. He served in the United States Army from January 16, 1969 to October 28, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from June 28, 1969 to February 8, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester Chapter #868**. The interment was in Cornett Cemetery in Fogertown, Clay County, Kentucky.

**DONALD L. NILES** – Died recently in 2021 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 27, 1935. He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Sharon K. Agun. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.

**JAMES O'DELL** – Died Thursday, April 15, 2021 in Cottontown, Tennessee at the age of 84. The cause of death was lymphatic cancer. He was born in Champaign, Illinois on April 3, 1937. He served in the United States Air Force from August 6, 1959 to March 1973 with a tour in Vietnam from March 1970 to March 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**.

**MICHAEL JOSEPH O'LEARY** – Died Monday, February 15, 2021 in Ballwin, Missouri at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa on September 14, 1951. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**.



**HOWARD LEE OVERBAY** - Died Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Select Specialty Hospital in Powell, Tennessee at the age of 71, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Mooresburg, Tennessee. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to COVID-19. He was born in Bean Station, Tennessee on August 9, 1949 to the late Frank and Mattie (née Miller) Overbay. He attended Adriel Baptist Church in Bean Station and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**, American Legions Post #21, and the Disabled Veterans of Morristown. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mattie (Miller) Overbay; sister, Grace Walker; brothers, Harrell and Carroll Overbay; and his first wife, Janie Sue (Owens) Overbay. He is survived by his wife, Kaye Stuffle Overbay; son, Travis (Heather) Overbay; daughter, Amber (Shawn) Stuffle; grandchildren, Connor Overbay, Ty Overbay, Halli Stuffle, and Molli Stuffle; brothers-in-law, Eddie Walker, Larry Owens, and Jerry Owens; sisters-in-law, Betty Stuffle, Faye Stuffle, June Woods, and Betty Mims; and his baby, "Jazzy." Family and friends met at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Heath Chapel Cemetery in Bean Station for graveside services with Reverend Tim Collins officiating and with military honors. The pallbearers were Marvin Rich, Terry Johnson, Johnny Baker, Ty Overbay, Jody Cider, and Colin Cider. The honorary pallbearers were Charles Miller, Johnny Rosenbalm, Tex Jones, Doug Jones, and Dennis Whitaker. The arrangements were made by the Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown.



**JOSEPH MICHAEL "Joe" PALICA** – Died Monday, December 21, 2020 at his home in Avenel, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 6, 1950 in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph and Helen (née Kowalishen) Palica and



husband of the late Joyce (Smith) Palica, Joe is survived by his sister Nancy (Palica). Joe served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an active member of Avenel VFW Post #7164 for over 25 years, serving as post commander (2008-2009) and then District 8 commander (2014-2015). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Joe found true joy in rescuing Pit Bulls (or any 2 or 4-legged creature that was down on their luck and needed a friend or a place to stay). He was a generous man, always quick to smile with a knack for making people happy often while he was DJ-ing, with his motorcycle or fast car, or just sharing a cup of coffee. His sister and family would like to thank his VFW family who helped us during this difficult time. Special thanks to Mike Glasson, "Real" Bob Laughlin, Jerry Malone and Margaret Russo for their help and support and especially to Debbie and Joe Nelson for adopting Pickles (his pit bull mix) - Joe saved Pickles and Pickles saved him! Services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Brigadier William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Arnetown, NJ. Memorial contributions may be made to Woodbridge Animal Group (WAG), PO Box 133, Sewaren, NJ 07077 or adopt a pet of your choosing or just be kind to all animals.



**RICHARD JAMES "Rich" PALMISANO** - Died Wednesday, February 17, 2021 in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 75, surrounded by his children. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 1, 1945 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late Edward and Antoinette (née DiMaggio) Palmisano. Rich was a proud Vietnam veteran, serving 2 tours during the Vietnam War as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division of the United States Army. During this time in the Army, he served in the infantry, delivering arms and munitions to American soldiers for battle. He earned several awards for his service, including The National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal. He was a marksman shooter, earning a rank of Expert M14 in this skill. After his honorable discharge in the Army, where he achieved the rank of SP5 Sergeant, he went on to begin a 31-year career with the Terminal Railroad Police in East St. Louis, IL. During his careers in the Army and with the Terminal Railroad, Rich saved the lives of at least 2 individuals, and he was honorably recognized for his bravery. He retired from the Terminal Railroad in 2005. Rich was a generous and outgoing person, and could easily make friends wherever he went. Everyone knew who he was at the places he frequented, and he would never hesitate to help a friend in need. He loved hanging out with friends and family, and would always tend to cook enough food to "feed an Army" whenever he was in the kitchen. His home was always open to all, and he loved having fun at a good get together. He volunteered countless hours with the American Legion Post #400 in Fenton, and could always be counted to assist with their Lenten fish fry Fridays every year, or to serve up a cold beer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. His greatest accomplishment was his family, having raised two children (Anthony and Lisa) with his loving wife and partner, Pietrina. Together, they lived and traveled around the world, and were blessed with 50 years of marriage. He loved talking about his grandchildren, and they would light up when their beloved "Paw" came into the room. His generous spirit, belly laughs, and warm hugs will be missed dearly by all. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Michael Palmisano. Rich is survived by his wife, Pietrina (née Caltagirone) Palmisano; his children Anthony (Rachel) Palmisano of Fenton, MO, Lisa (Jeremy) Greathouse of Fenton, MO; his grandchildren Noah and Grace Greathouse,

and Jack, Mark, and Andrew Palmisano; his brother Edward (Dotty) Palmisano of Collinsville, IL; his sister Aggie (Kevin) Doe of West Alton, MO; and his brother Terry (Liz) Palmisano of St. Peters, MO; Goddaughter Kerrie Lynn (Jay) Garrett of Foristell, MO and Godson Steven Jesuit of Elgin, IL, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Legion Fenton Post #400, or to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the JB Smith Funeral Home, Fenton, MO. Rich was laid to rest at Jefferson Barracks cemetery, with private burial services for the immediate family.



**ANDREW STIMSON PATERSON, SR.** - 76, Died Sunday, March 21, 2021 in Williamsburg, Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1944 to the late Robert and Catrina Paterson. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1965-1969 and later as a salesman, finishing his career in sales at Colonial Williamsburg. Andrew was a member of James River Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge's in Deltaville, VA and New York State, enjoyed trains, lighthouses and history. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Williamsburg Chapter #957**. Andrew is survived by his wife, Sharon; sons, Andrew S. Paterson, Jr (Lisa) and Christopher Paterson; daughter, Kate Parrott (Jonathan); grandchildren, Abby, Alex, Adam, Avery, Caden, Kaylee Paterson and Sophie Parrott; brother, Robert Paterson (Kathy) and their children. A visitation was held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the James River Baptist Church, 4931 Centerville Road, Williamsburg at 3:00 PM. The service was at 3:30 PM with the reception immediately afterwards. The inurnment was in Pittsford, NY in the summer at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Andrew's name may be made to SEVA GRREAT, P.O. Box 8014, Yorktown, VA 23693 ([www.adoptagolden.com](http://www.adoptagolden.com)) or James River Baptist Church, 4931 Centerville Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188 ([www.jamesriverbaptist.org](http://www.jamesriverbaptist.org)). Online condolences for the family may be shared at [www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com](http://www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com).



**ROGER L. PATRIQUIN** - Died Wednesday, April 21, 2021 in his home in Milton, Vermont at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Patriquin. On March 11th, 1967, Roger married Dorothy Brackett, who pre-deceased him on December 3, 2019. They resided in Georgia, where they maintained a small farm and raised Morgan Horses. Roger was educated in Bangor and then went onto serve in the United States Navy for 28 years as a Senior Chief Yeoman as a recruiter. Roger was very active with the York Rite College, Past President of the Air Patrol Shrine Unit, Franklin Lodge # 4, F&AM, Past Masters Association, Life Member and Past President of Chittenden Chapter # 19, Eastern Star of Milton, Past President of Northwest Riding & Driving Club, member of the Morgan Horse Club, Knight Companion Emeritus, Knight of Red Cross Constantine, and Past President of the Gem & Mineral Club in Burlington. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**. Roger and Dorothy started Wayfarer Gem & Minerals and traveled the country growing their collection and meeting

fellow enthusiasts. They enjoyed the winter months in Bradenton, Florida. Survivors include his son, Arthur Patriquin and grandchildren, Julian Cunningham, Sara Porter and Maria Bourbeau. He will be missed by his friends and especially his longtime caretaker, Kristy. A special thanks to Bayada Hospice and Kameron Escajeda, NP at the VA for the wonderful care and support given to Roger. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Processing Center, P.O. Box 863765. Orlando, Florida 32886. At Roger's request there were no services. Honoring and assisting with Roger's final wishes is the Heald Funeral Home, where messages of condolence are welcome at [www.healdfuneralhome.com](http://www.healdfuneralhome.com).

**KENNETH JOHN PAYNE** – Died Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in Naples, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Antigo, Wisconsin on March 20, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Joanne, of the home. He served in the United States Army for three years with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**.



**WILLIAM LOUIS "Bill" PERSI, JR.** – Died Sunday, January 3, 2021 in Lebanon, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 5, 1949 in Upland, California to the late William Louis Persi, Sr. and Erma (née Montini) Persi. On January 17, 1989, Bill was united in marriage with Donna Boretz. Together they shared thirty-one years of love and wonderful memories. Bill entered the United States Marine Corps and proudly served our country during the Vietnam War from 1967 until his honorable discharge in 1969. He was a Purple Heart recipient and proud of his service time. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1014**. Bill is survived by his wife Donna; four children, William Roy Persi of California, Jeffrey David Persi and his wife Stephanie, of California; Stacy Segebarth and her husband Brad of Lebanon, MO and Vanessa Cardoza of Idaho; two sisters, Pamela Harman and her husband Dennis and Debbie Persi all of Las Vegas, Nevada; ten grandchildren, Lindsay Darnell and her husband Charlie, Lauren Persi, David Cardoza, Cooper Cardoza, Jeffrey Persi, Addison Segebarth, Jake Persi, Haven Segebarth, Degan Cardoza and Selah Segebarth; two great-grandsons, Linkin and Ridge Darnell; other relatives and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Rosary service began at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 18, 2021 at the Shadel Colonial Chapel, with visitation to follow. Under the guidelines of the CDC and the state of Missouri, the staff of Shadel's Colonial Chapel ask that you observe social distancing and proper hygiene. Please also wear masks. Those guidelines were monitored during this time to accommodate the family and their wishes. He was buried in the Fort Leonard Wood State Veterans Cemetery in Waynesville, Missouri with full military honors. Memorials have been suggested to AAMVC (Assistance Association of Missouri Veterans Cemetery) or Out of the Ashes, Inc. Out of the Ashes is a (501c3) charity that was founded by Bill's daughter, Stacy and her husband Brad. They do work in Korah and Ethiopia and provide an environment where each student is protected, cared for and given the opportunities to become all God meant them to be. They believe that a hand up and not a hand out will empower the children and the community

to become healthy, safe, and self-reliant, breaking the cycle of poverty. For more information you can visit [www.outoftheash.org](http://www.outoftheash.org) Donations can be left at or mailed to Shadel's Colonial Chapel, P.O. Box 948 or 1001 N. Lynn, Lebanon, MO 65536.



**LAWRENCE IVAN PODWYS** - Died Tuesday, March 16, 2021 in Layton, Utah at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 29, 1947 on Alameda, California to the late Henry Anthony and Jane (née Price) Podwys. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Throughout his life he served in various positions, most recently serving as an advancement counselor in the Boy Scouts. Lawrence served in the United States Navy serving on aircraft carriers serving as aviation electrician. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion serving as Commander of Layton Post #87 and was a district officer. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #1079**. He was married to Paula Berg on December 30, 1994 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his wife, Paula, his children; April (Kelly) Roberts, Catherine Ritt, Faith (Jefferson) Brown, Ivan (Sarah) Podwys, Lenora (Gunther) Immers, his siblings; Rollin (Barbara) Podwys, Rhonda Seutter, Leota (Paul) Neuwirth, Duane (Anne) Podwys, and Arleta (Jon) Garner. He was the proud grandpa of 14 grandchildren and great grandpa of two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Anthony and Jane Irene Price Podwys, two nephews and a granddaughter. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Monday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and on Tuesday from 12:45 to 1:45 PM at the mortuary.



**JESSE JUNIOR PRATHER** – Died Friday, March 12, 2021 in Norton, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death was acute on chronic respiratory failure and sepsis. He was born July 18, 1949 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Jesse and Euva Prather-Hearn who survives. He was a faithful member of Apostolic Church in Barberton, Ohio for over 20 years. Jesse served in the United States Air Force from 1975-1979; he then worked at Copperweld Steel from 1979 - 1990 and tried selling everything. He was vice-president of Dublin Securities. He loved to read and study the word of God, he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Akron Chapter #900**. Preceded in death by his dad, Jesse; son, Jason; stepfather, Earl Hearn; sister, Vicki and daughter-in-law, Kathy. Jesse is survived by his loving wife, Cindy; children, Jesse (Kim), Charles (Tammie) and Shawn; daughter-in-law, Bethany Docy-Prather; grandchildren, Myranda (Freddy) Schulz, Taylor (Brian Steele), Isaiah (Emily Williams), Kameron (Destinie Vlachos) Leeahna, Shawna (Camerin Ernst), Elayne, Tara, Brooke, Gage, Tyler, Jason, Quentin; five great grandchildren and two on the way; mother, Euva Hearn; siblings, Irene Noble, Rita (Delmar) Smith, Robert (Julie) Hearn, Mary (Kevin) Leeworthy, and a host of extended family and friends. Funeral Services took place at 1:00 PM with visitation one-hour prior on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the Apostolic Church, Barberton, 1717 Turkeyfoot Lake Road with Reverends Rod Pamer and Paul Pamer co-officiating. The burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the church to help those in need.



**LAWRENCE ALLEN "Larry" PROSOSKI** – Died Tuesday, April 27, 2021 in Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death was COVID-19. He was born on April 22, 1945 to the late Charles and Mary Ann Prososki. He a very proud Vietnam War Era United States Air Force Veteran and VA Hospital Volunteer extraordinaire. Larry recently received recognition for his 15,000+ volunteer hours helping Veterans hospitalized at the Battle Creek, Detroit and Ann Arbor VA Medical Centers. He organized patient trips to Detroit Tiger and Piston games, dinner boat trips on the Detroit River, many patient trips to Golden Coral, Old Country Buffet and Ponderosa. Larry loved vintage automobiles. He loved his family and his many friends, all of whom will miss their Larry. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Lawrence was the dear son of the late Charles and the late Mary Ann Prososki. The cherished brother of Charles (Veronica) Prososki, Gary (Patricia) Prososki, and Carla (the late Edward) Kettlewell. He was the beloved uncle of Charlie Prososki, Gary Prososki Jr., Edward Kettlewell, Tila Broadway, Terry Traylor, Kelly Prososki, Christie Prososki, and Mary Yenglin. He is also survived by numerous family members and close friends. Visitation for Larry were held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 2:00 until 6:00 PM at the Resurrection Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes Road in Clinton Township. A private funeral service took place. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only 25 guests were allowed in the funeral home at one time. We also required a mask to be worn when inside the funeral home. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



**ROBERT HOWARD "Bob" QUINN, JR.** – Died Thursday, April 8, 2021 in Rochester, New York at the age of 74, surrounded by family. The cause of the death was complications from ALS – Lou Gehrig's disease. He was born on July 9, 1946 in Rochester to the late Mae and Robert Quinn. He grew up in Rochester and Irondequoit and attended Saint Andrew and Saint Ambrose parochial schools. He graduated in 1964 from The Aquinas Institute. Earned an AB in English from Boston College in 1968 and a JD from Boston College Law School in 1978. He served in the United States Air Force from 1968-1973 and in Vietnam from 1969-1970. Awarded a Purple Heart as a result of enemy action on August 7, 1969. He had a dual career as an attorney and as a financial professional. Elected to the Irondequoit Town Board in 1987. He was appointed Clerk of the Monroe County Legislature in 1988. Served as County Legislator for Irondequoit in 1991. He was a lector and parish council member at Saint Joseph's and Holy Spirit Churches. He authored two autobiographical novels: Abby and the Old Guy and Bonnie and the Young Guy, both available at Amazon.com. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Bob is survived by his beloved wife and "Sweetie," Barbara (née Brooks) Quinn; two wonderful sons and their wives, Robert and Michelle, and Andrew and Debra; four cherished grandchildren, Mae, Robert IV, Lincoln and Henry; two brothers and their wives, Richard and Muriel, and Gary and Patricia; special sister-in-law, Marie Travaglini; many loved nieces, nephews and cousins;



mother of his sons, Rozanne Marcus; seven decades of best friends from childhood, Aquinas, Boston College, the Air Force, and his legal, financial and political careers; his loyal and devoted Westie-Poo, Nicky; and "the one constant through all the years... baseball." In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the ALS Association Upstate New York Chapter or the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum by following the links on the left side of this page. Calling hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at the Jennings, Nulton and Mattle Funeral Home, 1704 Penfield Road, Penfield, NY. The funeral was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield, NY or via live stream at <https://www.sjcpenfield.com/online-ministries>.

**FRANK RAMIREZ** – Died in August 2020 in Roswell, New Mexico at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 8, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roswell Chapter #968**.



**DANNY L. "Dan" RANEY** - Died Friday, October 23, 2020 at home in Buffalo, Iowa at the age of 70, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. Danny was born on December 10, 1949 in Davenport, Iowa to the late William and Betty Raney. At the age of 18 he was drafted into the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. He was united in marriage to Charleen Vrana in 1989, blending their families to make one. In 2010 he retired from John Deere Harvester Works after 36 years of service. Danny enjoyed hunting, his dogs, nature, home improvement projects, and spending time with his family. He was a kind, opinionated man that will be missed greatly by his family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife, Charleen Raney; daughter, Becca (Rob) Williams; stepchildren, Vince (Chris) Vrana, Dan Vrana and Gordon (Kim) Vrana; along with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and stepdaughter, Bonnie Remley. Funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Runge Mortuary Chapel. Visitation was held from 10:00 AM until the time of service. He was laid to rest in Davenport Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rungemortuary.com](http://www.rungemortuary.com).

**PAUL FRANCIS RAUWALD** – Died Saturday, March 20, 2021 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death was sudden cardiac demise, ischemic cardiomyopathy, atrial fibrillation and hypertension. He was born in Denver, Colorado on December 24, 1945 to the late John Rauwald and Louella (née Saeman) Rauwald. He is survived by his wife, Laurel (née Zingsheim) Rauwald of the home. He served in the United States Army from November 17, 1965 to August 23, 1967 with one year in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101**.

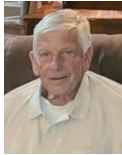




**ARTHUR ALLAN "Art" REESE** - Died Thursday, July 2, 2020 in Ramsey, Minnesota at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Anoka, Minnesota on October 3, 1948 to the late Arthur and Helen Reese. He was also predeceased by his sisters, Jeanine, Terry, Sandra and Kay. He is survived by children, Naomi, Margaret and Zachary; granddaughter, Kelsey. Art (Buff) served in the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1969 with the Aero Scout Company, 123<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Battalion, also known as the "Warlords" under the Americal Division of the United States Army. For his service, he received two purple hearts among many other awards. Art was dedicated to his fellow veterans and participated in multiple organizations such as Freedom Flight and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anoka Chapter #470**. A fan of live music and good times, Art made friends wherever he went. He was truly "one with nature" and passed this love on to his children and grandchild. Art was dependable and wise for all those that sought him out. He was a proud father, and an even prouder grandfather. The lessons he taught could not be learned elsewhere. Art was unapologetically himself, a trait that only makes this goodbye so much harder. In lieu of flowers the family is asking for donations to the Wounded Warrior Project. It is estimated that 30% of Vietnam Veterans suffer from PTSD (National Center for PTSD). No one should suffer in silence. Private services were held with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

**ELIAS J. "JR" RODRIGUEZ** - Died Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the Eisenhower VA Medical Center in Leavenworth, Kansas at the age of 76. He was a resident of Leavenworth. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 4, 1944 in Leavenworth to the late Elias and Juanita (née Inojos) Rodriguez. JR attended the Old Cathedral school and graduated from Leavenworth Senior High in 1962. After a brief family vacation to Mexico he enlisted in the United States Navy on July 20, 1962 and was assigned to the USS Coral Sea until his honorable discharge on August 2, 1965. He loved serving his country and was proud to let anyone know he was a veteran. JR worked at the old Goodjohn's Sach and Door Company, before he decided to try something different in laying carpet. On January 1, 1978 he opened his own store called Discount Carpets. He enjoyed bowling, golf and had a great sense of humor. He met the love of his life, Ana Maria Nunez and dated for several years before they decided to get married on September 16, 1972 in Leavenworth at the Immaculate Conception Church. From this marriage two children were born, Kristi and Eduardo. He was a member of the American Legion Post #23, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #56, Knights of Columbus Council #900, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75** and a member of the Immaculate Conception parish. Jr is survived by his son, Eduardo (Christina) Rodriguez, Chula Vista CA, grandchildren Eddie Rodriguez, Alex Cervantes, Christian Cervantes, and Charlee Da Rosa, Chula Vista CA, brother Ray (Connie) Rodriguez and his favorite sister in law Chata Brawner, Jamul CA. Numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, spouse Ana M. Rodriguez, daughter Kristin A. Rodriguez, and brother Thomas G. Rodriguez. Visitation was on Sunday, April 4, 2021 at R. L. Leintz Funeral Home from 5:00 - 7:00 PM with a rosary to be said at 5:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 5, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 11:00 AM with Reverend Father Glenn Snow, O.Carm. officiating. The burial was in the Leavenworth National

Cemetery with military honors at 12:30 PM. Memorials in his name may be directed to: "The Point Man Ministries" c/o The Rock of Ages Church or VAMC Volunteer Services, Building #160. The R. L. Leintz Funeral **Home** was entrusted with the arrangements.

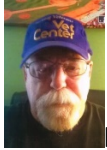


**HERBERT BOYD ROGERS, JR.** - Died Monday, May 17, 2021, at his home on Deer Run Lane in Greenwood, South Carolina at the age of 81. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on October 11, 1939 in Horry County, South Carolina to the late Herbert Boyd Rogers, Sr. and Grace (née Powell) Rogers. He was a 1960 graduate of Loris High School, a United States Army Vietnam Era Veteran, and was retired as meat market manager from Winn Dixie in Fleming Island, FL. He was previously employed with A&P Groceries and Pantry Pride. A member of Main Street United Methodist Church, he was also a member of the Bible Sunday School Class and was a Life Member of Mandarin Masonic Lodge #343, in Mandarin, FL; a member of the Scottish Rite Freemasons; a Past-Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Riverside Chapter; and was a Noble of the Morocco Shrine Temple in Jacksonville, FL. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Middleburg (Florida) Chapter #1059*. Surviving in addition to his wife Anne (née Hughes) Rogers, of 56 years, are a son, Kenneth Rogers of High Point, NC; a daughter, Patricia "Trish" and husband Christopher Bahl of Clay County, FL; two grandsons, Cristian Bahl and Cohen Bahl; a sister, Ozella Hughes of Martinez, GA; a brother, Bennie and wife Betty Ann Rogers of Easley. He was predeceased by two sisters, Irene Hyatt and Lorraine McElveen. Graveside services with Military and Masonic Rites were conducted at Oakbrook Memorial Park at 11:00 AM on Saturday with the Reverends James McCoy-Bruce and Allen Hughes co-officiating. The family was at the home in Lodge Grounds and received friends at the Blyth Funeral Home from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday afternoon. Those wishing to make donations in memory of Boyd were requested to please consider making donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.



**JOE MARLAN ROUGH** - Died Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 3:41 PM peacefully in his home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 10, 1946 in Modesto, California to the late Marlan P. and Leota C. Rough. Joe moved to Lawton in 2000 with his mother, Leota. Both were devout Christians. He was a member of Masonic Lodges #183 and #548 in Lawton and was a KCCH Scottish Rite Mason. Joe loved fishing, hunting and being with his brother Masons. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. Joe served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was a proud veteran. After the Navy, he attended colleges in California. He later became a marketing sales representative and a manager of Winchell's Donuts. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and Terry Thomas, California, a son, Joey Rough, Nebraska, a sister and her husband, Kathy and Lee Gunter, Washington, one nephew and his wife, Justin and Krystal Hockett, one great-niece, Mariann Hockett and two great-nephews, Blaine and Jayden

Hockett, Lawton. The funeral service was at 11:30 AM on Monday, March 29, 2021 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dan Eppler officiating. The burial with military honors and Masonic Rites was held in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. The family greeted friends from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home.



**RONALD E. "Ron" RUSHIA, SR.** - Died Monday, March 22, 2021 at his residence in Whitehall, New York at the age of 74, following a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. Ron was born on September 13, 1946 in Whitehall to the late Francis and Rosemary (née Previe) Rushia. He was a graduate of Whitehall High School, "Class of 1966" and also attended Adirondack Community College obtaining his associates degree in Liberal Arts. Ron and his loving wife Patricia A. Frandino were married on October 23, 1971 and were to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October. Ron was employed for New York State Department of Corrections as cook at Great Meadow Correctional Facility and head cook at Washington Correctional Facility, both of Comstock, NY. He had many passions throughout his life. He enjoyed his trips to the casinos, flea markets, watching the Boston Red Sox, vacationing to Myrtle Beach and Disney World. He enjoyed the many trips that he would take with his fellow veterans to the Annual Memorial Day celebration at the Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. But most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his wife and family. Ron served in the United States Army stationed in Vietnam from 1968-1969. He also served with the New York State National Guard, stationed in Whitehall, retiring after 20 years of service. He also served as an instructor at Camp Smith in Peekskill, NY. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Ann Chapter #79** and was a life member of the American Legion. Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his brother-in-law Keith Bakerian, and his sister Suzanne Colvin. Survivors include his loving wife, Patricia A. Rushia of Whitehall, his children, Ronald E. Rushia, Jr. and his companion, Ashley of Fort Edward, Sarah E. Rushia-Johnson (Tom) of Fort Edward, Kevin P. Rushia (Kelli) of Rotterdam, Paul V. Rushia and Eric M. Rushia both of Queensbury. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Lilah, Luca and Anya Rushia, his brother, Brian Rushia (Tina) of Hudson Falls, his sisters, Pamela Lane (Michael) of Portland, CT., and Cathy Bakerian of Whitehall, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition, he is also survived by his, mother-in-law, Patricia Frandino of Whitehall, his several brother's and sister's-in law, and his special coffee group from Stewart's who kept him amused each day. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Our Lady of Hope Roman Catholic Church of Whitehall with Reverend Father Rendell Torres, pastor officiating. Friends called on the family from 10:00 AM until the time of the services. A committal service was at 2:00 PM on Friday at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duel Road, Schuylerville with full military honors. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in Ron's name to the Adirondack Vets House, Inc. 26 Pine Street, Glens Falls, N.Y 12801.



**EDWARD DAVID SANTIAGO** – Died Tuesday, July 14, 2020 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 77. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related chronic lymphoma leukemia (CLL). He was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 16, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Joyce T. Santiago. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. Ed entered into the Army December 1967. He served one tour of duty in Vietnam as a 1LT Forward Observer, 1st Infantry Division, Big Red One from 1968-1969. After leaving the army he returned to his position at the Naval Ordnance Station Forest Park Illinois. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona. In 1971 he married Joyce & in 1973 they moved To Tucson, Arizona. There he worked as an Air Traffic Controller for the Federal Aviation Administration & Department of Army at Fort Huachuca until he retired in 1999 after 32 years. He loved owning and maintaining Cars and was an active member of several local car clubs. He enjoyed traveling the country in his RV with his Jeep in tow and his wife of 50 years. Since leaving the Army Ed continued to stay in contact with his RTO (Radio Operator) "Mark" that served alongside him in Vietnam. He was incredibly proud of his service to his country. He often attended 1st Infantry Division reunions & enjoyed being reunited with old friends with shared experiences.



**DAVID LEE SAUM** – Died Friday, September 25, 2020 in Artesia, New Mexico at the age of 75. The cause of death was acute cardiopulmonary arrest, multiple organ failure and malignant neoplasm of sacrum. He was born on February 25, 1945 in Deadwood, South Dakota to the late Carolyn Mae Saum. They moved to Tularosa, NM in 1948, where his mother married Clyde Green. David attended school in Tularosa, where he earned the nickname "Tuffy Green" because he never backed down, nor walked away, from a fight. He worked at a dairy there part-time, where his amazing mechanical skills were first noted. His aunt had a hand-powered butter churn, and at age of seven David motorized it to be powered by a bicycle-like device. He was always tinkering and building things, and even got an old car running. David also proved in Tularosa that he could ride any horse. The only time he ever got bucked off was when the cinch strap broke and the saddle and all came off. When he hit the mesquite bush, he was still in the saddle. David joined the United States Army in 1962 at age 17 and became a cavalryman. He served a tour in Germany, where he completed a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at The University of Frankfurt. It was one of many of his educational achievements. He also served in Korea, and while there he served three deployments in Vietnam, where he distinguished himself in battle enough to earn a Bronze Star. (He was submitted for a Silver Star twice, but a

superior officer declined it.) He also was awarded the Nation's oldest medal, the Purple Heart, twice. Each time he served in Vietnam, he was injured in battle and his body bore the scars that proved he was a warrior and a survivor. He was one of the undocumented Prisoners of War from Vietnam, and managed to escape and return to his unit. He was also stationed Stateside at Fort Sill and Fort Hood. After he left active duty, David continued to serve in the Army National Guard and Reserves. He was never afraid to learn what he needed to achieve his next goal. He earned an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Law Enforcement from Navarro College so he could become a law enforcement officer. This led to his becoming a Sheriff's Deputy in Ellis County, Texas, and then a Police Officer in Waxahachie. While in Waxahachie, he worked for the public works department and was head of civil defense, where he was instrumental in setting up the tornado warning systems. Also in Waxahachie, he owned a construction/paving business, building roads, dams, livestock ponds. Later, in Ruidoso, New Mexico, he worked as a Deputy Sheriff. Still later, he became an EMT and a security guard at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. He also had a wood working shop in Ruidoso, where he and his wife "invented" the howling coyote cutouts with the scarf around its neck. At the same time, he also owned a very popular restaurant. He also lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he was a truck driver, an EMT driving for Superior Ambulance Service, and teaching EMT classes. He lived in Dexter, New Mexico while working in Roswell, where he drove a dairy delivery truck for LePrino Foods. Later, while still in Dexter, he got a job as a mechanical engineer at Christmas by Krebs. He designed and maintained a silvering machine that was much more efficient in the production process of silvering the Christmas ornaments. In November of 2003 he met his wife, Clarissa, and they got married March 20, 2004. Clarissa gave him the nickname of "Bubba," and anyone who met them after they married knew him as "Bubba." He was very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW.) He helped many veterans navigate the maze of federal agencies to receive the benefits they had earned. VFW Post #8703 in Carlsbad NM elected him to Quartermaster and later Commander of the Post. He was also an active *At-Large Life Member* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico**, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and American Legion. He loved to help his fellow veterans any way he could, and he never met a stranger. Both in, and since, the Army he was a firearms expert. In Vietnam, he was a company sniper. After the Army, he continued to be a firearms enthusiast (some might say "gun nut.") His wife, already an avid hunter and excellent marksman said, "he made me a better shot." At one firearms class that he took to maintain his concealed carry permit, he deliberately shot a smiley-face pattern in the target. He was, of course, an expert sharpshooter in the Army. At one of his proficiency exams in the Army, he scored 100%. They thought he'd cheated somehow, so they made him do it again, and again he scored 100%. "Jack of all trades" does not come close to describing Bubba. He owned many businesses throughout his long, busy life. He repaired appliances, built things, drove forklifts, ambulances and trucks. Among his notable employments includes Magistrate Judge in Texas, and race car driver. His son Neil says "There is nothing he could not fix, do, or figure out." He was always learning and he retained everything he read and studied. David touched the lives of everyone he met. He delivered babies and saved lives. His intelligence and knowledge were unmatched by anyone. His sense of humor is legendary. His son Neil has a humorous voice mail from him: "Get up and pee, the world's on fire!" The local waitresses learned how to deal with him when they would deliver his food, just to see him stare at the plate and mutter "that's not right." David would not touch it until they would turn the plate around so the food was on the

correct side. One waitress, when taking his breakfast order, asked what kind of eggs he wanted, and he said “chicken.” On his very first date with Clarissa, he played a prank on her. What did she do to get even? Her answer is always “I married him.” David loved the Lord and was a devout Christian. He taught Bible studies in the Baptist Church and Catechism in the Catholic Church. (Probably the only non-Catholic to ever do so!) He carried his New Testament in his pocket all through his military career. It was found when he was captured in Vietnam, but his Christian guard allowed him to keep it – and spared his life. That guard also “forgot” to lock David's gate one night, allowing him to escape. He departed this life on September 25, 2020, at home, his wife Clarissa and his son Neil by his side. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Clyde Green, his mother, Carolyn Green and his sister Sue Holmes. David is survived by his wife, Clarissa Saum, and her two children, his brother Patrick Green of Belen, New Mexico, his son Neil Saum and his wife Michelle of Ovilla, Texas; by his daughter Karolyn Leslie and her husband Orlen, of Fairbanks, Alaska; his six grandchildren, Savannah Roundtree and her husband Aaron, Andrew and Breanna Saum, Aden, Afton and Madlyn Mae Leslie, and two step grandchildren, Victoria and Vance. His wishes were to be cremated and his ashes returned to his home state of South Dakota. At his memorial service, he wants to be remembered as the fun-loving warrior who made everyone laugh. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the DAV, Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion in his name.



**BARRY JON SCHIEB** – Died Tuesday, March 31, 2020 in Weaverville, North Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death was acute on chronic hypoxic respiratory failure, bronchiectasis, recurrent pseudomonad pneumonia and chronic congestive heart failure with atrial fibrillation. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 3, 1942. His socialization skills were quickly formed as the second born into a family of five siblings that experimented in everything from farming to car repair and trucking in Southwestern Mass. He polished the edge of his sharp mind in public schools and colleges focusing on Engineering and Business. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. His commanding presence was forged at the University of Vermont soccer fields (B.A.), the fields of Vietnam (1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps MP- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant), University of South. Alabama (M.S.) and the bear wrestling ring in Storyland Park. Ultimately, he was able to use these skills to help others negotiate this challenging world. It was not always with the most conventional answers. No one dared bother his little sister Lois at Searles High School in Great Barrington, MA. He helped paper mills full of people turn closures into opportunities at Scott Paper Company/Kimberly Clark ('68-'99), retiring in the position of Pulp Mill Manager, in Mobile, AL. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Black Mountain Chapter #124**. Classes of people power boated more safely in Mobile, AL. And, many of our youngest generation conquered the challenge of reading a good book in Weaverville, NC with his help. He is survived by family and friends that respected the Bear of a man. They include his wife of 53 years, Jackie Castle Schieb, son Eric Schieb (wife Linda), daughter Audra Alley (husband Mark and children Reid and Taylor), brothers Hank Schieb and Mike Schieb and sister Lois Bradley. Even though he was physically less imposing, he kept his sharp mind until



the last page. Memorial donations may be made to Jason Kendall Ray Foundation, PO Box 6326, Concord NC 28027, <https://jasonray.org/give-a-gift/> in celebration of his 14 year strong kidney gift. Due to Covid-19 a celebration of life service was postponed to a later date.

**DONALD EARL “Don” SCHLOTZ** – Died Friday, February 12, 2021 in Oakland, California at the age of 76. The cause of death was Huntington’s Disease. He was born on December 4, 1945. He served in the United States during the Vietnam War as a combat engineer. On his return, he enrolled in law school using his GI Bill benefit, earning his JD from Berkeley Law in 1974. Don had a successful law career in San Francisco, first at a large prestigious law firm and then at a boutique litigation firm where he was a named partner. He had a passion for travel – went to Vietnam and was able to see roads he had built there. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.



**CHARLES LESTER “Charlie” SEIBERT** - Died Friday, December 18, 2020, at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center of Western Maryland at the age of 74. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 4, 1946 in Cumberland to the late Charles Norwood Seibert and Eloise “Sis” Virginia (née Wilson) Seibert. Charlie was the last surviving member of his immediate family. A graduate of Allegany High School, Charlie was a United States Army Veteran of Vietnam. He was a former employee of Kelly-Springfield and retired from the United States Postal Service. He was currently employed with Advance Auto, LaVale, MD. Charlie was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, the Henry Hart Post #1411 VFW, the Fort Cumberland Post #13 American Legion, the Good Fellowship Club, the Cumberland Moose, and the former Cumberland Eagles. Charlie is survived by his significant other: Tracy Andrews; his uncle: Carroll “Andy” Andrews; his special cousins: Carla (Andrews) Sindy; and Carol Davis; as well as numerous other cousins and family members. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Charlie’s name to the Allegany County Animal Shelter, Post Office Box #566, Cumberland, MD 21501.



**MICHAEL SENITTA, JR.** - Died Sunday, March 14, 2021 in Yonkers, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Michael was born on May 11, 1945 in Yonkers to the late Michael Senitta Sr. and Helen (née Krenza) Senitta. He received his Master of Arts Degree from Iona College. He worked for the United States Department of Energy in Princeton, NJ and Riverhead, NY. He was also a tax accountant. On June 24, 1967 he married Leona Kulaga and they raised their 3 children, Annette, Elaine and Michael-John. Michael enlisted in the United

States Army in 1966 and served his country proudly as a helicopter pilot. He was a veteran of the Vietnam war. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. Michael loved to play golf with his brothers and friends and had many golf outings. He was also an avid gardener and Giants fan. He was known for his quick wit, his loving smile and his kind and compassionate spirit. He was always ready to lend a helping hand or an ear to just listen. Even his small acts of kindness made big impacts in people's lives. He was a man among men. Michael was preceded in death by his father, Michael, Sr. and his mother, Helen. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Leona; his children, Annette, Elaine and Michael-John; his brothers Thomas and Paul; his granddaughter Charlotte; his daughter-in-law Daniela, and; countless friends and family. A funeral service was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church on Yonkers Avenue. In lieu of flowers a donation in his name can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Whalen and Ball Funeral Home, 168 Park Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10703 were in charge of the arrangements. [www.whalenandballfh.com](http://www.whalenandballfh.com).

**MILBURNE CHANDLER “Chan” SHARPE** (USAF, MAJ-Ret.) – Died Thursday, March 4, 2021 in Sealy, Texas at the age of 85, with his wife Lela and son Chris by his side after a long battle with heart disease. Chan was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on June 14, 1935 and was a “*Navy Brat*” moving around to several locations with his father, Milburn Osborne “*Mo*” Sharpe and his mother Minnie Mae Sharpe. After Chan’s father retired as a Captain from the Navy, the family moved to Houston, Texas where Chan attended Lamar High School. In High School Chan was a drummer in the Marching Band, was in ROTC and enjoyed riding horses. Upon graduation, Chan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After basic training, Chan deployed to Korea, where he was a gunner on close air support helicopters. After his deployment to Korea was over, Chan returned to the US to become a Drill Instructor. When his active tour was completed, Chan transitioned to the Marine Reserves and relocated to Houston to begin College at the University of Houston, where he studied Radio, Television and Electronics. His goal was to obtain his degree and come back into the military as an Officer. While in college, he met his first wife, Carole Jones, and they married in 1963. After graduating Chan was commissioned into the United States Air Force via the Officer Training School and was assigned to Schilling Air Force Base in Salina, Kansas as a Public Affairs Officer. Chris was born in Salina in September, 1964. Chan’s career would have him serve in Izmir, Turkey; San Antonio, Texas; Honolulu, Hawaii; two tours in Vietnam, Riverside, California; Minot, North Dakota; Little Rock, Arkansas and finally back in Houston, Texas. In 1979 Chan retired as a Major at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. His wife Carole died in 1982 after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Chan enjoyed flying, travel, and hobbies such as, photography, military history, writing and wildlife. Chan met and married Lela McCann of Houston in 1995. He and Lela were *Life Members* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Houston Chapter #343** and actively supported the chapter for many years. Chan’s son, Chris was commissioned into the Air Force from the ROTC program at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, in 1986. Chris was a Space and Missile Officer, Command and Control Officer and later, a Manpower, Personnel and Services Officer. Chris retired in 2014 as a Colonel after 28 years of service after 11 assignments and deployments in support of Kosovo, Iraq and the Global War on Terrorism. Chan lived vicariously through Chris’ career and was a constant source of advice and counsel to Chris throughout his service. Chan leaves behind his wife, Lela Sharpe; son, Chris

Sharpe; daughter-in-law, Susan Sharpe; grandsons, David and Michael Sharpe. Chan was buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas, in a private family service.



**NEAL SHARPE** - Died Thursday, March 11, 2021 in Temple, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 10, 1947 to the late Lonnie and Florence (née Mercer) Sharpe. Neal began singing publicly at the age of six and continued through his teens with various groups in and around Chicago. Neal knew at that point in time in his life that being an entertainer was his dream. Upon graduation from high school in Chicago, Neal spent six years in the United States Army; also serving a tour in Vietnam. After he fulfilled his military obligation, the spark of singing rekindled into a flame with Neal and the singing group "The Brothers' 7" was born. The Brothers' 7 opened for renowned artists such as The Whispers, The Chilites, Al Green, Beau Williams, and War. Neal also opened as a solo act for Little Anthony and the Imperials, O.C. Smith, Phillis Diller, Little Joe, Billy Eckstine, and the Drifters himself. Neal toured with The Drifters from 1975 till 1977, singing 2nd tenor with the group and did lead on several tunes. Then, in 1980, Neal decided to start his own production company that released one album and three singles, one of which was received very well in London, England. Since then, Neal has steadily pursued his passion, having opened for Roger & Zapp, Shirley Murdock, The Texas Tornados and countless others. During the 90's Neal also toured with the Grammy winner Little Joe Hernandez. In 1999 Neal toured with Archie Bell, as one of the Drells. On December 15, 2004 Neal married his sweetheart Martha Hutchinson in Las Vegas and the couple would go on to build a life together. Neal attended church at the Church of Christ in Temple and was also a part of the Corvette club as well as the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He also worked at the VA in Temple for many years before retiring from there. Neal is still out there pursuing his dream...making people smile with his music, stage presence, and personality. Neal will be missed dearly by friends, family, and all his singing family. He is preceded in death by his parents, and brother Phil Sharpe. Neal leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife Martha Sharpe of Temple, stepdaughter Tammy and husband Nate Weathers of Iowa, daughter Regina and husband Tim Willis of Round Rock, son Gregory Sharpe and wife Mariana of Texas City, sister Gail Beal of Chicago, as well as six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Neal also leaves behind his beloved fur babies Ginger and Sheba which were the loves of his life. Services for Mr. Sharpe were held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, TX. Hewett-Arney Funeral Home of Temple was entrusted with these arrangements.

**HAROLD EDWARD "Ed" SHAW** - Died Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at his home in Springfield Illinois at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born on November 25, 1949 in Springfield to the late Harold Edgar and Dorothy Jane (née Howard) Shaw. A 1968 graduate of Springfield High School, Ed proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam war. He was a bronze star recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. Ed worked in the plumbing industry for over 30 years and was the owner and operator of H.E. Shaw Plumbing and Heating. He was a member of UA Local 137. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, and traveling. Ed was preceded in death by his parents; nephews, Jeff and Joe

Andrews; and brother-in-law, Donald Trump. He is survived by two sisters, Jane Trump of Westminster, MD and Diane (Gary) Fore of Springfield; and several other family members and friends. Cremation care was provided by Lincoln Land Cremation Society. Private interment took place at Camp Butler National Cemetery, at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to: Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road - Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 or Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, 57 Country Place, Springfield, IL, 62703.



**EDWARD A. "Ed" SIMPSON** - Died Wednesday, April 21, 2021 in Loudon, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on March 18, 1946 to the late Earl and Alice Simpson. Ed proudly served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078** and Marine Corps League, Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment. Ed was an Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir City. Preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Alice Simpson; brother, Richard, and sister, Carol Ling. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Karen Simpson; daughter, Rachel Simpson-Hearn along with many nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Ed's Life will be held in March 2022 to celebrate his birthday and life. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, 110 Tooweka Circle, Loudon, TN 37774 in memory of Ed Simpson. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City was in charge of the arrangements.



**LESLIE HAROLD "Les" SINFORD** - Died Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at a local hospital in Bangor, Maine from a major stroke. He was 70 years of age and a resident of Bangor. He was born on July 28, 1950 in Machias, Maine to the late David Sinford, Jr. and Bernice (née Roberts) Sinford. Leslie graduated from Machias Memorial High School in 1969, and went on to serve three years in the United States Army which included one tour of duty in Vietnam. After military service, he worked a variety of jobs until landing positions with his two long-term employers. He was employed by McDonnell Douglas Helicopter in Culver City, CA, as a chemical processor and later as pre-wastewater treatment system operator. After the plant closed in 1994, he moved to Albany and was hired as a receiving associate with The Home Depot, and later transferred to the new Bangor store. Eventually he connected with VA and also became a *Lifetime Member* of both the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044** and the Disabled American Veterans. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Dennis, and then by his brother, William Sr. or "Billy". Leslie is survived by his wife of forty-two years, Michelle; as well as his siblings, Paul, Jane Stackpole, Barbara Frye, Robert "Bob" and James "Jim." He is also survived by a very large extended family, as well as many special friends. Those who wish to make a donation in his memory, please consider the Disabled American Veterans at <https://www.ihelpveterans.org/> or the Vietnam Veterans of America at <https://vva.org/donate/>.

Due to COVID the family postponed a memorial service. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family on [BrookingsSmith.com](http://BrookingsSmith.com).

**FRANK J. SMITH, SR.** – Died Tuesday, April 20, 2021 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 27, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Edgemere Chapter #965**.



**WILLARD J. SMITH** (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Friday, March 19, 2021 at Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin at the age of 67. He was a resident of Wisconsin Rapids. The cause of death is unknown. Willard was born on November 11, 1953 in Oceanside, California to the late Richard and Marie (née Kane) Smith. He graduated from Quantico High School in 1971 and enlisted with the United States Air Force. He served in the Air Force from November 17, 1971 to November 30, 1995, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant (E-7). He attended the University of Montana from 1996-2000, graduating with a degree in forestry and worked as a forester for the federal government. He was united in marriage to Barbara Jean Lowe on May 16, 1980. They were blessed with 40 years of marriage. Willard was an active member of Crossview Church and was active in the community at large. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters, Heroes Café, Sergeants Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101** and the Optimist Club. He was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers and Wisconsin Rapids Rafters. Willard is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Jean; daughter, Ella Marie Graf and her significant other, Russ Sarnoski; granddaughter, Amber Graf and her significant other, Tony Hernandez; great-grandchildren: Elaina Hernandez, Ellie Hernandez, and a baby girl on the way; brothers and sisters: Donna (Dayl) Burnett, Jeffrey (Danyelle) Smith, Helen Glover, Mike (Sandra) Smith, Debbie Clark, and Becky (Amber) Smith; 12 nephews; and 10 nieces. He is preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Sydney Jean Marie Graf; and niece, Jennifer McCoach. Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids, is honored to be assisting the family. Willard's family would like to thank Crossview Church, United Emergency Medical Response, Alpine Medical, Aspirus Riverview Hospital, Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, and the many others who helped them. Services were held at 1:30 PM on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Crossview Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Pastor Dan DeRoche officiated. Visitation was from 1:00 PM until the time of services on Saturday at the church.

**WILFRED J. SOUZA** - Died Monday, March 15, 2021 in Wahiawa, Hawaii at the age of 73. He was a resident of Mililani, Hawaii. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 6, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Deborah, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Honolulu Chapter #858**.

**EARL L. “Pete” SPENCER** - Died Saturday evening, March 6, 2021 from Holzer Medical Center in Gallipolis, Ohio at the age of 80. He was a resident of Gallipolis. The cause of death was lung

cancer. He was born on February 27, 1941 in Point Pleasant, West Virginia to the late Marvin and Sarah (née Berry) Spencer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Gomer and Randall Spencer, and sister Virginia Russell. Pete was a loving husband, dad, and papaw. His first job was at Evans' Grocery in Gallipolis, later to become a store manager for Penny Fare in Gallipolis and Huntington, West Virginia. He owned and operated a general store in Centerpoint, Ohio while also driving school bus for the Gallia County Local Schools. Pete went to work for OVEC/Kyger Creek Power Plant in 1973 and retired as the coal yard superintendent in 2002. He was also a certified electrician. A proud Vietnam veteran, Pete joined the United States Air Force in 1965 and was honorably discharged as a flight engineer in 1967, serving 3 years in both Vietnam and Thailand. During this time, he was involved in numerous rescue missions on Jolly Green Giant helicopters. Pete served on the Gallia County Veterans Service Commission and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #709**. He was also a member of the VFW, DAV, and American Legion. Pete was always honored to volunteer for military funeral details and parades. Pete and his wife Jean attended First Baptist Church in Gallipolis and he was baptized in 2009. They enjoyed traveling all around the United States. He was an avid gardener and hunter and was always lending a helping hand to neighbors, family, and friends. Pete is survived by his wife of 46 years, Jean. He was the father of two children, Sharon Spencer and Tim Spencer, both of Oak Hill, Ohio. Pete helped raise two stepdaughters, Donna (Matthew) Muller of Gallipolis, and Debra Davison of Jackson, Ohio, grandchildren Lindsay Spencer and LeAnn Spencer, and great-grandchildren Braden Marcum and Shaylin Spencer. Step grandchildren Sabra Clark, Grant Foster, Owen Davison, Aaliyah Davison, Olivia Muller, and Evan Davison. He is also survived by his sisters Margaret Burnette and Eudora Vanscoy of Gallipolis and brother Roy Spencer of Richlands, North Carolina. Pete also had a special Pen Pal, Anna Ferguson. Friends visited the family at the Willis Funeral Home in Gallipolis on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The funeral services were held immediately following calling hours at 7:00 PM with Pastor Aaron Young of First Baptist Church of Gallipolis officiating. Also speaking was Pastor Marc Sarrett. Those in attendance were asked to follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing and were required to follow the Ohio mandate of wearing face masks. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Ohio Valley Memory Gardens with military honors. Please visit [www.willisfuneralhome.com](http://www.willisfuneralhome.com) to send e-mail condolences.



**MICHAEL A. SWANSON** - Died Thursday, February 18, 2021 at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Michael was born on November 16, 1941 in Rock Island, Illinois to the late Hiram L. Swanson and Rose M. (née Golick) Swanson graduated from Rock Island High School in 1959 where he played football. He served in the United States Army as a Military Policeman in Vietnam after high school, then graduated from Saint Ambrose College in 1967 with a degree in Physical Education. He retired from JI Case. Michael was active in Rock Island High School sports, running chains for football and judge track and field events. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at Saint Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island, with visitation at the church one hour prior to services. The burial was in the Chippiannock Cemetery, Rock Island. The Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home



and Crematory, 3030 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island assisted with the arrangements. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and a still born sister. Memorials may be made to Saint Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island or to the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation.



**STEVE G. TEFAS** (USAF, Lt.Col-Ret.) - Died Friday, January 22, 2021 in San Angelo at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. Steve was born on October 23, 1928 in Monroe, Louisiana to his parents who emigrated from Bitola, Macedonian. He and his parents were always proud to call themselves citizens of America. He graduated from LSU in 1949 and was a squadron commander in the ROTC. He proudly served his country for 25 years in the United States Air Force. Barely missing being called to serve in World War II, he served with distinction in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star. Steve's military career enabled him to see much of the world, including being stationed in Scotland where he was able to watch Ben Hogan win his one and only British Open golf title in 1953. He married Frances Manitzas on September 2, 1956 and they were blessed with over 62 years of happy marriage. They were stationed for 6 years in Germany and thoroughly enjoyed their travels together throughout Europe. Upon returning from Europe, Steve earned his MBA from Indiana University. After retiring from the military in 1973, Steve and his family moved to San Angelo. He became involved with local real estate, and was a commercial broker for over 30 years. He also taught several business courses at Angelo State University. Steve was actively involved with many local service organizations including the San Angelo Association of Realtors, the local Orthodox Church, the San Angelo Kiwanis Club, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Retired Officers Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**. Steve was predeceased by and now reunited with his wife and best friend of over 62 years, Frances; brother Bill, and brothers-in-law Frank Manitzas and George Ballis. He is survived by his sister Olga Ballis; sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Manitzas, and children and extended family of Stephanie and Ted Snedden, Steve and Rebecca Tefas, Pamela Uhr and Stan McElroy, Debbie and Phillip Trueman, Steve Manitzas; Thomas and Marsha Manitzas, Thea and Tommy Choate, Bill Ballis, and Hillary McDowell. Visitation was held at 6:00 PM on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Harper Funeral Home Chapel with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Following a private funeral service at Assumption Orthodox Church, officiated by Reverend Father Mark Lichtenstein, a public graveside service with military honors was conducted at 11:30 AM on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Fairmount Cemetery.



**HERSHELL GLENN TERRAL** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died in his sleep on Friday, March 26, 2021 at the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center after an illness. He was 79 years of age and a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Jena, Louisiana on November 27, 1941 to the late Ernest and Clara (née White) Terral. Everyone that knew him called him Glenn. He married Elisabeth M. Sachs on February 2, 1962 in Germany. She died January 20, 2021. He grew up in Jena and was drafted into the United States Army and served his country honorably for 21 years. Hershell held two primary MOS's, Combat Engineer and Supply Specialist during his tenure. He served two tours in Vietnam. He retired with honors from the US Army having

achieved the rank of SFC. He was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Meritorious unit commendation, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –Lawton Chapter #751**. Hershell never met a stranger and was known for helping anyone he came in contact with. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with the grandkids. He loved going to his farm and taking care of all his animals, especially his cows. He is survived by his daughter, Petra Jackson and her husband Bart Jackson of Cache Oklahoma, his sons, Robert Terral of Port St Lucie, Florida, and Richard Terral and his wife, Kathy Terral of Fayetteville, Arkansas, five grandchildren, Christina Moore of Lawton, Oklahoma, Joshua and Jonathan Terral of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Isabella and Christopher Terral of Charlotte, North Carolina and three great grandchildren, Alyssa, Neci, and Sydney Bourque of Lawton, Oklahoma. He is also survived by two sisters, Judy Thomas of Byram, Mississippi, and Joyce Clark of Ball, Louisiana and a host of cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Ernest Terral. A memorial service was held at 9:30 AM on Friday, April 9, 2021 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. The burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. The service may be viewed by following the livestream link at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com) or by visiting the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Facebook page.



**WAYNE ANDREW TORRANCE** – Died Saturday, April 24, 2021 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death was cardiogenic shock, renal failure, liver failure and myocardial infarction. Wayne was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania on October 21, 1946 to the late Ronald and Gladys Torrance. A graduate of Moon High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966-1968 as Corporal and Machine Gun Squadron Leader, earning a Purple Heart for his bravery. On October 17, 1970, he married his sweetheart, Janice Kathleen Grillo, and was an employee of Industrial Appraisal Company for 41 years. When not fiercely providing for his wife and two daughters, Wayne spent his free time in those years enjoying hobbies such as fishing and catching minnows, taking family vacations that included go-cart racing and mini golf, and spending much time with family and friends. In his retirement, Wayne enjoyed many happy years in the company of his loving wife, Janice, holding hands and taking walks by the river. He loved feeding the birds and the squirrels, shooting off rocket balloons, hosting huge Labor Day picnics, waxing his truck, tinkering in the flowerbeds, caring for his 33 Ford coupe, attending car cruises and oldies dances, and serving as a volunteer for the Christmas Light-Up Celebration in Clinton each holiday season in his silly light-up Christmas hats. Only a man like Wayne could train his favorite squirrel, Wayne Jr, to eat peanuts out of his hand, and it brought him a simple, but great delight each day. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Wayne is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janice Torrance of Hopewell; his daughters, Tammi Hanak (Robert) of Washington, PA, and Kelly Torrance of Katoomba, Australia; his two granddaughters, who lovingly called him Tay-Tay, Marissa Hanak and Zenn Torrance-Jenkins, and his extended family in England. His tireless love and devotion to his family was not only evident during his entire lifetime but in his final moments as well. Strong, playful, and full of life, he was a true hero and protector to all who loved Wayne. While death leaves an ache that cannot be healed, our love for Wayne leaves a memory no one

can steal. Friends were received on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon-8:00 PM at R.D. Copeland Funeral Home, 981 Brodhead Road, Moon Township PA where a funeral service with full Military Honors was held on Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM to honor this beloved man.

**KENNETH M. TRAUTMAN** – Died recently in 2021 in Bayside, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 2, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone Chapter #32**.



**NEPHTALI TREVINO** - Died Saturday, December 19, 2020 in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 13, 1948 to the late Ramiro Trevino, Sr. and Esther Trevino. He was also predeceased by his Ramiro Trevino, Jr. He leaves to cherish his beautiful memory his wife, Marina Trevino; son, Alfredo "*Freddy*" Trevino (Nolvia); daughter, Melissa Sanchez (Eloy); grandchildren, Karina Sanchez, Kristina Sanchez, and Moses Sanchez; and siblings; Benjamin Trevino, Priscilla Ybarra (Richard), Sylvia Meyer (Michael), Paul Trevino (Mari); and Cynthia Trevino. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #858**. The arrangements were under the direction of the Trinity at Harrison Funeral Home, 1002 East Harrison Avenue, Harlingen, TX. [www.trinityfunerals.com](http://www.trinityfunerals.com).



**ROBERT A. VOLLMER** - Died Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, Illinois at the age of 73. He was a resident of Highland. The cause of death was cardiac arrest, cerebral vascular accident and coronary artery accident. He was born on Friday, February 06, 1948, in Breese, Illinois to the late Lawrence and Mary (née Meier) Vollmer. On Friday, October 01, 1976, he married Elizabeth J. "Betty" (née Grapperhaus) Vollmer at Saint Augustine Church, Breese, IL, who passed away on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church; American Legion Post #252, Breese, IL; *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269** and a Life Time Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Robert was born at Breese, IL. He grew up in the area of Albers and New Baden, IL. He graduated from Wesclin High School, Trenton, IL. Then he joined the United States Army with active duty during the Vietnam War. He later worked for B-Line in Highland, IL, later called Cooper B-Line. He worked as an A-Assembler and retired after 37 years. One of his most favorite things to do was go fishing. He enjoyed fishing with his grandson Kyle and watching wrestling on TV. Survivors include: his daughter, Sherry L. O'Rourke, of Highland, IL; grandchild, Conner M. Colwell, of Hayes, VA; grandchild, Kyle A. (Girlfriend Kylie Olliges) O'Rourke, of Highland, IL; his brother, Ivan (Doris) Vollmer, of New Baden, IL; his sister, Blanche (Brian) Schwarz, of Breese, IL; his sister, Laura (Rich) Kruep, of Breese, IL; his sister-in-law, Donna Vollmer, of Baden, IL, and; his sister-in-law, Shannon Vollmer, of New Baden, IL. He was preceded in death by: his Father, Lawrence Robert Vollmer (Died- 9/02/1977); his Mother, Mary Jane (née Meier) Vollmer (Died-7/24/1982); his Wife, Elizabeth J. "Betty" (née Grapperhaus) Vollmer (Died-7/31/2018); his brother, Billy Vollmer (Died-2015); his brother, Bernell J. Vollmer (Died-6/20/2015), and; his sister, Eva Vollmer. Arrangements were handled by the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, April 23, 2021 at the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 7:30 to 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 24,

2021 at the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. Funeral Mass was at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Reverend Father Piotr Kosk, Parochial Vicar, Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, officiating. Private Interment was on Monday, April 26, 2021 at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Saint Louis, MO. Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post #252 or Saint Paul Catholic Church.



**JOHN A. WARGO, JR.** - Died Monday, April 26, 2021 at his home in Freedom, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ambridge, Pennsylvania to the late John and Cecelia (née Crann) Wargo. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jerome Wargo, sister-in-law Liz Wargo, and just yesterday (April 25, 2021) by his oldest sister Dolly (Cecelia) Hovan, with whom he was extremely close. Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Cindy (née Koprowski) Wargo; his daughter and son-in-law Jennifer and Bill Lewis (Bowling Green, OH); his son and fiancé Brian Wargo and Rebecca Biers (Baden); as well as four grandchildren, Avery, Alex, Austin, & Derric. He is also survived by sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Bill Albanese (Aliquippa), and many nieces and nephews. John graduated from Saint Veronica High School, Ambridge, in 1963 where he gained Eagle Scout status. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served in the Vietnam War in the Helicopter Division. Upon Honorable discharge, John returned home and proceeded to take classes at Penn State Beaver while working various jobs. In 1971 he began his career as a tree trimmer, which lasted over 30 years. He was employed by Local 1919, as well as ran his own company, Tri State Trees. Even though the job was physically exhausting, he would often comment how much he "enjoyed going to work each day". Once he "retired" from the tree trimming business, he found his "retirement jobs" both at JATCO Machine and Tool as a maintenance technician/ delivery driver as well as the proud owner/operator of the Tri State Treats food truck. With his family as his workers, John would make a phenomenal roast beef sandwich that he sold at local flea markets, fairs and air shows. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**, the Baden American Legion, and the Buick Grand Sport Club of America. John was known for being a loyal friend, as well as a wonderful husband, father, "Pap" and uncle. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it, or an ear for listening. He could often be found rebuilding his 1970 Buick Grand Sport with his son, cooking in the kitchen for anyone who was willing to eat, attending baseball games for his grandson, and supervising the go-kart track in his backyard when the grandkids visited. John leaves behind countless friends from his childhood KUGO gang to his tree trimming buddies and many others throughout his life. A special thank you to Good Samaritan Hospice for their care. Friends and Family were received on Friday, April 30, 2021 from 3:00-7:00 PM in the Kasper-Hahn Funeral and Cremation Service Inc., 547 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Ambridge. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Peace Church in Conway. Memorial contributions can be made to the Salvation Army or Vietnam Veterans of America.

**GEORGE SEYMOUR WASHINGTON** (USA, SGM-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at North Carolina State Veterans Home in Kinston, North Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 20, 1946. He served in the United States Army

and retired at the rank of Sergeant Major. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892**. He is survived by his children, Botina Washington-Carroll of Kinston, NC, sons, George Washington of Kinston, NC, Jeremiah Washington of Durham NC and Joshua of Washington state. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at Post Oak FWB Church in Kinston, NC. The interment was in the Clement C. Mills Veterans Cemetery. Visitation was from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on Saturday at the Mills Funeral Home.



**RICHARD DOUGLAS "Dick" WESTOVER** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at the VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas at the age of 79. He was a resident of Humble, Texas and formerly of Idaho Falls, Idaho. The cause of death is unknown. Dick was born on July 1, 1941, in Blackfoot, Idaho to the late Ernest Cecil Westover and Florence (née Hansen) Westover. He graduated from Snake River High School and also attended Idaho State University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. In June of 1967, Dick was drafted to serve his country in the United States Army. He served during the Vietnam War where he earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals. He continued to serve his country and reached the rank of Major. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ucon Chapter #972**. On September 10, 1965, he married Charlet Earlene Mendel in the Salt Lake City Temple. Dick and Charlet made their home in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he worked as an accountant for Alpine Heating and Air Conditioning. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Dick enjoyed riding his Goldwing with his wife and her home cooked dinners. Dick is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Charlet Westover of Humble, TX; daughter, Shey (John) Moniz of Humble, TX; daughter, Tira (David) Cheney of Fairfax, VA; daughter, Mya (Jason) Rhodes of Saint George, UT; son, Rick (Heather) Westover of Humble, TX; honorary daughter, Melanie (Darwin) Arnold of Kamiah, ID; 27 grandchildren, Brennan (Madeline), Mariah, Nikolaas, Noah, Kimara, Joseph, Lena, Elizabeth, David, Jonathan, Brendan, Alison, Elisabeth, Kaytlin, Jasmine, Jaycee, Ammon, Courtnee, Jack, Elizabeth, William, Lana, Rhyson, Zara, Kyliana, Dartanian, and Tyndareus; and one great grandchild, Clayton. Also 1 brother, Robert (Donna) Westover of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Cecile Staker; two brothers, Phil and Gayland Westover, and son-in-law, Craig Wright. A graveside service was held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at Ammon Cemetery, 5226 East Sunnyside Road, with Bishop Bell officiating. Military rites were accorded by the Bonneville County Veterans Memorial Team and the Idaho Honor Guard. The family visited with friends from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Wood Funeral Home East Side, 963 South Ammon Road. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

**STEPHEN C. WHITE** – Died Friday, November 20, 2020 in Smyrna, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death was severe septic infections on the leg. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee on December 5, 1946. He served in the United States Navy from June 1966 to April 1972 with a tour in Vietnam in 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089**.





**CRISTOPHER G. "Cris" WILLIAMS** – Died unexpectedly Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at home in Grimes, Iowa at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Cris was born in Burlington, Iowa on December 4, 1950 to the late Louis and Ida Florence Williams. He grew up in Burlington and West Des Moines, IA and graduated from Valley High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He also retired from the Iowa National Guard and the U.S. Postal Service as a Maintenance Supervisor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490**. Cris is survived by his wife Rose, son Garrette, four brothers David (Tracy) Waukegan, IL, Kimberly (Toni) Jacksonville, FL, John Indianola, IA, Charles (Lori) Ackworth, IA and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Ida Florence and an infant twin sister Rebecca. Cris always enjoyed a friendly chat with friends and strangers over a beer. A Celebration of Life was scheduled for a later date. Interment was in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, IA.

**PAUL STEPHEN WILLIAMS** – Died Monday, March 29, 2021 in Brandon, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on July 2, 1949. He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**.

**JOYE A. YARBROUGH** – Died Thursday, March 4, 2021 in Port Mansfield, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on August 13, 1944. He is survived by her husband Linton, of the home. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856**.

**FRANK YUHAS** - Died Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey at the age of 72. He was a resident of Edison, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey on May 5, 1948. He grew up in Fords and later moved to Edison 40 years ago. He was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in June 2007 and served for many years at Saint Matthew Church in Edison. In prior years he was an elevator mechanic in New York. Frank served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1968-1970 with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division where he earned the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, and Vietnam Gallantry with Palm. He was Director of the RCIA Program at Saint Matthew's and Youth Minister for the combined Saint Francis Cathedral and Saint Matthew's Youth Program for many years. Frank's service to the Roman Catholic Church as a Deacon was an important part of who he was. Frank went through five years of diaconate formation in the Diocese of Metuchen, at the end of which he was ordained a Deacon on June 9, 2007, by Bishop Paul Bootkoski. Frank ministered first at Saint Matthew the Apostle parish in Edison and then at the Church of the Sacred Heart parish in South Plainfield. Jesus Christ came to earth to serve and as a Deacon, Frank was charged with being a visible sign of that mission of service to others. When Frank was finally forced to retire a couple of years ago due to health concerns, he told his Diaconate Director: "Whether I am retired or not, I will always be a deacon in my heart." He is predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Kristine in 2021, his sons, Jonathan in 2017 and Christian in 2013, and his brother-in-law Alan Deverin in 2008. Surviving is his sisters-



in-law, Jill Deverin of Sewaren, and Robin Donovan and her husband Patrick D. of Edison; his nephews, Patrick, Taylor, Brendan, and Brian; great-niece, Mckenzie; and great-nephews, Patrick Christian and Sean. The visitation was held on Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 4:00–7:00 PM at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, 81 Seymour Avenue in Edison. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday at 10:00 AM at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church. The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors ([woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org)).



**SALVATORE WILLIAM “Sam” ZANGHI** - Died Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at home in Gainesville, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on September 1, 1946 in Buffalo, New York to the late Lawrence and Thelma (née Schiefla) Zanghi. Sam enlisted in the United States Army in June 1966 and earned the rank of Sergeant prior to his discharge in 1969 having served in Vietnam. Sam was the *Sitting President and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Warsaw Chapter #193*. Returning home, Sam joined the Rochester Laborers Union Local #453 and worked until his retirement in 1994. He worked for Letchworth Central School as a bus driver for a few years before leaving to go to work for Recelli Enterprises. He retired in 2008. Sam attended the First Congregational Church of Perry Center where he was a weekly attendee. He loved his grandchildren who meant so much to him. He enjoyed taking his dog, Daisy (PeeWee) with him on rides; having coffee every morning with his friends and puttering around the house. Surviving are his wife, Cynthia (née Eccleston) Zanghi, whom he married May 24, 2008; his children, Kristi (Steve) Weaver, Melissa (Joshua) Pierson, Samantha (James) Gardner, Jessica Kates, Alex Kates; his grandchildren, Mathew, Madison and Maci Weaver, Tyler Joy and Foster Gardner; his sister, Linda (Glen) Piper; his brother, Bruce (Leisa) Zanghi; his sister-in-law, Mickey (late Larry) Zanghi; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Friends visited the family on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00–7:00 PM at the Robinson and Hackemer Funeral Home, 246 North Main Street, Warsaw. A veteran's memorial service was held on Thursday at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A graveside service with military honors was held on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM at Saint Michael's Cemetery, South Main Street, Warsaw and was followed by Sam's memorial service at 12:00 PM at the First Congregational Church of Perry Center, State Route #20-A, Perry Center. Due to COVID-19 precautions, the funeral home was limited to 50% capacity and facemasks were required. Thank you for your cooperation. Memorials may be made to the Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration.

**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!**