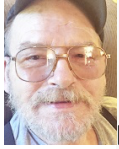


EUGENE CLARENCE ALEXANDER – Died Monday, March 7, 2022 in Ephrata, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 1, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.



DANA JOHN AUSTIN - Died Saturday, February 12, 2022 in Houlton, Maine at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 24, 1950 in Houlton to the late Floyd and Mary (née Barrows) Austin, Jr. He served in the United States Army doing two tours in Vietnam. He then joined the National Guard for three years, was a Fire Deputy for the Town of Ludlow, a life time member of DAV, and America Legion and was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Maine**. He loved hunting, fishing, and camping, but most of all his granddaughter. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Donna (née Danners) Austin of Ludlow; one son, John Austin and his daughter, Elizabeth of Ludlow; five siblings, Nancy (Roger) LaVoie of North Carolina, Cindy (Tony) Hartt of Florida, Ronald (Dorothy) Austin of New Limerick, and Sandra (Dale) Henderson of Houlton, Thomas (Zel) Austin of Old Orchard Beach; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and one close cousin, Sandra Austin. He was predeceased parents; and three siblings Linda York, Russell, and Larry Austin. A graveside funeral service was held in the spring. To share memories and leave condolences, please visit bowersfuneral.com.

MITCHEL LEE "Mickey" BAKER – Died Sunday, January 30, 2022 in Silverhill, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 8, 1941 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Larry Lynn Baker and Loleta Elsie (née Lewis) Baker Branch. He had resided in Baldwin County for nearly 40 years. He worked hard throughout his life providing for his family and serving his country. He was a strong man with a gentle and funny demeanor. He was always telling jokes and enjoyed laughing with friends and family. After retiring, he spent most of his time volunteering with local BSA groups and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved to read about history especially wars and battles. He was a member of Fish River Baptist Church, served in the United States Air Force, was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and gave his time helping boys become upstanding men with the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsedale Chapter #864**. He was preceded in death by his mother Loleta Elsie Lewis Baker Branch, his father Larry Lynn Baker, and his eldest son Mitchel Lee Baker Jr. He is survived by his wife Jean Adams Baker and five children, Stephanie Baker Crawford Lambert, Daphne Michelle Baker, Marcus Ezekiel Baker (wife Teresa), Michael Adam Baker (wife Beverly), and Maggie Olivia Baker Concepcion. He leaves behind sixteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, as well as siblings and other extended family members. The family held a Celebration of Life to honor his memory and legacy. The service was on Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Fish River Baptist Church 17140 County Road 33 Fairhope AL. In place of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to VVA Chapter #864 or the charity of your choice. Please send cards to Jean Baker, PO Box 374, Silverhill, AL 36576.



MARK CHRISTOPHER “Peachey” BALLANCE - Died Thursday, January 27, 2022 in Saint Charles, Missouri at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart related disease. He was born in Affton, Missouri on April 17, 1951 to the late Cecil and Agnes Ballance. He was the loving and devoted husband of Nancy Ballance; cherished son of the late Cecil and Agnes Balance; beloved father of Catherine Ballance; he was blessed with five grandchildren. He also leaves behind his caring and supportive in-laws, Nan and Carol Johnson; along with many treasured friends. For Mark never met a stranger; acquaintances quickly became friends; friends soon became family and family was of the utmost importance to him. Mark proudly served in the United States Army from 1974 to 1979. He served with several units including the 5th Engineers and the 16th Engineers, as a Demolitions Expert achieving the rank of Sergeant. He was a Master Mason receiving his third degree in 1999. He was Worshipful Master of two Masonic Lodges, Algabil-Freedom Lodge #636 and Spirit of St. Louis Lodge #27. He was able to find that close military bond again, when he became a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. Mark belonged to the Moolah Shrine’s Unique Motor Unit; was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars and a Patriot Guard member. A graduate of Affton High School in 1970; receiving a degree in Language Arts - German from Meramec Community College. He was very passionate about the French and Indian War time period and was the founding member of several historical reenacting units. Mark’s well-known nickname in reenacting was "Peachey Carnehan" and that name followed him for many decades. He was married for 25 short years to his “beautiful, young bride”, Nancy. They own a commercial bakery, specializing in Scottish Shortbread. The business has allowed them to travel to many Scottish, Irish and Welsh festivals around the nation. He loved cats, railroading, photography, and visiting lighthouses; as a younger man, he was a master diver, involved in fencing, had been a rugby player and was still avid rugby fan, Go Wales! He often expressed how grateful he was for the very generous gift of a transplanted kidney in August of 2021. Because of this, the family would like to encourage everyone to sign up and become an organ donor. Mark was a very warm, loving and thoughtful man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Memorials made in Mark’s name will be directed by the family. The Baue Funeral Home was in charge of all the arrangements.

THOMAS CONRAD “Tom” BEGUSH, JR. – Died Friday, December 31, 2021 in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 73. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut on August 18, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps from December 12, 1968 to February 1, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**.



GARY BURNELL BEIKIRCH - Died Sunday, December 26, 2021 at home in Greece, New York at the age of 74, with his sweetheart and family by his side on the Lord's day. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on August 29, 1947. He was a husband, father and grandfather. He was also a Christian minister, and **a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor**. That medal, presented to him at the White House by President Nixon, was for action at Camp Dak Seang, Vietnam, on April 1, 1970. A Green Beret medic, serving with Bravo Company of the 1st Special Forces of the 5th Special Forces Group, Sergeant Beikirch was wounded repeatedly over several hours as he worked to defend the camp and tend to wounded American and Vietnamese soldiers. He carried more than one of these men to safety while administering immediate life-saving care to them, and while facing direct enemy rifle and mortar fire. Eventually, his injuries were so grievous as to paralyze his lower body, at which point he directed a Montagnard teen-ager – a beloved comrade named Deo – to carry and drag him to unmanned gun positions and to wounded soldiers needing his care. Mr. Beikirch's injuries required months of hospitalization and therapy, and he was never completely free of their impact upon his body. Decades later, while operating on him for cancer, surgeons were amazed at the wartime damage to his internal organs. Mr. Beikirch recounted his war experiences, and the battle back to emotional stability afterward, in the acclaimed 2020 biography "Blaze of Light." There and elsewhere he told of being a college student adrift, literally living in a cave in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. It took love to get him out of that cave, he said, and he found that love in Loreen Wheeler, a young single mother who noticed him in town and left a note for him at the post office. She became his battle buddy, his Lolly and, inseparable over 46 years of marriage, she was lying beside him, holding him, when he passed away. Theirs was a Christian marriage of love and joy, dedicated to God, family and country. Their children are Stephanie (Robert) Zimmerli, Stephen Beikirch and Sarah (Andrew) Hinds. They have fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Their grandchildren are: Katelynn Umstetter; Mallory, James and Phoebe Zimmerli; Annabelle, Elisabeth, Timothy, Joseph, Esther, Levi and Lydia Hinds; and Madeline, Reagan and Garrett Beikirch. Their great-grandson is Noah Umstetter. Mr. Beikirch was the son of George W. and Norma L. (Burnell) Schwartz, both of whom are deceased. His mother primarily raised him, with a stepfather, George W. Schwartz, who is also deceased. Mr. Beikirch was born in the City of Rochester, New York, and almost died there at age 2 when he fell out of a window in his family's second-story apartment on Genesee Park Boulevard. Mr. Beikirch has one sibling, a brother, Larry, who was named by Mr. Beikirch, after his best friend from school. Mr. Beikirch served for more than 30 years as a guidance counselor in the Greece Central School District, from which he himself had graduated. There, he shaped the lives of untold thousands of students, many of whom did not know of his wartime service. Their tales of gratitude and love for this wise man are legendary. Mr. Beikirch was involved in various Christian ministries, including one to the inmates of Groveland Correctional Facility. Mr. Beikirch was also

active in veteran affairs, and was one of the founders of the Veterans Outreach Center in Rochester. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He was the chaplain of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, spoke to hundreds of military and veteran groups across the country, and counseled innumerable veterans grappling with the emotional toll of their service. In 1982, he and other veterans returned to Vietnam to talk with officials there about Americans missing in action, and about the fate of Amerasian children. The next year, to honor Americans who served in Southeast Asia, Mr. Beikirch and a group of other Vietnam veterans parachuted into Death Valley and ran 100 miles across the desert. As a Medal of Honor recipient, Mr. Beikirch attended many affairs of state, usually with his wife. They took each of their children in turn to presidential inaugurations. He sat in the front row at the White House when local soldier David Bellavia was presented the Medal of Honor. Military and civilian parks and buildings are named in his honor. The family wishes to thank Bob Lonsberry for the dedication, support and love he has put into the family and the writing of the Life Story above. Friends visited the family on Friday, January 7th from 3:00-7:00 PM at the First Bible Baptist Church, 990 Manitou Road, Hilton. His Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 AM at the First Bible Baptist Church, to which the Beikirchs belonged for more than 20 years. All were welcome, and the service was also live streamed. Private interment was in the White Haven Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Veteran's Outreach Center, 447 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 (veteransoutreachcenter.org) in his memory.

TERESA JEAN "Terry" BENDER - Died Monday, March 7, 2022 at 3:34pm at the age of 68, at Kansas University Medical Center. She was a resident of Leavenworth, Kansas. The cause of death was cancer. Terry was born on 24 August 1953 at the Memphis Naval Air Station in Millington, Tennessee to the late Leon Robert Boudreaux (USN, Ret.) and Hazel Fern (née Morey) Boudreaux. Her parents preceded her in death in April 1994 and December 1999, respectively. She graduated in June 1971 from Mount Diablo High School, Concord, CA, and later took classes with Central Texas College, the Kansas City Kansas Community College, and Park University (Parkville, MO). From 1968-1971, Terry was active as a Cadet Sergeant with the Pacific Coast Region, Group 8, Squadron 44 of the Civil Air Patrol (Auxiliary of the US Air Force). She joined the Women's Army Corps on 29 August 1972 and was honorably discharged 19 August 1975. During her break-in-service from the military, she worked as a receptionist for the Lung Association of Ventura County, Ventura, CA. She reentered the United States Army on 29 February 1976 (NOTE: Her military records show 1 March 1976 as her reentry date because of the leap year occurrence). She continued to serve on active duty until 4 September 1985, at which time she was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant/E-6. She was the recipient of two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, one Army Achievement Medal, four awards of the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon. She also received a Cold War Recognition of Service Certificate. She had very brief service in South Vietnam (Dec 1972-Jan 1973), and served overseas in West Germany, Hawaii, and South Korea, among her numerous stateside military assignments. She was a Federal Civil Service employee at Fort Leavenworth, KS, from October 1985 until November 1992. She worked as a secretary for the Combined Arms Training Activity, as a Clerk Typist for the AARTS Operations Center, as an

Editorial Assistant for the US Army Command and General Staff College, and her final position was as an Education Technician for the Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) Operations Center. She went on to work at the New Mark Care Center as a Nurse's Aide, followed by employment with Allstate and CIGNA insurance companies handling insurance applications and ICD-9 coding, and finally working as a cashier at Wal-Mart Store 26, Leavenworth, KS, prior to retiring from employment on permanent and 100 service-connected disabilities incurred from serving in the US Army. Terry was a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter #7, Leavenworth, KS; a Life Member of the National Home Gardening Club, the North American Fishing Club, and Handyman Club of America; *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75*, Leavenworth, KS; Bronze Legacy Life Member of VFW Post #56, Leavenworth, Kansas, and a Charter Member of the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial Foundation, "The Women's Memorial" in Washington, D.C., and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary #55 in Leavenworth. Terry loved the outdoors and spent much of her leisure time fishing, league bowling, swimming, gardening, drawing pictures, painting, and writing poetry. She also found a love of the sport of whitewater rafting, snorkeling, and deep sea fishing later in life. Terry enjoyed taking pictures of nature while always maintaining a love for dolphins in the wild. Above all else, she enjoyed spending time and treasuring moments with her family and friends. She served as VFW Post #56 Adjutant, Bingo Chairperson, and briefly as Jr. Vice Commander of VFW Post #56, among all of the other volunteer work she did with the VFW. She was an active member and officer with the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary #55, Leavenworth, KS. She was married to David DeBoy Sherrick from August 24, 1976 to March 8, 1984; and married to Thomas William Bender Jr. from September 10, 1986 to July 8, 1993 and (remarried Thomas) from September 10, 2004 to January 11, 2007. She is survived by her oldest son, Richard Leon Sherrick of Leavenworth, KS; her daughter, Catherine Leilani Marie (Sherrick) O'Brien, and grandchildren: Alexzander Shawn O'Brien, Katelyn Marie O'Brien, Kaden Alexzander O'Brien, Ashley Kristine O'Brien, and Kaci Ashlyn O'Brien), of Lawrence, KS; and her youngest son, Thomas William Bender III of Centerton, AR. She is also survived by a brother, Robert Wesley Boudreaux (and his wife Barbara), of Estero, FL; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Her half-sisters, Janice Irene (House) Ringsbye (of Post Falls, ID) and Linda G. "Bobbie" (House) Diamond (of Joplin, MO) preceded her in death in September 2015 and March 2005, respectively. Teresa, a loving and caring mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend will be sorely missed by her immediate and extended family and friends. A memorial service with internment of her ashes (with full military honors) took place at the Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, KS, on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 1:30 PM.



SAMUEL DOUGLAS "Sam" BENNETT (USAF, TSGT-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, February 1, 2022 in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Toccoa, Georgia on June 22, 1942 to the late Fred and Betty Bennett. He was also predeceased by his loving wife Wilma "Ann" Bennett, and his sister Freida Bennett. He is survived by his sister

Deborah Carter, his son Kip Bennett and his wife Lisa, daughter Kimberly Golden and her husband Tommy, as well as his three grandchildren: Tyler Bennett, Jasmine Mowery Bennett, and Lexi Golden. He is especially missed by his loyal pet and companion Petey. Sam was born and raised in Toccoa, GA, and left to enlist in the United States Air Force. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. He was a 20-year veteran, serving his country at home and abroad, in peace and war. He settled in Clarksville, TN after retirement to work in Civil Service at Fort Campbell, and was a long-time member of the Dunbar Cave Baptist Church, where he also served as Deacon. He learned to cook in his retirement years, loving to feed others. He was active in community outreach programs and Meals on Wheels, especially helping the elderly and home bound. Sam was honored at the Dunbar Cave Baptist Church on Saturday, February 19th at 2:00 PM. Please plan to come and celebrate the life and memory of this loving and kind man. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Meals on Wheels or the Wounded Warrior Project. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers and sign the online guestbook at www.whitlockmortuary.net. Whitlock Mortuary, Funerals and Cremations was honored to be serving the family of Mr. Samuel Douglas Bennett.



JOSEPH RAY "Joe" BIRINDELLI, JR. - Died Thursday, January 27, 2022 in Fairhope, Alabama at the age of 78. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Richmond, Virginia on January 25, 1944. Joseph is survived by his wife, Sarah Birindelli of Fairhope; daughters, Kelley Scott of Atlanta, Georgia, Amy McElroy (Ray) of Atlanta, Georgia; sons, Jay Birindelli, III (Shaun) of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, Blake Birindelli (Paula) of Charlotte, North Carolina, Walter Scott of Los Angeles, California; brother, Ben Birindelli (Nancy) of Southern Shores, North Carolina; sister, Beverly Knott (John) of Las Vegas, Nevada; eight grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and a host of other living relatives and friends. He was a graduate of Virginia Military Institute. Joe was the Platoon Leader of the 3rd Platoon of Charlie Troop of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam during 1967 and 1968. Joe was awarded 2 Silver Stars and a Bronze Star with "V" device for his heroism. He retired from the US Army Mobile District Corps of Engineers after 35 years. Joe was very active in military affairs. He was a Life Member and the Vice-President of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Association for many years. He was a Life Member of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division. He was also a very active Life Member of Military Order of Purple Heart, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and a *Life Member* of the **Joe Birindelli Vietnam Veterans of America – Fairhope Chapter #864**, Military Officers of America. Joe was a member of the team of veterans who worked tirelessly to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Battleship Park. He was instrumental in founding the Baldwin County chapter of Vietnam Veterans Association. He was key to establishing the Fairhope Veterans Day parade. Joe was the first Fairhope Veteran of the Year. He was also honored as the Mobile Veteran of the Year. He founded the Fairhope Local Troop Support Committee to help families of National Guard deployed to Iraq. Joe was co-chair of the effort to build the Fairhope Veterans Memorial. The memorial was truly a labor of love for

Joe. He worked for nine years to bring it to completion in 2013. Joe was a kind and gentle man who loved to have fun. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Services were held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 5th at Veterans Memorial, Knoll Park, Fairhope, Alabama. The burial was at a later date at the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



JOHN HENRY BONDS, JR. - Died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at AnMed Health Medical Center at the age of 72. He was a resident of Honea Path, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Anderson, South Carolina on November 5, 1949 to the late John Henry Bonds, Sr. and Garnie Mae (née Mayfield) Bonds. He was the devoted husband of Sandra Jean (née Stewart) Bonds. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-Anderson Ward where he volunteered as a Family Search Missionary. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Vietnam War. He was retired from Michelin after over 28 years of service. John served his community as a paramedic for more than 15 years and was a State Constable having served in Honea Path, Anderson and Abbeville Counties. He was a proud member of American Legion Post #14, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #40 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Walhalla Chapter #1017**. Surviving in addition to his loving wife of 54 years of the home are: three sons, Mike (Shannon) Bonds, David (Beth) Bonds, and Frank Maly, all of Honea Path; two daughters, Paula (Jesse) Maly of Honea Path, and Melanie (Keith) Stoutenburg of Irmo; ten grandchildren, Dr. Meridith (Matthew) Odom, Devon Vickery, Zack (Jessica) Vickery, Kendall Stoutenburg, Kael Stoutenburg, Kevin (Taylor) Bonds, Angel Smith, Elijah Smith, Zach Smith, and Gabby Bonds; five great-grandchildren, Bella Vickery, Ellie Vickery, Leighton Bonds, Riley Bonds, and Hunter Bonds; and two special nephews, Jarrad Stewart and Christopher Stewart. John was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Benson Lee Bonds and Earl Bonds. Funeral services were held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop Harold Dial and Mr. Bob Steadman officiating. Burial with military honors was in the New Silverbrook Cemetery. The family is at their respective homes and received friends from 10:00-11:00 AM on Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service. The family requested memorials be made to American Legion Post #14, 1301 East Greenville Street, Anderson SC 29621 or to Disabled American Veterans Chapter #40, 123 Foxcroft Way, Anderson 29621. Messages of condolence may be made to the family at www.ParkerWhitePruitt.com.



DANIEL T. "Dan" BOOTHBY, JR. (USMC, GySgt-Ret.) - Died Friday, November 26, 2021 in Buxton, Maine at the age of 85. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on March 18, 1936. Dan spent 23 years in Military Service - two years in the United States Army, and then 21 years in the United States Marine Corps, retiring as an E-7 Gunnery Sergeant. He was always proud of serving his country and received several medals including the Air medal with Gold Star Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with a palm, a Bronze Star medal, a Bronze Star

with a combat "V" and a good conduct medal. He earned the Bronze Star with combat "V" for saving the lives of many Marines by designing and redesigning the SPIE rig. Dan brought the qualities that earned him these medals to his personal life also. Dan was well known for his personal integrity, honesty, loyalty and for how he loves his country and his home state of Maine. After retiring from the Marines, he worked in the grocery business and then for the city of Saco until retirement. Dan loved working outside, always had lots of projects going and was a Jack-of-all trades. He could fix anything. He always said "If someone else did it, so can I", and that was the way he lived his life. Dan was also known for his quick sense of humor. Dan was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**, the Marine Corps League and the American Legion. He was a long-time member of Eastpoint Church where he served in many capacities such as ushering, he was on the Safety team, cleaning the church, oversaw the serving of communion and serving the Immigrant community by bringing them furniture and food and helping them get settled in a strange land. Many of them still call him "Dad." Dan is predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Lyndon and Larry. He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda; his children, Dennis, Roxane Duranceau and Daniel III of Maine, Daniel II of New Hampshire, Michael of Connecticut, Matthew and his wife Bia of New Hampshire, Brian and Jennifer Boothby of California. Also, his sisters Ethel Beaudoin and Florence Boothby of Maine, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A funeral service was held at the Eastpoint Church on December 16th at 6:00 PM, 345 Clarks Pond Parkway, South Portland. Online condolences can be submitted at <http://www.mainefuneral.com>. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to New England Cancer specialists or Hospice of Southern Maine, sign 390 US Route 1, Scarborough, Maine 04074, for their support and comfort of Dan in his final weeks. The arrangements were entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, www.mainefuneral.com.

MICHAEL J. BRANCIFORTE – Died Wednesday, March 16, 2022 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo on September 19, 1949. He served in the United States Air Force from June 1970 to March 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**.

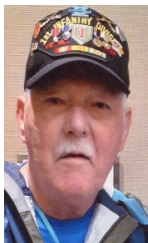


THE HONORABLE BRUCE F. BRATTON - Died peacefully on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Arden Courts of Susquehanna at the age of 72, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was a resident of Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Bruce was born in Lewistown, Mifflin County in a small town called Ryde in Bratton Township on June 25, 1949 to the late Edwin and Mary (née Casner) Bratton. Bruce was a United States Army Veteran who served honorably for an extended tour in the Republic of Vietnam (1969-1970). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. He attended Penn State University and graduated with honors in 1973. Bruce went on to obtain his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1976. During his twenty-five years as a lawyer, he was Solicitor to the Dauphin County Controller's office, Susquehanna Township Commissioner and most notably a partner in the law firm of Martsolf and Bratton. In October 2001, Bruce

became a Judge in the Court of Common Pleas, where he proudly served the citizens of Dauphin County until the onset of Alzheimer's Disease in August 2016. He was most proud of his involvement with the creation of and presiding over Veterans' Court in Dauphin County. Bruce was known for his approachability, quick wit, effortless intelligence and judicial temperament. In addition to his parents, Bruce is preceded in death by his brother, Barry, also an Alzheimer's victim. Surviving are his wife and best friend for thirty years, Holly; his sons, Bruce J. Bratton, Robert Myers; his sister, Shari Woodward; his granddaughter, Amanto; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Geigle Funeral Home. There was a visitation from 4:30 – 6:00 PM at the funeral home. The burial with full military honors was held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at 10:00 AM on March 16, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association; Greater Pennsylvania Chapter, 2595 Interstate Drive, Suite #100, Harrisburg, PA 17110. To share on-line condolences or for driving directions, please visit www.BitnerCares.com.



MICHAEL D. BROOKOVER – Died Saturday, January 29, 2022 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 2, 1954 to the late Dale and Eileen Brookover. He was an Omaha Police Officer. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798*. Preceded in death by parents, Dale and Eileen Brookover; sisters, Linda Brookover and Kathy Frazer; brothers-in-law, Robert Leahy and Jim Maher; sister-in-law, Mary Leahy. Survived by loving wife, Ellen Leahy; children, Joseph Brookover (Kristin) and Rachael Dewstow (Anthony); granddaughter, Vivian Brookover; brother, Patrick Brookover (Ann); brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Thomas Leahy, Frank Leahy (Shirley), Ann Maher, William P. Leahy, S.J., Colleen Leahy; many nieces, nephews; other loving family members and friends. The Vigil Service was held on Thursday, February 10th at 7:00 PM at West Center Chapel with visitation from 5:00-7:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 11th at 10:00 AM at Saint John Catholic Church at Creighton Campus, 2500 California Plaza. Masks were required. The interment took place in the Omaha National Cemetery. Memorials were suggested to the Gary Sinise Foundation.



CHARLES T. "Charlie" BROWN - Died peacefully Monday, December 20, 2021 at the Dougherty Hospice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 72 after a six-year battle with cancer. He was a resident of Brandon, South Dakota and formerly of Cleghorn, Iowa. Charlie was born on May 18, 1949 at LeMars, Iowa to the late Glen and Margaret (née Ruether) Brown. He was raised in LeMars and received his education from LeMars Community High School, graduating in

1968. He was drafted into the United States Army, serving in Vietnam 1969-1970. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He received an Associates of Arts Degree from Sioux Empire College in Hawarden, IA. On August 21, 1971 he married Nancy Nilles at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Remsen, IA. The couple made their home in Cleghorn, IA for 46 years before moving to Brandon, SD in 2017. Charlie worked at Wilson Foods-Tyson Foods in Cherokee, IA for 37 ½ years, then became a maintenance mechanic for the USPS Processing Center in Sioux City, IA for five years. He was a member of Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon, SD. He was a volunteer fireman with the Cleghorn Fire Dept. for 20 + years, a city councilman in Cleghorn for 10 years, and mayor of Cleghorn for 2 years. He belonged to and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888** in Cherokee, IA, and the American Legion Olson Post #486 in Cleghorn, IA. He enjoyed camping, fishing, golfing, watching sports, and spending time with family and friends. One of his greatest joys in life was being a grandpa. Grateful for sharing his life are his wife, Nancy Brown of Brandon, SD; daughter, Wendy (Mark) Koster of Brandon, SD; son, Todd Brown of Cleghorn, IA; four grandchildren, Collin Law-Reinhart, Sylvia Brown and Sienna Brown, and Andrew Koster; six siblings, Dennis (Angela) Brown of White City, OR, Gary (Nina) Brown of Kerrville, TX, Glenn (Diana) Brown of Sioux Falls, SD, Randy (Jane) Brown of Magnolia, TX, Deb (Rick) Quinn of Rushville, IL, and Steve Brown of Magnolia, TX; sister-in-law, Mary Brown of Houston, TX; and brother-in-law, Jim Eblen of Rushville, IL; brothers-in-law, Dan (Sandra) Nilles of LeMars, IA, Gene (Myrna) Nilles of Sioux Falls, SD, Harlan Borchers of LeMars, IA, sisters-in-law, Janet Klein of LeMars, IA, Clara (Ron) Hunter of LeMars, IA, Mary Jean Nilles of Escondido, CA., along with a host of many other relatives and friends. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Margaret (Ruether) Brown; brother, Brian Brown; sisters, Judy Sherlock, Dianne Borchers, and Mary Eblen; brothers-in-law, Jerry Sherlock and Doug Borchers, additional in-laws Jim Nilles, Carol & Dick Lang, Bonnie Borchers, Elmer Klein Jr., and Tom Nilles. A Mass of Christian Burial was Celebrated at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Risen Savior Parish in Brandon, SD with visitation beginning at 9:30 AM also at the church. The interment with Military Honors was at 2:00 PM at the South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls, SD.

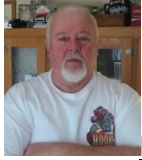


RONALD WAYNE "LT" "Ron" BROWN - Died Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at his home in Saint Petersburg, Florida at the age of 75, with his wife by his side. The causes of death were pneumonia and heart disease. He was born on November 5, 1946 in Mayfield, Kentucky. His dad was in the Air Force, so he traveled to many different states and countries in his early years. During his senior year, his father was reassigned to MacDill Air Force Base, where Ron graduated from Robinson High School in 1964. He met his future wife at their senior picnic. He then started St. Petersburg Junior College and they along with three other friends carpooled back and forth from Tampa. During his second year at SPJC, his father and family were transferred to Germany, and from there Ron was drafted. He went into the United States Army and was

assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, and then was sent to Vietnam. He received two Purple Hearts; the second in 1969 sent him back home missing his left leg. In December of that same year, he and Elizabeth (Marty), now a junior high school librarian, were married in Tampa. He then completed college at SPJC and USF with a degree in business. He then started working at the Veterans Administration as a Veterans' Benefits Counselor in downtown Saint Petersburg. Due to his injuries in Vietnam, he had to retire after 20 years, but continued serving and helping veterans whenever he could. He made many friends among the veteran community. He is survived by his wife of 52 years; his daughter, Martine L. Caraballo who served in both the Marine Corps and Army; his two grandsons, Thomas Ashworth and Frank Ashworth, both currently serving in the Army; and his Aussie dog, Rocky, all of whom he loved very much. Ron was a member of The American Legion, VFW, DVA, and a *Founding Member* and *Life Member* of the local **Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**. The service was held at Veterans Funeral Care, 830 Belcher Road North, Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM. An interment service is planned later in the year at Bay Pines Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Red Cross Tampa Bay Chapter, Service to the Armed Forces Department. Veterans Funeral Care www.VeteransFuneralCare.com.



CHARLES M. "Pickle" BURNS - Died Sunday, December 19, 2021, at home in Moline, Illinois at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. Charles was born on December 3, 1938, in Matherville, Illinois to the late John Francis and Violet Louise (née Palmer) Burns. He married Wanita M. Hawn on October 4, 1964, in Buffalo Prairie, IL. Charles graduated from Sherrard High School and Lincoln Barber College. He barbered at Heberlings and Jim Beams Barber Shops on the Avenue of the Cities in Moline before entering the United States Navy. He was previously employed by UnityPoint Health as security, retiring in 2000 after 20 years. Charles liked collectible cars and dancing to country music. He was given a lifetime membership from contributions made to Moline American Legion Post #246 and a was *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Survivors include his wife, Wanita, daughters, Cindy (Brian) Lindsey, and Julie Wilson; grandchildren Emiley (Matt) Luckey, Jacquelyne (Trey) Black, Sean (Andrea) Black, Ben Lindsey, Morgan Lindsey, Bridget (James) Crocker, great grandchild, Noah Lindsey; and special brother Rex McIntire. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Phyllis and a brother John Burns Jr., MIA-KIA/POW in Korea. Memorial visitation was from 10:00 AM– Noon on Monday, December 27, 2021 at the Esterdahl Mortuary and Crematory, Ltd., Moline. Graveside services were at 12:30 PM at the Rock Island National Cemetery where military honors were conducted. Memorials may be made to Remember the Fallen (<https://rememberthefallen.net>). Memories may be shared on the tribute wall.



KEITH A. "Sonny" BURRIER - Died Wednesday, January 19, 2022 in Aultman Hospital, Canton, Ohio at the age of 72. He was a resident of Dundee, Ohio and formerly of Strasburg, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 22, 1949, in Goshen. Keith graduated from Strasburg-Franklin High School in 1968, and went on to honorably serve two tours of duty with the United States Army during the Vietnam War; he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received by enemy action. Upon completion of his service time, on July 9, 1971, Keith married his high school sweetheart, the former Deborah S. "Debbie" Freitag, who survives. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2021. Keith was employed for many years as a welder by the Republic Steel Corporation in Canton, from which he retired. He was a member of Saint John United Church of Christ and the Charles Hofer Post of the American Legion, of which he served as commander, both of Strasburg. He also belonged to the Carl C. Stoller Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in New Philadelphia. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. Keith found joy and satisfaction in working with fellow veterans and helping them obtain the benefits to which they were due. He loved his children and his grandchildren and was their greatest supporter, following their school, sporting and other activities closely. Keith was always there for them - in the bleachers, at the fence, in the dance recital or wherever or whatever the event was. Aside from his family and assisting veterans, some of Keith's favorite pastimes included hunting and fishing (in his younger days), yard work and gardening, and Chevrolets - always looking for just the right one. Keith was also the proud owner of a red Kaiser-Frazer Henry J. and enjoyed going to car shows. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Debbie; his children, Missy (Josh) McKenzie of Strasburg, and Ryan Burrier of Dundee; his grandchildren, of whom he was so very proud, Hunter, Kylie and Hudson McKenzie, and Stella Burrier; his sisters, Millie (Keith) Saylor, Charlotte Keim and Judy (Kevin) Yoder; his mother-in-law, Norma Freitag; his brother-in-law, Ted (Rebecca) Freitag; his sister-in-law, Jodi (Scott) Bonifant; and his many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, who played a strong role in his upbringing, Floyd and Thelma Burrier, and by his father-in-law, Robert Freitag. Family and friends were invited to call at the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home and Crematory, 140 South Bodmer Avenue, Strasburg on Sunday, January 23rd from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. The service was at 4:00 PM with Pastor Jason Rissler officiating. Immediately following the service, there was a late lunch in the funeral home's reception hall. Keith was cremated and his cremated remains were buried later in Strasburg's Grandview Union Cemetery with full military honors. To sign an online guestbook and share a fond memory of Keith, please visit the Obituaries link on the Toland-Herzig website. The family suggested that contributions in Keith's memory be made to Saint John United Church of Christ, 516 North Wooster Avenue, Strasburg, Ohio 44680.



DONALD MURILL BYERS (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 17, 2022 at a local care center in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 90, with his family at his side. He was a resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 4, 1932 to the late Ora Merle Byers and Kate Edna (née Snyder) Byers. LTC Byers began his military career in 1950 following graduation from high school. At the age of 16, he enlisted in the United States Army as a recruit. Upon completion of basic training and rank as Private, he was assigned the 2nd Infantry in Korea. In February of 1951, he was engaged in the Battle of Chipyeong-ni where he earned rank as PFC. On the 1st day of March, LTC was wounded and evacuated to a hospital in Japan and released to return on the 1st day of July to the 2nd Division. In May of 1953, he was discharged from enlistment and returned home to Los Angeles a Sergeant. LTC utilized this time to work as a full-time Technician with the Army National Guard and began night studies under the G.I. Bill. A man of ambition, sacrifice, and duty, he earned a bachelor's degree and Master's in Business Degree in Finance from the University of Southern California. During this time, he quickly rose through the ranks and in November of 1964 was promoted to Captain and ordered to active duty on August 14, 1967 with an assignment to Fort Monroe, Virginia. LTC Byers served a very colorful tour for the next twenty years, leading to orders for his old stomping grounds – Korea; thirty-six years after departing as a PFC. He served two years as the Deputy Commander, Community, Family and Soldier Support Command – Korea and in July 1989 received orders to rejoin the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey as the Director of Personnel and Community Activities. He departed Korea in July 1991 as Lieutenant Colonel nearly forty years to the day that he departed in July 1951 as Private First Class. LTC Byers retired from Fort Myers, Virginia on July 1, 1992 with 43 years, 6 month and 19 days of active military service. He earned many medals of rank an honor throughout the course of his career, twice wounded in Korea, he was proudest of his earning the Purple Heart, that he was recognized as the last Korean War Veteran to retire from active duty and that his picture hangs in the Pentagon's Hall of Hero's. He also enjoyed many years as an active Shriner and member of Masonic Lodge. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodbridge (Virginia) Chapter #617*. Being a worldwide traveler, he spent time off hiking, camping, and traveling coast to coast with his family in their motor home. Having spent much of his life in cold weather climates, LTC Byers lived his latest years in Lake Charles, the warm weathered hometown of his daughter. A man of country, faith, and family, he attended Saint Luke Simpson United Methodist Church. He leaves to honor and cherish his memory, his beloved wife of 69 years, V. Joyce (née Higgins) Byers, Lake Charles; two sons, Steven Merle Byers (Robin), Burke, VA; Richard Elvin Byers, Woodbridge, VA; two daughters, Deanna Letha Fruge (Shelby), Lake Charles, Virginia Joyce Byers-Richardson (Richard), Clarksville, TN; grandchildren, Brandon Fruge (Aungelina), Bethany Basden (Logan), Gregory Ross Byers, Jason Merle Byers (Michelle Akers). He was preceded in death by his parents, Ora Merle Byers and Kate Edna Snyder Byers. In respect of his wishes, LTC Byers received full Military Honors and burial at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. His family gathered for a private memorial celebration. Dr. John Robert Black officiated.

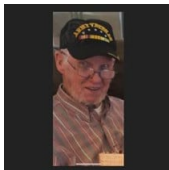
SCOTT CAMERON – Died Monday, August 30, 2021 in General Santos, Philippines at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.



JOSEPH F. "Joe" CAMPBELL - Died Thursday, March 3, 2022 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 5, 1947 to the late Edmund and Mary Campbell. He is survived by his children Joseph E. (Cindy), Amanda (Frank) Yinko, James (Gina), Edmund (Angela), Peter (Michaela) and former wife Cecelia Campbell. Further survived by siblings Judy Hushaw, John, and grandchildren, Ashlyn, Oliver, Adele, Benjamin, Katherine, Ahmed, Zayna, Lucas, Jayce, Eleanor, Emma, Christian, Harrison, Theodore and Hugh. Preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Edmund Campbell, siblings Fr. Peter Campbell, Fr. James Campbell, Mary Ellen Rynearson, Joan Mueller, Teri Vitek, and Duncan Campbell. Joe was a graduate of Marmion Military Academy. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1967, serving in an artillery unit in Phouc Vinh. Upon returning from the service, Joe started a career as a salesman for the late Chuck Mueller at Welders Supply in Burlington, and later opened the Waukesha branch. In 1984, Joe acquired the Machinery and Welder Corp, where he served in the capacity of President until retiring in 2017. Joe was very fond of all of the employees that worked for him and treated them as family. Joe served as the past President of the American Welding Society Milwaukee Chapter, as well as on the Board of Directors and a *Life Member* for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. Joe was awarded the soldier of the Month in June of 1968, the Veteran of the Year in Wisconsin in 2006, and the prestigious Patriot Award from the War Memorial in 2018. Joe along with friend, retired Deputy Fire Chief Mark Fox, were responsible for bringing a piece of the 9/11 Twin Towers steel back to the War Memorial where it sits as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our first responders. Joe had a large family of veterans that he belonged to. Special thanks to the Milwaukee VA Blue Clinic and Nurse Carrie for hospice care as well as Amanda Yinko, Bob Pfeifer, Cecelia Campbell and Ruby Schueing for their kind attention to Joe. Joe was very thankful for the eternal friendship he had with Chaplain Ray Stubbe. Many thanks to Paul Dirksmeyer for years of friendship and care. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight or the Milwaukee War Memorial appreciated. Visitation was held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at 12:30 PM at the War Memorial Center, 750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee. A private interment was held at a later date.

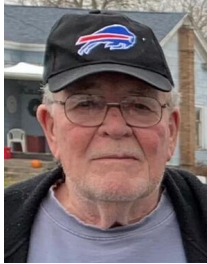


EDWARD L. "Ed" CARPENTER, JR. - Died Wednesday, January 12, 2022 in Elmira, New York at the age of 74, after a fierce battle with lung cancer. The Marine Corps motto "Adapt & Overcome" served him well. Ed was born in Elmira on July 19, 1947, the third child of the late Edward L. Carpenter, Sr. and Mary (née Kolanach) Carpenter. He attended Elmira City schools, graduated from EFA 1966 and CCC 1968. Ed enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam conflict and proudly served his country from '68-'70. He was honorably discharged with rank of SGT. Upon discharge, Ed joined the family business, Leupelt's Photoengraving, as an apprentice, journeyman, master photo engraver and partner with his brother, Rick. Ed and Rick served the Elmira business community for over 25 years. Ed continued his support of family and community through his work at Eastern Metal/USA Sign, Elmira College and as coach for many years with Tom Sawyer Youth League. Ed was an original and life-long member of EJ Brewer Marine Corps League, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803** and a communicant of Most Holy Name of Jesus/ Saint Mary's Parish, Elmira. Ed was predeceased by his parents, brother and sister-in-law, Ronald J. and Connie Bushman Carpenter and many special aunts and uncles. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Susan Wylie Carpenter, sons, Brian M. Carpenter and wife Kate, Horseheads, NY with Ed's beloved grandsons, Patrick and Connor; Todd W. Carpenter with Jessica Segal, Fishkill, NY; sister Susan M. Carpenter Niver, AZ; brother and sister-in-law Richard and Roseanne Sassano Carpenter and nephews, Ron, Jeff, David, Rob, Kevin and Michael. Throughout his life, Ed enjoyed fishing at his favorite spots including Keuka Lake. He was a true & loyal NY Giants fan with their great successes and painful failures. But his greatest pleasure was being the #1 cheerleader at Patrick's and Connor's athletic/ performing arts events. Ed was the quintessential "fixit man" with many accomplishments over the years - although' Murphy's Law was often a factor. But always, at a successful conclusion, Ed's comment would be "Dam I'm good!" Yes, you are, Ed. Ed's calling hours were held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the McInerny Funeral Home, 502 West Water Street, Elmira, from 4:00 to 6:45 PM. A funeral service was at 7:00 PM. A livestream of the service was on YouTube; subscribe to McInerny Funeral Home. Military honors, with committal prayers held at the Woodlawn National Cemetery on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Ed's family is very grateful for the great kindness and care he received and friendships made through Corning Cancer Center and CareFirst Hospice Services. Those wishing to remember Ed may make a donation to CareFirst, 3805 Meads Creek Road, Painted Post NY 14870 or Chemung County Meals on Wheels, 409 William Street, Elmira NY 14901.



DAVID DOUGLAS CHIDESTER – Died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the Palagio Memory Care Senior Living of Orange Park, Florida under the care of Vitas Hospice at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. David was born in Beaver Falls, Beaver County, Pennsylvania on April 16, 1935 to the late Jesse and Helen (née Nannah) Chidester. David was the oldest of 13

children. David is survived by his sisters, Dora Jarvis (Paul) of Ohio, Carolyn Dauwe of Texas, Martha Flemming of Utah, Linda Isenschmid of Ohio, Nancy Brink of Ohio, Darlene Knarr of Ohio and brother, Joe (Ruth) Chidester of Ohio, grandchildren, Clara (Patrick), David, Nichole, Michael and great-granddaughter, Caroline as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of extended family and friends. David was preceded in death by sisters, Mary Nicholson, Helen Clark, Debbie Chidester, brothers, Jesse "Pepper" Chidester and Dean Chidester, as well as his wife, Helen Chidester, and two sons, David and Michael and his loving companion, Joan Dawson. David joined the service in 1955 and served his country proudly for 35 ½ years. He served in the United States Army and the United States Navy and was in the Vietnam War. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059** and attended numerous meetings in Green Cove Springs, Florida for many years. Upon retirement, he enjoyed traveling, fishing, bingo, gardening (due to growing up on the farm), long drives and family get-togethers and holiday celebrations. He attended Church of Christ in Green Cove Springs for many years and then St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Orange Park. He was a very loving, kind, and caring person. Anyone who met David could tell he was a proud Veteran! The family would like to thank the staff at Palagio and Vitas Hospice for the care and compassion they showed Mr. David. Visitation was held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home followed by a graveside service with Military Honors at 11:00 AM at the Hickory Grove Cemetery with Brother Claude McElowney officiating. The arrangements were under the care of Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 1811 Idlewild Avenue, SR 16, Green Cove Springs, FL. www.helmgallagherfh.com.



TIMOTHY R. "Tim" CLOSE - Died Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at the Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Town of Tonawanda, New York at the age of 79. He was a resident of Appleton, New York and formerly of Cambria, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Timothy was born on March 4, 1942 in Niagara Falls, New York to the late Joseph E. and the late Hope E. (Late Willis) (née Hart) Close-Rick. Tim graduated from Wilson CSD. He served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. He was employed by Town of Cambria, NY Highway Dept. for 19 years before retiring. Tim was an avid Buffalo Bills fan but loved to spend most of his time with his family. Surviving are his children; Wayne (Catherine) Close, Gene Close, Rob (Lynn) Close, Brad (Whitney) Close, Donelle (Scott) Wolfe and Lorne (Tina) Close; his sister, Judy (Bob) Skora; 19 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by a brother Arthur (late Gloria) Close and a sister Karen (late Jerry) Martin. There was no Prior visitation. A graveside service and burial was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 31st at the North Ridge Cemetery, Church Road, Town of Cambria, NY. Professional arrangements were entrusted to the staff of Hardison Funeral Homes Inc. Ransomville. Please visit www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com.

WILLIAM P. COUTURE – Died recently in 2022 in Auburn, Washington at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 6, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Couture. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Edmonds Chapter #423**. The arrangements were made by the Yahn and Son Funeral and Crematory Services in Auburn.



KERRY L. CROZIER - Died suddenly Wednesday February 9, 2022 at home in Big Indian, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 23, 1949 in Corpus Christi, Texas to the late Harold and Nina Faye (née Mabry) Crozier and raised by his Father and Stepmother Marvelle Crozier. An area resident for the past fifty years, Kerry was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army having served 1966-69. He continued to serve through his active participation as a *Life Member* and *Past President* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingston Chapter #60**, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1386, American Legion Post #950, as well as having manned a suicide prevention hot-line in his home many years ago. Kerry had been a valued member of the Saugerties Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He appreciated the beauty of nature, enjoyed motorcycling through the mountains, and hunting in the woods. He rode in the Freedom Run Rallies, and had been a New Orleans Saints fan. He was an avid reader, and kept up with current events. Most recently Kerry drove for Tonche Transit in Mt. Tremper. Most important and paramount to him was his daughter Seanne. Surviving are his daughter Seanne Crozier and companion David Cole of Poughkeepsie, companion Peg Eyberg, sisters: Gerry Lynn and her husband Joe Cato, and Barbara Lee Busby, brother: Marvin and his wife Laura Lockheart. stepdaughter: Terry Eyberg and, former spouse Elaine Rose and many nieces and nephews also survive. A graveside memorial service with military honors was held on Monday February 21st at 12:00 Noon at the Ulster County Veteran's Cemetery at New Paltz Cemetery. You may share a special memory of condolence with the family on Kerry's Tribute Wall at www.gormleyfuneralhome.com.



JAMES J. CURIN - Died Sunday, February 13, 2022 in Westmont, Illinois at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 7, 1938 to the late John E. and Anastasia Curin. He was the loving father of Mark, Wendy (Perry) Thuente, and Bruce (Cynthia); proud grandfather of Sabrina and Alyse; step-granddad to Danielle (Mark) Lovecky; step-great-grandfather to Shawn and Emily; former husband of Judy Curin-Gracious; brother to John

(Christine); son of the late John E and the late Anastasia Curin; dear friend of Edwina Bock. James was a United States Air Force veteran, Shriner, avid golfer and train enthusiast who will be missed by all who knew him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – River Grove Chapter #242**. A Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday, March 8th at 9:30 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 25 East Richmond Street, Westmont, IL. Inurnment was at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.



PHILLIP RANDALL DALTON, SR. - Died Sunday, February 27, 2022 in Talbott, Tennessee at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Morristown, Tennessee on November 6, 1931 to the late Howard and Ruth Dalton. He was a member of Lakeshore Road Baptist Church. Having served his country in the United States Army he retired after 22 years of service, some of which was in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. Phillip was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Ruth Dalton; in-laws, John and Amelia Rasnake; infant son, John Howard Dalton; son, CW04 Phillip Dalton, Jr.; brother, Jerry Dalton; and sister, Mary Helen Smith. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Joan Dalton; daughters, Michelle (James) Hicks, Deborah Dalton, Patty Welch, Dr. Sandra Dalton; daughter-in-law, Donna Logan Dalton; grandchildren, Zachary (Jake) Dalton, Matthew McNabb, Hayden Hicks, Ian Dalton, Tommy Welch, Michael Welch, and Kristin (Shawn) Guida; several great-grandchildren; sisters, Carmen (Tom) Hundley and Brenda (Gary) Wheaton; brothers, Greg (Rhonda) Dalton, Larry (Tina) Dalton, and Howard (Glenda) Dalton; brother-in-law, Eddie Rasnake; sister-in-law, Sheila Britton; and a host of family and friends. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at the Alder Funeral Home and a Celebration of Life was at 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice in Phillip's memory. The arrangements were made by the Alder Funeral Home.

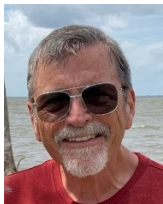


KEITH GARY DAVIS - Died Saturday, January 29, 2022 in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 81. He was a resident of West Fargo, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 28, 1940 in Lisbon, North Dakota to the late Leon and Harriet (née Finks) Davis. He was raised and educated in Lisbon and graduated from Lisbon High School in 1958, where he was a member of the choir, junior play, school paper, and basketball team. As a young adult, he was employed by a local hardware store and worked in the Sheyenne Grasslands area planting trees. Keith also served his country as a member of the United States Army National Guard of North Dakota. Keith married Dorothy Lukes on June 27, 1966, at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church of Lisbon. They made their home in Fargo, where Keith was employed at The Fargo

Toggery Men's Store and Fargo Modern Auto Glass. They resided in the Madison Avenue Neighborhood of North Fargo for many years. In 1971, Keith began employment at North Dakota State University in facilities management at the New Field House (formerly Bison Sports Arena) and continued in various buildings on the campus until he retired in September of 2006. Recently, Keith and Dorothy became residents of West Fargo, ND, where he especially enjoyed the sunroom in his new residence. Keith was a former longtime member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fargo and was presently a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in West Fargo. He was also a member of the American Legion. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. Keith enjoyed golfing, bowling, and more recently, he was passionate about his grandchildren's activities, Bison Athletics, and visiting with family and friends. During retirement, Keith learned how to use an iPad, where he enjoyed playing poker and Word Feud. He especially enjoyed family time during annual outings every summer in Detroit Lakes, MN and at the Norsk Hostfest in Minot, ND. His contagious smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed. Keith's loving family includes his wife of 55 years Dorothy; daughters: Tammy (Kevin) Fraase of West Fargo and Tracy Hight of Minot; grandchildren: Bethany, Austin and Aaron Fraase, as well as Jacob and Taury Hight; in-laws: Pat Hanna of Billings, Joe (Peggy) Lukes of Lisbon, Jerry (Jean) Lukes of Fargo, Lyleen Lukes of Lisbon and David Lukes of Lisbon, and nephews: Greg (Renee) Thomte and Marlo (Sheila) Davis. Keith was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Lyle (Phyllis) Davis and Beverly (Gerald) Thomte, in-laws Edward and Ruby Lukes, brother-in-law: James Lukes, nieces: Bernice Kirk and Kim Mayer, and the beloved family cats, Sandy and Snickers. The Memorial Service was held on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 2:00 PM in Holy Cross Catholic Church, West Fargo. Visitation was held on Friday, February 4, 2022 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at Holy Cross Catholic Church, West Fargo. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.



JOHN J. DELI – Died Friday, March 18, 2022 in Carteret, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Carteret on December 22, 1945. John proudly served with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. A proud member of the VFW Post #2314, and also volunteered his time at the Menlo Park Veterans Home. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He retired after being employed by Catholic Charities. John was a quiet, good-hearted gentleman. He loved God, country, and his family. John was one of a kind. He is at peace now. Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home, 275 West Milton Avenue, Rahway, NJ 0065. The Funeral Mass was on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:30 AM at Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 55 High Street, Carteret, NJ. The burial was at Saint James Cemetery, Woodbridge, NJ. In lieu of flowers, a donation in John's name to Wounded Warriors or Tunnel to Towers would be greatly appreciated.



GORDON KELLER DENMARK - Died Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at his home in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was formerly of Fredericksburg, Virginia. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was a member of the United States Army and served in Vietnam. After returning home, he attended West Georgia College earning undergraduate and graduate degrees. He retired as a Financial Planner from Rubbermaid in Winchester, VA. Gordon is survived by his loving wife, Nancy, and daughter, Maria (David). He was preceded in death by his parents, Keller and Annie Mae Denmark, and by his son, Billy. Gordon was very involved with and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to: Soddy Daisy Vietnam Veterans – Chapter #962, 9615 West Ridge Trail Road, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379. The funeral arrangements were private. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mullinsthompsonfredericksburg.com for the Denmark family.



GERALD R. "Butch" DENNIS - Died Saturday, January 9, 2021 in Valparaiso, Indiana at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 7, 1946 in Hammond, Indiana to the late Karl and Dorothy Dennis. On June 9, 1973, he married Sue Anderson in Portage, Indiana. Butch proudly served his country as a member of the United States

Army during the Vietnam War. He retired in 2004 from working as an Operating Engineer. He was a member of the Operating Engineers local #150, the American Legion Post #502, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905** and the VVI of LaPorte. He loved guns, playing golf and recently began blacksmithing as a hobby. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Sue Dennis; son, Raymond Dennis; daughter, Jennifer (Shawn) Fuller; grandchildren, Coletton, Graham and Gracyn Fuller, and Ashlynn Dennis; sisters Susan Dennis and Carol Meier; many loving nieces, nephews, family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Karl and Dorothy Dennis; brother, Karl Dennis; sister, George-Ann Vestal. A funeral service for Butch took place on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Rees Funeral Home, Olson Chapel, 5341 Central Avenue, Portage with Reverend Don Good officiating. Visitation was held on Thursday from 2:00 PM until the time of service at the funeral home. He was laid to rest at Graceland Cemetery in a private ceremony. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.reesfuneralhomes.com.

MARK DePLANCHE - Died Sunday morning, December 12, 2021 at the Brookridge Heights Assisted Living at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family and under the care of Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice. He was a resident of Negaunee, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. Mark was born on December 7, 1945 in Flint, Michigan to the late Thomas H. and Mary (née Herman) DePlanche. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. During his service he received a Purple Heart and the Navy Cross. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. Mark was employed by General Motors for 30 years, a job he started immediately after his service in the Marines. He retired at the age of 51 and then moved to the Upper Peninsula where he purchased some acreage in Big Bay and began building his own log home. He and his wife enjoyed living in that home for 20 years. In his free time, Mark enjoyed playing cards, fishing, golfing and woodworking. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, the former Cheryl Sappington; one son, Byron (Tammy) DePlanche of Cabot, AR; three grandsons, Brandon (Samantha Holland) DePlanche, Jayden DePlanche and Kaydon DePlanche, all of Cabot, AR; three step-children, Kim (Jack Sohns) Cook of St. Clair Shores, MI, Linda (Tom) Charboneau of Munising, John (Erin Langenberg) Greis; eight step-grandchildren; his mother-in-law, Peg Sappington of Munising, MI; sister-in-law, Jeanne Sappington of Marquette; a niece, Laurie and nephew, David also survive him. Preceding him in death besides his parents was a sister, Linda and his father-in-law, Bill Sappington. A celebration of Mark's life took place in June of 2022 with the exact date and time to be announced later. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice, 914 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855 in Mark's memory. The Canale-Tonella Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted the DePlanche family where memories of Mark may be shared at canalefuneral.com.

DANIEL L. ELKINS – Died Friday, February 21, 2020 in Dayton, Ohio at the age 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 31, 1947. He is survived by his wife Sharon. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**.



WILLIE JAMES "Jim" FERGUSON, JR. (USMC, MGySgt-Ret.) – Died unexpectedly Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 76. He was a resident of Old Hickory, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 27, 1945 in Montgomery, Alabama to the late Willie James Ferguson, Sr. and Cornnell (née Johnson) Ferguson. Jim graduated from Saint Edward Catholic School in Cleveland, Ohio and served as an altar boy. After graduation, he served 30 years in the United States Marine Corps. He was a retired Master Gunny Sergeant. He spent 11 years at the White House under the Reagan Administration and 3 tours in Vietnam. Jim was a loyal member of the VFW Post #6993 of Goodlettsville, TN as Commander, AMVETS Post #1776 of Nashville, TN as 1st Vice-Commander, AMVETS Department of TN as Judge Advocate, AMVETS District #6 as Judge Advocate, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #1140** of Franklin, TN as CoFounder, Davidson County Veterans Planning Commission, TN Veterans (TNVET) Legislation, El-Hasa Temple #28 as Honorary Past Potentate of Cleveland, Ohio, 32nd degree Mason, Scottish Rite, and Knights Templar of Masonic Lodge of Cleveland, Ohio. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Willie James Ferguson, Sr. and Cornnell Johnson Ferguson. His (Son) Donnell Ferguson, (Sister) Pauline Johnson and (Brother) William Ferguson. He is survived by his Loving Wife of 11 years, Demetrius M. Ferguson; his Children, Reginald Ferguson (Richmond, KY), Darlene Collins and Michael Ferguson of (Baltimore, MD), Kimberly Ferguson (Laurel, MS); 2 Sisters Annie Johnson and Lurlene Wilson of (Cleveland, OH), Sister in law, Linda Ferguson; Mother in Law, Peggy McGill both of (Nashville, TN), Sister in Law, Barbara (Anthony) Patterson of (Murfreesboro, TN); Bonus Children, Travione McCullum, Brandon (Jazelyn) Everett, Raven Everett, Bre'Asia Pierce all of Nashville, TN; eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

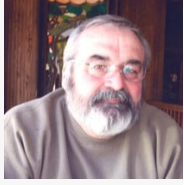
PATRICIA R. FISHER - Died Sunday, February 13, 2022 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 59. She was a native of McMinnville, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. She was predeceased by her father Charles Earl Mayberry and brother Howard E. Mayberry. She is survived by her husband, Terry G. Fisher of Hendersonville, TN; mother, Joyce R. Mayberry of Smithville, TN; brother, Edward Mayberry (Renee) of NC; son, B. Keith Lett (Dawn) of Normal, IL; stepchildren, Brian J. Fisher (LeAnn) of Bowling Green, KY; Amber E. Penske (Jon) of Davenport, FL; granddaughters, Liberty R. and Hunter R. Lett, Rees Kelley, Addison B. and Ashten K. Fisher; grandson Rylan Kelley; sisters-in-law, Shirley Mayberry of Smithville, TN, Janie Mayberry of McMinnville, TN; a host of loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**. A private inurnment was held at a later date. Condolences to the family can be made at www.hendersonvillefh.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to a charity of your choice.



THOMAS E. "Tom" FITZPATRICK - Died Sunday, January 16, 2022 in Newport, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Banana River, Florida on December 30, 1945 to the late Thomas and Susan (née Hill) Fitzpatrick. He was a 1963 graduate of Newport High School, a 20-year veteran of the United States Navy, a member of the Perry County Sailors Association through the Newport VFW, lifetime member of the Newport American Legion, and member of the Millerstown Moose, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Michael Novosel MOH (Harrisburg) Memorial Chapter #542**. He served on the Newport Borough Council and with the Newport Fire Company. Tom is survived by his daughters Darlene Fitzpatrick and companion Michael Sweger and Karen Fitzpatrick and companion Jamie Johnson; brother Robert Fitzpatrick; grandson Benjamin Sweger and beloved dog Caliber. Services with military honors were held on March 18th at 11:00 AM at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Newport Ambulance League, 50 South Third Street, Newport, PA 17074.



SHAWN JOSEPH GERMAIN - Died Saturday, January 29, 2022 at his home in Gwinn, Michigan at the age of 72, with his family by his side and under the care of UP Home Health and Hospice. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 1, 1949 in Escanaba, Michigan to the late Hector and Viola (née Young) Germain. He was a 1968 graduate of Gwinn High School and a lifelong area resident. Shawn served in the United States Navy as a See Bee during the Vietnam War. On June 14th, 1969, he married, Darlene Jo Hocking, at Saint Anthony Catholic Church in Gwinn. Shawn was employed as a welder at the Empire Mine for CCI for 31 years retiring in 2003. He was a longtime member of the Forsyth Township Fire Department and EMS, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Negaunee Chapter #380**, the Knights of Columbus and a member of the KI Sawyer Air Museum. He also taught CPR classes at the Gwinn Schools for 16 years. Shawn is survived by his wife, Darlene Germain of Gwinn; children, Shawna (Eric) Peippo of Escanaba, Nicole Koski of Gwinn and Daniel Germain of Gwinn; grandchildren, Theodore (Kacie Peterson) Peippo, Harley (Josh Emery) Koski, Sarah (Jake) Wachholz, Alexis Peippo and Meisi Peippo; a great-grandchild, Kennedy Peippo; brother, Michael (Kelly) Germain of Gwinn and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Dennis, Keith and James. Shawn's family would like to thank the staff of UP Home Health & Hospice for the excellent care they provided him in his final days. Visitation was held on Friday, February 4, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Canale-Gwinn Funeral Home and Cremation Services. A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM in the funeral home with Reverend Allan Mott officiating. Military Honors will be provided by the Little Lake American Legion.



RICHARD THOMAS GESIORSKI - Died Saturday, April 17, 2021 at University of Iowa Hospital, in Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 70. He was a resident of Elizabeth, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born on June 2, 1950 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Thomas Gesiorski. In 1969, Richard joined the United States Army, faithfully serving his country in Vietnam through 1971. Following his time in active duty, he went on to service in the National Guard for a number of years. In 1981, Richard married Dolores Sweeney. The couple enjoyed nearly 40 years of marriage, together. Richard's service to his country and his community didn't end with his military career. He spent 50+ years in law enforcement, first for the Chicago Police Dept., then the Illinois Gaming Board. He remained a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #928**, of Northwestern Illinois. In his free time, Richard enjoyed fishing and golf, and was an avid dog lover, caring for many beloved dogs throughout his life. Richard will be dearly missed by his wife, Dolores; brothers, Thomas Gesiorski, Richard (Patricia) Sweeney, John (Veronica) Sweeney, and Guy (Susan) Sweeney; uncle, Donald Kaner; a niece; and numerous nephews and cousins. Richard is predeceased by his father, Thomas. A Funeral Mass was held at Saint John Catholic Church, in Hanover, IL on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Visitation was one hour prior to the Mass. The burial took place at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, in Elwood, IL. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America or the Chicago Police Department Memorial. Family and friends were invited to share in Richard's life at lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

BERNARD S. "Bernie" GOLDENZWEIG – Died Saturday, January 22, 2022 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Washington, DC on August 29, 1947. He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971. He did a tour in Vietnam as a Helicopter Pilot. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Chapter #542**.



DAVID WINDELL GOTT - Died Monday, March 28, 2022 at Paducah Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky at the age of 79. He was resident of Marion, Kentucky. He died on the operating table at the hospital from internal bleeding. Mr. Gott was born in West Plains, Missouri on October 31, 1942 to the late James Sutton Gott and Sybil (née Karr) Gott. He retired from the Chrysler plant after 38 years of work and was a member of the United Auto Workers. He enjoyed sitting on the porch, fishing, hunting and watching westerns. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. He is survived by a son, Vince Gott (Lucy) of Marion, KY; and 2 grandchildren, Elizabeth Gott and Coleen Daughtery, both of St. Louis, MO. He was preceded in death by his

wife, Shirley Knight Gott; sister, Wanda Pliler; and two brothers, Jerry and Kenneth Gott. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at the Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. The burial was in Hebron Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 12:00 Noon until the funeral hours on Sunday, April 3, 2022 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem, KY. Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.



ROBERT EMERY GREENWOOD - Died Thursday, March 17, 2022, after a long illness at Kindred Hospital in Melbourne, Florida at the age of 76, with his wife and children by his side. He was a resident of Palm Bay, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. Robert was born on February 21, 1946 in Ayer, Massachusetts to the Herbert Greenwood, Sr. and his wife Grace (née Coburn) Greenwood. Robert was married for 52 years to Sandra (née Hills) Greenwood. He was predeceased by his son, Toby Phillip Greenwood, his parents Herbert and Grace Greenwood, his brother Herbert Greenwood Jr., his brothers-in-law Joseph Parrotto, Rev. James Hills and James Hurst as well as his sister in-law Susan Greenwood. Robert is survived by his wife Sandra, his children; Rev. Michael Greenwood and his wife Linda Greenwood. His Daughter Darcy Kinney and husband Mark Davis. His brothers Larry Greenwood and his wife Mary. His brother Donald Greenwood and his wife Judy. His brother Richard Greenwood and his wife Joan. His sister Elisabeth Parrotto, and sister Jean Koladish and husband John. His sister in-law Joanne Greenwood, sister in-law Marjorie Bruce, Cindy Hills and Cindy Hurst. Robert's grandchildren include Jeffery Kinney Jr. and wife Kimmy. Emily Watson and husband Richard. Jesse Baril and Sidney Price. Robert's four great-grandchildren are Richard, Rowan, and Rhett Watson, and Lillianna Kinney. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins. Robert was an accomplished artist and craftsman who enjoyed woodworking, camping, fishing, and going to the beach. He was a Royal Ranger Senior Commander and was part of a family puppet ministry with his local church in Claremont, NH. Robert served in the United States Army active duty in 1967 – 1968 in Vietnam. There he was awarded a battlefield promotion and 2 bronze stars. He then served in the National Guard in both Claremont, NH and Springfield, VT, where he deployed for Operation Desert Shield 1990-1991. Robert was honorably discharged from the military after 24 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**. There was a graveside service on July 24, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Cemetery in Claremont, NH followed by a Celebration of life ceremony at 38 Grannis Street in Claremont. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made out to Mountainside Community Church in Newport, NH.

RALPH M GRIFFIN – Died Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at the Lancaster General Hospital at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi on October 29, 1944 to the late C. D. Winston Griffin and Florence Clement (née Morton) Griffin. On March 3, 1974 he married Linda J. (née Garey) Griffin. They were married for 47 years. He graduated from the Officer's School for Military and Mississippi States University with a Bachelor of Science

Degree in Petroleum Engineering. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and proudly served in Vietnam as Commander of the Tank Battalion and retired at the rank of Captain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. He was also a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hummels Wharf. In addition to his wife, Linda, he is also survived by his son, R. Wayne Griffin; his daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie F. and Benjamin Gray, of Middleburg, PA, and; four grandchildren, Jacob Morton Griffin and his wife, Olivia, of Millerstown, Caitlin Gray, Jonathan Gray and Lydia Gray. A viewing was held on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2509 North Old Trail, Hummels Wharf, PA followed by a funeral service beginning at 11:00 AM with Pastor Rodney Gray, officiating. The interment was in Saint Peters Community Church Cemetery on Zeders Road (Knousetown) Millerstown, with Pastor Ron Berrus, officiating. Full military honors were accorded him by the Selingsgrove American Legion Victory Post #25 and the Selingsgrove Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6631.

RODNEY DEAN GRIFFITH – Died Wednesday, December 22, 2021 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 76, after a sudden stroke two days earlier. He was born in Miami, Oklahoma on November 4, 1945 to the late Melvin Griffith and Reva (née Boyles) Griffith. He spent most of his youth in nearby Welch, Oklahoma. He married Sandra Hartsock in 1966 and raised two remarkable children. The marriage later dissolved, but Rodney was no quitter. He tried it three more times and found happiness with his current wife, Jean, who he loved dearly. Upon graduating from Northeastern Teachers College, the government gave him an all-expense paid trip to Vietnam which came with two Purple Heart souvenirs and a lifetime of physical and emotional scars. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle (Illinois) Chapter #269**. Rodney is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Dara and Dustin (Laurie); his grandchildren, Jordan and Braydon; his sisters, Arlene Orcutt and Melvena Panter (Frank)' his aunt, Lavenia (Nick) Rohmiller, and; many nieces, nephews and stepfamily members. A Celebration of Life was held at the former bar, now Hogg House, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday, February 12, 2022. His cremains were interred in the Welch Cemetery in Oklahoma. In lieu of memorials, have a drink and think about Rodney, and smile.

STEVE A. GRIMM – Died Wednesday, November 24, 2021 in Port Orange, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 13, 1948 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He served in the United States Army from February 1965 to May 1968 with a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He was the recipient of the Silver Star for Valor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048**.



EARL GUILLORY, SR. – Died Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Camelot Brookside Nursing Home in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 78. He was a resident of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 20, 1942 to the late Raymond

and Louise Guillory. He served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. Cherishing fond memories of him are his three children: Florence Guillory, Rodney Guillory and Earl Guillory, Jr. all of San Diego, CA; and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents: Raymond and Louise Guillory. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 12:00 Noon with the visitation beginning at 9:00 AM at the Progressive Baptist Church in Iota, LA. The burial was in the Iota Cemetery in Iota, LA. The Reverend E. J. Joseph officiated the funeral ceremony. The Owens-Thomas Funeral Home of Eunice was in charge of arrangements.



JEROME KYLE “Jerry” GUNDERSON, SR. - Died Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at his home in Rock Hill, South Carolina at the age of 74, surrounded by family and friends. The cause of death is unknown. Jerry was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on April 30, 1947 to the late Howard and Ann Gunderson. In 1950, he and his family moved to Rock Hill, SC. Jerry attended Winthrop Training School and he was in the last graduating class of WTS. Jerry graduated from Piedmont Community College, and was in the first graduating class at Winthrop College that included men. Jerry was a United States Navy Veteran, serving in the Vietnam War; he served on the USS Perkins. Jerry loved beach music, shagging, record collection of 45's, and playing them on his jukebox and his turntable. Jerry was the President of the Rock Hill Jaycees, twice in the late 1970's. He worked in the collection business for 35+ years. He was a member of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**. Preceding him in death were his parents, Ann and Howard Gunderson, and his wife, Dianne Matthews Gunderson. Surviving are his wife, Sue Brown Gunderson, children, Jerome Kyle Gunderson, Jr. (Lainie) of Rock Hill, Ashley Gunderson Wise (Jeffrey) of Charlotte, NC, Watson Matthews Gunderson (Jocelyn) of Conway, SC; twin daughters, Whitney A. Boggs (Wesley) of Columbia, SC and Kayce H. Graupner (Scott) of Lexington, SC; his brothers, Tommy Gunderson (Susan) of Edgemoor, SC, and Dickie Gunderson (Katie) of Newport News, VA; his grandchildren, Taylor Grimes, Kylie Gunderson, Caroline, Jackson, and Jacob Wise, Zoe and Watson Gunderson, Avery, Graham, and Ann Ballard Boggs, and Benjamin and Oliver Graupner, and great-grandson, Cory. The family sends a special thanks to the staff at Hospice and Community Care and also to Jennifer Robinson, Amanda, and Daniel, for the exceptional home care. His buddy, Bryant, "the Uber deliverer of many pies, milkshakes, and fries", WTS classmates, and Jaycee friends. He had a caring heart and eye for people that were sick and especially veterans. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 12:00 Noon at the Greene Funeral Home Northwest Chapel, with his son, Reverend Watson Matthews Gunderson, officiating. The service will also be available via livestream on the website, www.greenefuneralhome.net. The burial was at the Grandview Memorial Park, Hollis Lakes Road. The family received friends prior to the service, beginning at 10:30 AM, and other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made in Jerry's memory

to Hospice and Community Care, PO Box 993, Rock Hill, SC 29731 or to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1619 Park View Road, Conway, SC 29526.



JAMES W. HALL (USAF, SMSgt-Ret.) - Died Friday, August 20, 2021 in Warner Robins, Georgia at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 13, 1934 in Vienna, Georgia to the late Albert Lee and Callie (née Roper) Hall. He graduated from Unadilla High School in 1953. Mr. Hall always loved, respected, and admired the United States Military and as a young man, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Mr. Hall served for 27 ½ years as a Parachute Rigger Supervisor and Trainer and attained the rank of Senior Master Sergeant before retiring. He went on to work at Robins Air Force Base where he continued to train and supervise as a Parachute Rigger until his second and final retirement after an additional 15 ½ years supporting the U.S. Air Force. In Mr. Hall's golden years, he enjoyed going on walks, doing yard work, and playing cards. He was part of a group who called themselves "Romeo." This group consisted of old military friends who loved to get together and eat. Mr. Hall was also a member of the Donald A. Moody DAV Chapter #33. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Macon Chapter #443**. He was a happy-go-lucky fellow who was friendly and smiling. Above all, Mr. Hall was family oriented and loved spending time with his grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Mr. Hall was preceded in death by his siblings, Myrtle Baggs, Fred Hall, and Irma Shurgart. His memory will forever be treasured by his adoring wife of 62 years, Paula Carol (née Hamilton) Hall; children, Vinnie Carpenter and Valarie Nodes (Clay) of Georgia; grandchildren, Amy Oakley, Leslie Jones (Michael), Rebekah Nodes, Clay Nodes, Jr.; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Visitation with Mr. Hall's family was on Monday, August 30, 2021 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon at the McCullough Funeral Home. The funeral service celebrating his life was immediately following at 12:00 Noon in the chapel of McCullough Funeral Home. Following the service, Mr. Hall was laid to rest in the Andersonville National Cemetery at 2:00 PM. For friends and family unable to attend, the service was live-streamed via the McCullough Funeral Home Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcculloughfuneralhome/live/. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggested memorial donations be given in memory of SMSgt. James W. Hall, USAF (Ret.) to the Donald A. Moody Chapter #33 DAV, 1343 Radio Loop, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088. Learn more about the measures McCullough Funeral Home is taking to ensure the health and safety of our guests at www.mcculloughfh.com. There you can also sign an Online Registry for the family. McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory had the privilege of being entrusted with these arrangements.

WILLIAM H. HALL – Died recently in 2022 in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 18, 1932. He is survived by his wife, Ruth. He was a

veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950**.



LINDA SUE HARRIS - Died Sunday, January 19, 2020 In Carrollton Georgia at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. Ms. Harris was born in Mason City, Iowa on February 7, 1953, the daughter of the late Lawrence Earl Harris and Betty Jane (née Cogill) Harris. She graduated from high school and completed the School of Commerce in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Ms. Harris then joined the Women's Army Corps on October 9, 1973, which preceded the now integrated United States Army. She proudly served her country from 1973 until being Honorably discharged on January 31, 1994. She did high security TDY during Desert Storm for which she was awarded The National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star. During her military career she also earned an associate degree from Midlands Technical College in Columbia, SC. Ms. Harris was active with The Women's Army Corps Veteran's Association Chapter #62 in Anniston, AL and the American Legion Post #143 in Carrollton. She especially loved volunteering with the Trina Davis Veteran's Village and spent hours with the Neva Lomason Library staff. She would lovingly refer to the members of these organizations as her "other family." She enjoyed collecting turtles and birthday angels as well as corresponding with her many friends around the world. Ms. Harris was of the Methodist faith, a *Life Member* of DAV, USO, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**, Wounded Warrior Project, active with The Women's Memorial and Army Women's Museum and an eligible member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include her sister, Barbara H. Poindexter; brother, Bill (Debra) Harris; nieces and nephew, Davin Leslie Auble, Bill Harris, and Christina (Craig) Steinke; great nieces and nephews, Jack Edward and Nathaniel Owen Steinke, Dylan, Will and Naomi Harris, and Morgan and Margaux Leppla. A memorial service with full military honors was held at the Women's Army Corps (WAC) Chapel at Fort McClellan, Anniston, AL on Thursday, January 30th at 1:00 CST. The inurnment was in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Fort McClellan does not accept flowers as it is a closed base. Those wishing to make a memorial in Linda's honor may do so to the following: Women's Army Corps Veteran's Association - Chapter #62, P.O. Box 663, Weaver, AL 36277; American Legion Chapter #143, P.O. Box 647, Carrollton, GA 30112; The Army Women's Museum (Fort Lee), c/o FAWMA, P.O. 1027, Prince George, VA 23875, or; The Women's Memorial (DC) c/o WIMSA, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite #400, Arlington, VA 22203. Messages of condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.almonfuneralhome.com. The Almon Funeral Home of Carrollton was charge of the arrangements.



THEODORE H.H. "Ted" HARRIS, SR. – Died Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at The Wellspring Health Care Center in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 77. He was a resident of

Covington, Kentucky. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Covington on December 3, 1944. He was a graduate of William Grant High School in Covington, KY and a graduate of Northern KY University, an active member of First Baptist Church of Covington, KY participated in The Men Choral Group. He served and was honorably discharged from the United States Navy, worked as a substitute teacher for The Covington Public Schools, retired from General Electric in Tech Support, an active member of the VFW and Elk IRA Lodge #37, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #88**, a Historian, Author and Writer, a contributing author for the Bicentennial History of Covington, KY 1815-2015 Gateway City, a Topical Editor (Ethnology) of the Encyclopedia of Northern KY copyright 2009 and also contributed articles for the Life and Legacy of Lincoln Grant School by Joseph Walton 1866-1976, married Mrs. Marie Harris Castleman, father of six children, a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Visitation was on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Walker Funeral Home, 1129 Garrard Street, Covington, KY, starting at 6:00 until 8:00 PM. Graveside services were held on Friday at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, 6980 Danville Road, Nicholasville, KY starting at 12:30 PM. Condolences may be sent to WalkerFuneralHomes.com.

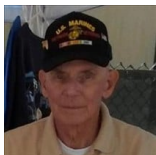


DONALD DUANE “Don” HEICK – Died Thursday, November 11, 2021 (Veteran’s Day) in Glendive, Montana at the age of 80, after fighting a valiant battle with COVID-19. He passed away at GMC Hospital surrounded by family. Donald was born in Bowman, North Dakota on October 11, 1941 to the late John Mike and Stella (née Kromarek) Heick at home in his Grandma Heick’s rocking chair. When he was in the 4th grade his family moved to Buffalo, SD for 6 months and then moved to Lead, SD and lived there for 3 years. The family then moved to Dillon, MT where he stayed until he was 17 years old. He quit school at the age of 13 and went to work on a ranch in Ennis, MT for 6 months, went back to Dillon and worked for a couple of ranchers there. He went to work for the Briggs Brothers outside of Dell, MT and after a short 3-month stay in Columbus he then joined the United States Navy in Billings, MT on Friday February 13, 1959. Don received his GED in the Navy. He went to San Diego for 9 weeks for Boot Camp. He was then stationed in Hawaii for 3 ½ years from May ’59 until September of ’62. Then he was discharged and went back to Bowman, ND and worked for H&H Services. After working there for only 87 days he made the decision to go to Rapid City, SD and re-enlisted in the Navy. He went to New York to the Brooklyn Navy Shipyard and was assigned to the USS Yamacraw WARC 333 as a cable layer for 2 years. During this time, broke his leg and spent 2 ½ months in Albany Naval Hospital. After 3 months of limited duty, he was assigned to the USS Belknap DLG26 – served 3 years on there. Homeport was Norfolk, VA. Don married Patricia Meaney in Brooklyn, NY in April of 1964. They lived in Flatbush and moved to Norfolk, VA in 1965. Don and Pat adopted John Duane in May of 1968 and then Julie Diane in April of 1970. In 1967 Don became an instructor in the Naval Air Conditioning and Refrigeration School for 3 years. Then he was assigned to the USS Lawrence DDG4 and went to Vietnam in 1970. He served in Vietnam for 7 months. He was then transferred to the USS Portland LPD15 for 3 years and then went to a MOTO2. After 3 years there, he retired as a Chief Petty Officer on December 30, 1977 at the age 36. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendive Chapter #234**. Don and his family moved from Virginia Beach,

VA to Ekalaka, MT until 1978 and then moved to Glendive, MT. Don went to work for Browns Electric and built a home on Bloomfield highway. He and Pat divorced in 1987. Don started his own business called Don's Electric, which became a secondary job when he went to work for the BNSF Railroad in the signal department on September 4, 1990. Don married Rosie Baisch Ley in April of 1989. Rosie passed away on July 7, 2001. Don met Diane Henry on April 24, 2002. Don retired from the railroad in October of 2003. Don enjoyed his retirement years working on his building projects, cars, etc., and sharing many stories with family and friends. He rarely missed a day having coffee with his many friends. Don was preceded in death by his father and mother (John & Stella Heick); two brothers, Jerry and Carrol Heick and his wife, Rosie. Don is survived by his partner of 20 years, Diane Henry, and ex-wife Patricia Heick of Orlando, FL; his son, John (Beth) Heick of Flagstaff, AZ; his daughter, Julie (Fred) Shaw of Bemidji, MN; John Henry of Edinburgh, Scotland; his grandchildren, Samantha (Jared) Shaw, Jesse (Malenny) Rue, Justin Shaw, Matt and Elise Heick; three great-grandchildren Calvin, Arthur, and Ellie Lou; his brother, Nick (Becky) Heick of Surprise, AZ, and; his sister, Eileen Mittelstedter of Rapid City, SD. Don was cremated. A memorial service was held at a later date in 2022.

ROBERT HETTIGER – Died recently in 2022 in East Hampton, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 15, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**.

LYNN PRESTON HINE (USCG, CW04-BOSN-Ret.) - Died Friday, November 2, 2018 at home in La Place, Louisiana at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sheffield, Alabama on November 7, 1951 to the late William Hine (1926-1956) and Jerrel Dean (née Burleson) Drueke (1927-1994) and stepfather, Joseph Drueke, MD (1923-2010). Lynn is survived by Amanda Millet his companion of 19 years; her children, Whitney Triche, Justin Delaneuville and granddaughter, Emma Triche. He is also survived by his estranged wife, Alta Pickler; his children: Crystal Hine, Tracy Lafont (Lyle) and Thomas Sayfarth (Hope); grandchildren Jaden Williams, Cole Lafont, Sophia Lafont, Calen Sayfarth, Emily Sayfarth, and Mandilyn Sayfarth and siblings: Lee Hine, Joseph Drueke (Bunny), Lydia Gipson (Donald), Emily Barnell (Jim) and Amy Bass (Craig) and other family members. Chief Hine (CW04 BOSN) retired from the United States Coast Guard with honors after 30 ½ yrs. of active duty. After his retirement he became an active *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mississippi** and Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club USA. His visitation was held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon at the Morrison Funeral Home, Tuscumbia, Alabama.



MAURICE M. "Mac" HINES - Died Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 78, with his family by his side. The causes of death were heart disease and the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia on March 12, 1943 to the late Edgar and Ruth Hines. He was a graduate of Saint Paul High School, Portsmouth, VA. He is survived by his wife, Sharon (née Bailey) Hines; son Michael C. Hines (Jessa), daughter Kiley Bailey; grandchildren Dominic Mackin, Lilly and Juniper Hines; brothers Pete Hines (Angie), Bill

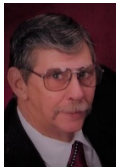
Hines; sisters Cathy McCreary and Liz Hines. He leaves behind many loving nephews, nieces, cousins and friends in VA and FL, especially "Kombat" Karandos of Jacksonville. Mac was a United States Marine, and proud to have served his country in Vietnam and in the Marine Reserves. He worked for the City of Portsmouth and retired from Weller Truck Parts in Jacksonville. He was very active with and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**, the American Legion and, along with others, was a volunteer speaker at various Duval County schools. He was an avid sailor who loved being on the water, was a jokester who loved to laugh and enjoy a good time. A memorial service was held in Jacksonville at a later date. His ashes were buried at Jacksonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in his name to Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter #1046, P.O. Box 331322, Jacksonville, FL 32233-1322 or online at vva.org/chapter/vva-chapter-1046, or to the American Legion, Post #88 online at mylegion.org. The Naugle Funeral Home in Jacksonville handled all the arrangements.

DONALD J. HOFFMAN - Died Monday, February 7, 2022 at Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan at the age of 80. He was a resident of Burlington, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 15, 1941 in Orlando, Florida to the late Elmer and Doris (née Coate) Hoffman. He married Lynn Cutler in 1969 and she preceded him in death in 2007. Donald was employed at A&C Carriers and most recently worked for Pipeline Oil in Jackson, Michigan. Donald served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force. He was an active *Life Member* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Battle Creek Chapter #313**. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tekonsha and volunteered in ministry at the Lakeland Correctional Facility in Coldwater. Donald enjoyed building model cars and shooting pool in his spare time. Donald is survived by two children Eric (Georgia) Hoffman of Camden and Chris Hoffman of Laporte, IN; five grandchildren, Ashlynn, Abbey, Josh, Riley and Jacob. In addition to his wife Lynn, Donald was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services for Donald Hoffman were held on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Eagle Funeral Home-George White Chapel in Litchfield with Pastor Brian Perry officiating. The interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Litchfield. Visitation hours were held from 12:00 Noon until the time of the service. Memorial Contributions were suggested to the Calhoun County Humane Society.



JAMES EDWARD "Jim" HUMBARD, SR. – Died Monday, February 21, 2022 in Dandridge, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jefferson City, Tennessee on August 19, 1947 to the late Henry "Bus" Humbard and Nelia Humbard. He was of the Baptist faith and a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of AMVETS Post #104, Volunteer State Honor Guard, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073** and Combat Motorcycle Association 18-12. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry "Bus" and Nelia Humbard; daughter, Angie Humbard Berry; grandson, Cody Raby; brother, Thomas Humbard; stepdaughter, Michele Sharp; and stepgrandson, Adam Sharp. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Humbard; sons, James "Jimmy" Edward Humbard Jr. of New Market, Dennis (Amanda) Humbard Sr. of Morristown, and Keith

(Kim) Humbard Sr. of Jefferson City; daughter, Kandie Humbard of Dandridge; stepson, Marvin Houser of Dandridge; grandchildren, Kayla (Blake) Henry, Trey Humbard, Dennis "DJ" Humbard Jr., Keith Ryan Humbard Jr., Lori (Brandon) Humbard, Nick Humbard, Trevor Cameron, Cameron Berry, Jeremiah Humbard, Leah Humbard, and Ella Humbard; stepgrandchildren, Andrew Sharp, Alex Sharp, Austin Sharp, Adrain Sharp, Avery Houser, Kaylie Houser, Ayden Houser, and Connor Whetzel; nineteen great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Atkins of Rutledge; brothers, Jerry "Mule" Humbard of Washburn and Bobby Humbard of Kansas; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at Responding to His Call Ministry Church, 1570 Highway 25-70, New Market, TN with Reverend Robert Shaffer officiating. The interment was at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at the East Tennessee State Veteran Cemetery. The family received friends on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 PM prior to the service at the church. The arrangements were made by the Fielden Funeral Home in New Market.



ROY DARRELL "Hutch" HUTCHINS - Died Wednesday, December 15, 2021 in Mount Juliet, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Smith County, Tyler, Texas on September 21, 1948 to the late Carrell Dewayne Hutchins and Billie Virginia (née Green) Hutchins. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Tessa Moore Baggett. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Shirley and daughter, Kelley (Chris) Metzgar; grandchildren, Jessica (Justin) Dunsavage, Dylan (Cally) Basner, Nathan Basner, Braden Metzgar, Nikki Baggett and Melanie Baggett; great-grandchildren, Kayla, Lane and Paige Thornton, Jaidyn Dunsavage and Willa Mae Basner; sister, Debra Hutchins Miller; and nephew, Robert (Kim) Henley. He attended Chapel Hill High School prior to joining the United States Navy Reserves in August 1968. His first tour of duty was Da Nang, Vietnam. He served aboard the Richard K. Turner and the USS Samuel Gompers. Upon return to the States, he was stationed in San Diego, California. He received the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1974 after six years of service. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004*. After his military duty, he attended Tyler Junior College and worked for General Electric. He married Shirley Horton on December 17, 1973. They moved from Tyler to Chandler, Texas in 1983. He worked for Schlumberger Well Services prior to 1990 when he went to work for PepBoys Automotive where he would work for 20 (plus) years as an ASE certified mechanic. He transferred to Tennessee in 1991 for his wife to begin her career in the music industry. He resided in the Nashville suburb community of Mount Juliet for 28 years. He was a founding family and member of the New Heart Christian Church. He was an avid bowler, he taught junior bowling in Texas. He loved to fish; he collected coins and antique knives. He enjoyed his "retirement" working on small engines. A "Celebration of Life" Memorial Service was held at the Sellars Funeral Home at Mount Juliet on Sunday, December 19th at 5:00 PM with Paul Steiner officiating. Visitation was held on Sunday from 3:00 PM until time of service at 5:00 PM. Graveside with Military Honors were held in Tyler Memorial Gardens in Tyler, Texas on Wednesday, December 22nd. The honorary pallbearers were fellow Vietnam veterans: James Baker, Bernie Knott, and Jerry Herring. Memorial contributions can be made to New Heart

Christian Church (Lebanon, TN) and Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon TN Chapter #1004. The arrangements were made by the Sellars Funeral Home at Mount Juliet, 2229 North Mount Juliet Road, Mount Juliet, TN www.sellarsfuneralservices.com.



JAMES DOUGLAS "Jim" JONES – Died Monday, January 3, 2022 in London, Kentucky at the age of 73. The cause of death was coronary artery disease. He was born on March 3, 1948, in Laurel County, Kentucky to the late Nathan Bailey Jones and Celia Cordelia (née Davidson) Johnson. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his wife, Ginny (née Smith) Jones, four sons, James Nathan Jones (Christan) of London, Chris Minton (Kim) of Barbourville, Zandell Allen (Vicki), Glenn Allen (Emilyn), one daughter, Judy Lawless, all of London, two sisters, Marti Jones and Margaret Darnell of Cleveland, Tennessee; two brothers, David Davidson (Jennifer) and Mike Johnson, of London, eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, plus a host of other friends and family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Calvin Allen and his first wife, Essie Mae Murray Jones. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #1050**. He was a member of Old Union Holiness Church and loved living for the Lord. He was owner of James D. Jones Excavating of London. He loved to work but preferred fishing. He especially loved spending time with grandkids and great-grandkids. He suffered from Ramblin' Fever and loved to travel but only with his bed with him. He was a friend to everyone he met because he never met a stranger. Funeral services for James Douglas Jones were conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday in the Bowling Funeral Home Chapel with Bobby Helton and Paul Baker co-officiating. The burial was in the Cumberland Memorial Gardens at Lily. The family of James Douglas Jones received friends at Bowling Funeral Home after 6:00 PM on Tuesday. The pallbearers were David Davidson, Mike Johnson, John Engle, Bill "Roach" Hensley, Billy Stephens, T.J. Lawless. The honorary pallbearers were Wes Baker, Zandell Allen, Edd Queen, Jerry Smith, Kenny Walden, Employees of Jones Excavating.

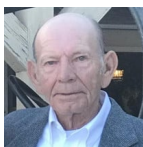
THOMAS A. J. "Tom" KELEHER – Died Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in Addison, New York at the age of 84. He was formerly of Elmira, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hempstead, New York on August 20, 1937 to the late James F. Keleher, Ph.D. and Helen (née McGrail) Keleher and moved to Bucks County, Pennsylvania when he was a young teen. He enjoyed working and hunting at nearby farms. What at Council Rock High School in Newtown, Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1955, he was a member of the F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America). In 1956, he married Catherine Elizabeth Bodnar in Yardley, Pennsylvania. They had four children, Timothy, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Daniel, of Columbia Crossroads, Pennsylvania, Karen, of California, Pennsylvania and Washington, and Michael of North Carolina. He is survived by his wife and children; six grandchildren, and; great-granddaughters. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Prior to the onset of Tom's illness, Tom and Kathy served as volunteers for **AVVA Chapter #803** in Elmira, New York. Private funeral services were planned. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be sent to VVA Chapter #803, 1200 Davis, Elmira, NY 14901.



RONALD CLIFFORD "Ron" KELLER – Died Thursday, February 24, 2022 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 78. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Louisville on February 22, 1943. Ron received an associate degree in architecture from Fresno State College. After college, Ron served in the United States Army as a medic. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. After working in an architectural firm. He moved to Louisville to be with his family. He made a career as a field superintendent for various construction companies. He owned his own company, Ron Keller General Construction Service. Ron worked for Lloyd Bilyeu Construction Company when he retired. Ron loved woodworking, baseball, coaching Little League, golf, animals (especially dogs), his church and his friends and family. Once you met him, you never forgot him. He will be forever missed. Ron is survived by his wife, Earlene; his children, Pete Keller, Rhonda DeBell (Steve), Scott Keller (Heather), and Allen Keller (Heather); grandchildren, Garrett Keller, Zack Keller, Luke Keller, Cameron Matherly, Roger Keller and Amelia Rogers; brothers, David Keller (Susan) and Daniel Keller (Collett), and sisters, Nellie Borders (Mike) and Barbara Marsh (Randy). Visitation was held from 2:00-8:00 PM on Monday at the Owen Funeral Home - Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road. The Funeral Service was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 13271 New Hopewell Road. The burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park.

THOMAS R. "Tom" KIMBALL – Died recently in 2022 in Foxfire Village, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**.

THOMAS JOHN KOWALSKI – Died Tuesday, February 22, 2022 in Taylors, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 17, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Landrum Chapter #1049**. The Wood Mortuary, Inc. of Greer, South Carolina was in charge of all the arrangements.



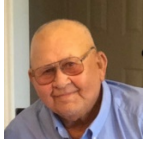
JOE V. KRASUCKY, JR. - Died Sunday, January 30, 2022 in Louise, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on September 26, 1948 in El Campo, Texas to the late Joe and Sophie (née Cernoch) Krasucky, Sr. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and worked for over 50 years as a carpenter. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Carol (née Popp) Krasucky of Louise, daughters Michelle Foster and husband Thomas, Tammy Gonzalez and husband Sonny, son Bradley Krasucky and wife Stacey, grandchildren Hannah Dreibrodt, Zachary and Conner Gonzalez, Bradyn and Ethan Krasucky, sisters Barbara Socha and husband Albert, Diane Cerny and husband Lloyd, and brother George Krasucky. Visitation began at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 followed by a rosary at 9:30 AM and Funeral Services at 10:00 AM at the Triska Funeral Home with Deacon Larry Hoelscher officiating. The burial was in the Saint Andrew Cemetery in Hillje, Texas with military

honors under the auspices of American Legion Post #251. The pallbearers were Preston Dornak, Curtis Dornak, Gary Williamson, G. W. Krasucky, Bubba Baker and Donald Sohrt. The honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren, David Popp, Thomas Woster, Sonny Gonzalez and Colson Dreibrodt. Memorials in memory of Joe may be made to Houston Hospice-El Campo. The Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, Texas was in charge of the arrangements.



GERALD EDWARD KUECKER (USN, LCDR-Ret.) – Died Saturday, February 26, 2022 in Fleming Island, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born near West Bend, Iowa on December 27, 1942 to the late Clarence E. Kuecker and Ruby E. (née Ebbeson) Kuecker. After moving to Minnesota in 1952, Mr. Kuecker graduated from Slayton High School in 1960 and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from South Dakota State University in 1964. He was commissioned in 1965 and completed fixed wing and rotary wing flight training in Pensacola, FL in 1966. As a United States Naval Officer and Naval Aviator he completed two deployments to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam war. Flying the UH-2C helicopter he rescued two downed U.S. Pilots. He was awarded two Air Medals, Navy Citation, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, two Naval Reserve ribbons, and National Defense Medal, and U.S. Navy Pistol Expert. Mr. Kuecker was released from the U.S. Navy under honorable conditions in 1969 and then joined the U.S. Navy Reserves in 1969. He then flew as a pilot in the SP-2H Neptune and the P-3A Orion on Anti-Submarine Warfare missions. He retired from the Reserves in 1985 as a Lieutenant Commander. Mr. Kuecker also served in the U.S. Treasury Department as a Special Agent and as a Pilot Supervisor with the U.S. Customs Service and retired from U.S. Customs as a GS-14 in 1995. He graduated from the University of Southern California Aviation Safety Program in 1985 and graduated from the U.S. Navy War College Command and Staff Course in 1979. He was VFW Post #750 Commander in 2001-2002 and VFW South Dakota State Commander in 2012-2013. He was a *Life Member* of the VFW, American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**, and Disabled American Veterans. He was also an annual member of the National Rifle Association, Military Officers Association, and Federal Law Enforcement Association. As a Civilian Pilot, Mr. Kuecker held an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate and Certified Flight Instructor in Multi-engine, Single engine and Instrument Instructor. He held Pilot Type Ratings in the T-39 Jet Sabreliner, C-55 Jet Citation, the UH-60 Blackhawk and the GS-2 Grumman. He also piloted many other aircraft including: multi-engine turboprops, single engine, and the Bell Cobra. He was the father of two most beloved daughters, with his previous beloved wife. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Shirley, and is survived by his brother, Ron, and sister, Darlene. He is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, and a wonderful son-in-law. He was an avid hunter and horseback rider. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 3, 2022 in the Jacksonville National Cemetery with Military Honors. Because of the flower policy of Jacksonville National Cemetery; in lieu of flowers, we ask friends and family please plant Mr. Kuecker's favorite flowers, peonies, or plant a tree he admired, a cottonwood tree. The

arrangements were under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL. Family and friends may share their condolences at: www.RHRFH.com. A reception was announced to be held at a later time.



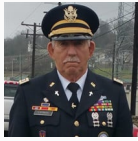
CALVIN JOE KUEHN – Died Thursday, February 17, 2022 in La Grange, Texas at the age of 82, peacefully surrounded by his daughters and son. The cause of death is unknown. Calvin was born in La Grange on May 11, 1939. He grew up as an only child. He later met the love of his life, Vicky Hartfield. They married on June 11, 1960. His first child was born on October 6, 1960 and passed away on October 28, 1960. In March of 1962, he answered the call to military duty in the United States Army. He was one of the first 10,000 soldiers deployed in Vietnam and served until November 1963. He returned to Texas and started his family life and career with Fayette Electric before joining the U.S. Post Office, where he enjoyed 32 years of service. He was active in the VFW, American Legion, La Grange Volunteer Fire Department, Fair Association, City Council, Hermann Sons and his church. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. After Vicky passed away in May of 1999, he became an active colleague at Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home. Always seeking to help others, he found it therapeutic and rewarding to reach out to those grieving the loss of their loved ones. He knew everyone in town, and was always willing to pronounce a traditional Bohemian or German name correctly for his colleagues. Calvin was a Christian who loved the Lord and served Him faithfully. At home, he loved his family with all of his being. He left a legacy to his family about humanitarianism and civic responsibility. He put his community first by always doing for others. He set an example for his children and grandchildren that will lead them all their lives. Everyone who knew Calvin had a friend. He never met a stranger and was quick to strike up a conversation with anyone around him. You could find him weekday early mornings at Whataburger with his coffee group friends. He had a thirst for knowledge and loved to share his wisdom with others, whether you wanted to hear it or not. Calvin had a unique perspective, always wanting to know about others and helping others. He had a passion for his work, his volunteering, his community, and his home life. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Just as his father was there to greet him with open arms, Calvin will greet us one day. What a great comfort to know that. Calvin is survived by his four children: Linda Edmiaston (Gary), Diane Menefee (Frank), David Kuehn, and Joy Kuehn; six grandchildren: Casey Edmiaston, Shelby Edmiaston, Courtney Menefee, Haley Avila (Abe), Gunter Kuehn, Carley Kuehn; two great-grandchildren: Colby Menefee and Amelia Jane Avila; and sisters-in-law: Rita Hartfield and Susan Steinhauser. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vicky Kuehn and one child, Brenda Sue Kuehn, his parents, Joe and Helen Kuehn and brother-in-law, Clyde Hartfield. Visitation hours were held at the Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home and Cremations on Monday, February 21, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The family was present to receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The funeral was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. A light luncheon was held immediately after the funeral service in the Fellowship Hall. The interment was in the La Grange City Cemetery at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be made to the La Grange Volunteer Fire Department, 244 North Franklin, La Grange, TX 78945. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Koenig – Belvill Funeral Home and Cremations, 208 West Pearl, La Grange, Texas. Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at www.lagrangefunerals.com.



STEVEN T. "Steve" KUYKENDALL (Former U.S. Rep.) – Died Friday, January 22, 2022 in his home in Long Beach, California at the age of 73. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in McAlester, Oklahoma on January 27, 1947. He was a fixture in South Bay politics who also spearheaded a successful effort to create temporary housing in Long Beach for families of veterans getting medical treatment and the city's VA hospital. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redondo Beach Chapter #53**. Kuykendall, a Republican who began his political career as a Rancho Palos Verdes City Council member in 1991 and eventually ended in the U.S. House of Representatives. After high school, he attended Oklahoma City University, where he received his bachelor's degree. Kuykendall then served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968 to 1973, including tours in Vietnam. After the war, he attended San Diego State University, where he earned his Master of Business Administration Degree. The longtime Palos Verdes Peninsula resident won a seat in the state Assembly in 1994 — the same year he served as RPV mayor — defeating incumbent Betty Karnette; that district also included Long Beach. Four years later, Kuykendall successfully ran for Congress, after Jane Harman gave up the seat to run for governor. Kuykendall served in the 106th Congress from 1999 to 2001. Harman ran for the seat again in 2000, narrowly defeating Kuykendall. He attempted to return to Congress in 2012, running for the newly created 47th Congressional District, which includes Long Beach and portions of Orange County. He finished third in the primary, missing the runoff election, which was won by Democrat Alan Lowenthal, who remains that district's representative. A year after his election loss, Kuykendall turned his attention to building a Fisher House next to the VA Long Beach Healthcare System. Fisher Houses serve as temporary housing for family members of veterans undergoing medical treatment at VA hospitals, similar to Ronald McDonald Houses at children's hospitals. Kuykendall formed and chaired a fundraising committee to bring in \$3 million, which the international Fisher House Foundation would then match. "We were able to raise \$3 million in three years and a little more beside," Kuykendall said the week before the Long Beach house opened in 2016. "We were just blown away by the generosity, and the patriotism, the community showed." His Co-Chair on the fundraising committee was Terry Geiling, executive director of the Gold Star Manor at the time. He and Kuykendall pivoted to create the Fisher Houses of Southern California Foundation, supporting houses at Camp Pendleton and Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. "He was Chair, and as was typical with Steve, he had a hand in everything," Geiling said Monday, Jan. 25. "When it looked like he would be stepping down, we had to look to divide up all the work he was doing among several people." Kuykendall was a longtime resident of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, where he and his wife, Jan, raised three children. Geiling said there would soon be a small ceremony for family only, with a celebration of life after the coronavirus pandemic abates. Kuykendall is survived by his wife, Jan Kuykendall; daughter, Kerry Smith; sons Brent Kuykendall and Craig Kuykendall; and seven

grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, he requested donations to the Peninsula Education Foundation or Fisher House Southern California.



EDWARD CLEOFICE LAYMAN - Died Friday, February 4, 2022 in New Market, Tennessee at the age of 73, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jefferson City, Tennessee on October 18, 1948 to the late Cleofice and Dora Layman. Edward was a United States Army Veteran and Vietnam War Veteran. He was a member of AMVETS and Volunteer State Honor Guard for many years. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. Edward was also a retired miner, logger and farmer. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Telia Layman; parents, Cleofice and Dora Layman; sister, Hazel Mae; brothers, Curtis and David Layman; four grandchildren born into eternal life, Kara Melody Layman and her two siblings, and Cadaline Wilson; son-in-law, Denver Cantrell; and sister-in-law, Kathy Layman. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce Scarbrough Layman; children, Colonel Chad (Tina) Layman, Adria Cantwell (Daniel), Jessica (Johnny) Wilson and Kelsey (Steven) Tolbert; step-children, April Reed (Rob), Cory (Juwann) Maynard, Michael (Claudia) Dixon, and Joshua Fry; grandchildren, Christopher, Daniel, Angelina Alora (Ricky) Alea, Devin, Connelly, Aniya, Kinsley, Stryder, Stryker, Chandler, Cadence, Catalina, Calleigh, Abriel, Isaiah, Maddy, Levi, Gavin, Silas and Myles; sisters, Arletta (Jay) Beasley and Anita (Sammy) Hurst; brother, Howard Layman. The funeral service was held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the New Era Baptist Church with Reverend Dwayne White officiating. The interment was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday in East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery with military honors and Reverend Mark Scarbrough officiating. The family received friends on Tuesday from 4:00 - 6:00 PM prior to the service at the church. The arrangements were made by the Fielden Funeral Home in New Market.



RODNEY LOUIS "Jimmy" LAZARE - Died Saturday, January 6, 2018 in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 65, a local hospital surrounded by his family and loved ones. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 15, 1952 in Lake Charles to the late Herman Lazare, Sr. and Mable (née Johnson) Lazare. Rodney was a 1971 Graduate of Marion High School where he was a dynamic football player. Upon graduating he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving his country in the Vietnam War for 6 years after which he received his honorable discharge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. He then attended McNeese State College. Rodney (Jimmy) Lazare retired from the City of Lake Charles after 20 years of service. Rodney (Jimmy) leaves to cherish his brother, Herman Lazare, Jr.; two sisters, Loyce Fontenot and Etta Green; his Godmother, Helen (Odessa) Reed; his Special Friend, Klodinia Tillman; two Godsons, Reggie Reado and Michael Lazare, and; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Sidney George Lazare.



LYNELL BRUCE LEASMAN – Died Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at his home in Boyd, Minnesota at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was the first-born son of Helen May (née Haaland) and Bruce James Leasman, was born on October 4, 1947 in Clarkfield, Minnesota. Lynell was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyd. Lynell graduated from Boyd High School in 1965. Lynell went on to attend Vo-tech in Canby and then enlisted in the United States Navy in 1967, prepared to work on airplanes. Lynell was aboard the USS Enterprise outside of Oahu, Hawaii in 1969 when a series of explosions caused the ship to break out in fire; a devastating experience that he never forgot. Lynell was honorably discharged on November 2, 1970. He was awarded the National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Service medal and Armed Forces Expeditionary medal. Lynell was a lifetime member of Dawson Strand and Saboe VFW post and the Boyd American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1054**. Lynell was united in marriage to Deborah Kay (née Kostad) Brehmer on September 24, 1977. Lynell, Deb and her son, Mike, made their home in Boyd. Two daughters, Laura and Lynnsey, born to this union, attempted to give Lynell as many gray hairs as possible (hardly any!). Lynell joined the Boyd Fire Department in 1972. With many years spent as the Fire Chief, Lynell dedicated himself to the fire department for 50 years. Lynell made his living as an auto mechanic, running Leasman Repair, and helped all his “neighbors” in Boyd, ensuring their utilities were working and roads were plowed. He also served citizens of Boyd as a member of the city council for many years. Lynell enjoyed racing go-carts, tractor pulls, riding motorcycle, collecting treasures, and going to auctions. Lynell also spent many hours playing cards with his family, making sure they always knew the correct rules and, somehow, almost always winning. There was nothing he could not fix, find, or fabricate. Lynell was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. Lynell was a jokester who loved pranks and mastered the art of dad jokes before they were cool. Lynell was diagnosed with cancer in August of 2018. A man of few words, on the day of his diagnosis stated, “Some say life is like a card game, guess I was just dealt a bad hand this round.” Lynell and his family are eternally grateful to Dr. Huber, Nurse Jess- CNP, and the rest of the Oncology team at Avera Marshall for providing outstanding care and treatments to keep him fighting for as long as he did. Lynell and his family were also blessed with support from the wonderful hospice team from Carris Health, especially Kris and Becky, during Lynell’s final months. Lynell fought ferociously and without complaints, his final spoken words being “I’m okay.” Lynell shared his life with his wife of almost 45 years, Deb; children, Mike (Jen) Brehmer, Laura (Glen VanHecke) Swedzinski, and Lynnsey (Ben) Standahl; grandchildren, Nathan (Kelli), Matthew & Joseph Brehmer, Baily Kaas, Gus VanHecke, Clare & Cole Swedzinski, Shelby, Kylie & Torbjorn Standahl; mother, Helen May, and siblings Alice (Roger) Janiszkeski, Lonnie (Lonnie) Leasman and Leslie Leasman. “Uncle Boog” will be greatly missed by Rick & Ryan Mogard, Lori Strelow, Teri Doehring, and Kristi Terry, David Palo, Audrey Kangas, Keith Palo, Christopher and Rachelle Leasman. He will also be missed by cousins, many friends, and Menards. Lynell is preceded in death by his father, Bruce, and parents-in-law, Stanley & Leone Kostad. Visitation was held on Sunday, March 6, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the J.H. Lynner Funeral Home in Clarkfield with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 PM. Visitation resumed at 9:30 AM on Monday, March 7th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyd, followed

by the funeral service at 10:30 AM. Interment with military honors was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Boyd. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Boyd Fire Department, Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Avera Marshall Oncology, or Carris Health Rice Hospice.



JESSE MORRIS LEE - Died Friday, February 18, 2022 at his home in Linden, Tennessee at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lobelville, Tennessee on June 9, 1943 to the late Morris Donald Lee and Mary Rue (née Rogers) Lee. Jesse was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam and a *Life Member* of **Perry County Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. He was a 50-year member of the Linden Masonic Lodge #210. He was retired from the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation. He has also worked for Consolidated Aluminum, for the Perry County Highway Department and both Only and Clifton prisons. He was a member of the Perry County Bass Club, enjoyed fishing, hunting, going to flea markets and bartering with people. He loved his family but especially his great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents he is also preceded in death by his wife Katie Sue Dedrick Lee, a grandson Mitchell Polan and brothers Teddy and Troy Lee. Survivors include his son Mike (Tina) Polan of Linden, granddaughter Courtnie (Kevin) Daniel, great-grandchildren Sloane, Charlotte and Kohen Daniel and Remington Polan, sisters Betty (Tom) Culp of Linden and Karen (Danny) Gilley of Decaturville, a brother Nathan (Susan) Lee of Georgia and a host of other loving family members and many, many friends.



ALAN ROBERT LEIGHTON - Died Saturday, September 12, 2020 in Hampden, Maine at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 4, 1949. Alan was very dedicated and his family was the most important aspect of his life. He was a hard worker, a wonderful provider and a great mentor to his sons. He served in the United States Army and did two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**. He owned his own drywall business for years. Those who remember Alan speak of his generosity and compassion for others. Some of his greatest enjoyments were coaching baseball, packing kids into his van to go to a concert, collecting trains and building many beautiful model cars. Alan was a strong advocate for veterans and helped many of them get their claims approved. Alan is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Brenda; and their two sons, Chris and Josh, and a very special granddaughter, Destiny Doyle. Many nieces and nephews: Angela, Jay, Tracy, Bill, Brent, Melissa, Rebecca, Krista, Alicia, and Daniel. He is also survived by a very special friend, Bob Moody. A Celebration of Life was announced to be held at a later date.



BALLARD LEE LESTER - Died Tuesday, October 5, 2021 in Midway, West Virginia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 5, 1948 in Pemberton, West Virginia to the late Carl Lester and Lena Mae (née Thompson) Lester. He was also predeceased by three brothers, Fred Lester, Carlen (Buck) Lester, Carl (Punk) Lester Jr., and a sister Nancy Harless. Ballard Lee Lester left this world for his Heavenly home, and in doing so, left behind an entire list of legacies. He will always be remembered as a great man of God, a doting husband, a loving father and grandfather, a United States Army Veteran who served his country, a coach to so many, and the Lester Boys' (Brian, Nick and Andy) biggest fan. In February of 1969, Ballard was drafted into the United States Army, where he fought and served with honor. In July of that year, he married what would be his life-long love, Mary Catherine (Cathy) Zeboskey, by which he is survived. Two weeks later, he was shipped off to Vietnam, where he earned a bronze star and proudly served his country until 1971, when he and Cathy were blessed with a son, Brian Lee Lester, by which he is also survived. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860*. They lived their life and raised Brian in the Sophia and Midway areas where Ballard became an integral part of the community. From serving as a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent at Sophia Freewill Baptist Church to his over 40 years of service and dedication to Sophia Little League he was a staple in the community and a friendly face to so many. Once you met Ballard, you knew him; he never met a stranger. And if you knew him you knew these things: He loved his family with his whole heart and his grandsons with his whole heart plus; Nickolas and Andrew Lester hung the moon in his eyes. And you knew the man loved baseball! While his heart belonged to Independence Baseball and Sophia Little League, if you have been to a baseball field in any part of Raleigh County in the last 40 years, you have probably ran into Ballard Lester. He coached many kids over the years, heckled quite a few umpires, and maybe even got tossed from a game or two, but that's baseball and that is what he loved. Goodbyes are hard, so we won't say them. For now, we'll just say "Bye-Cicle", until we see you again. Funeral services were conducted at Sophia Freewill Baptist Church in Sophia, WV on Friday, October 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM with Pastor Bobby Carter officiating. The burial was at Hot Coal Cemetery in Sophia, WV. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the services on Friday at the Church. The pallbearers were Aaron Bowles, Andrew Lester, Chris Cox, Dakota Lester, Nickolas Lester, and Reece Price. Private online condolences, floral tributes, and other expressions of sympathy may be directed to the family via our guestbook at www.roseandquesenberry.net. The arrangements were made by the Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, 1901 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV.



FREDERICK A. "Fred" LESTER - Died Monday, December 6, 2021, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana at the age of 73. He was a resident of Aurora, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 21, 1948 to the late Chester R. Lester and Geneva (née Combs) Lester.

He served his country as a member of the United States Army during Vietnam. Fred served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam war, where he honorably served with the 1st Cavalry Division at Bien Hoa, South Vietnam as well as Phuoc Vinh. He was very patriotic, and was a member of the Southeastern Indiana Honor Guard. Fred would work with and mentor struggling veterans appointed by the Southeastern Indiana Veterans Treatment Court. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. Fred was an extremely intelligent man, he served on the city council. He enjoyed playing guitar, and was amazing at it. He was in several bands and played with Lonnie Mack, George Smith and Dick Martin. He worked at Hillrom, at Seagram's, and was at the Trading Post. He was very good at repairing instruments and had a shop in Aurora. He collected musical instruments and boots. Fred loved to help people and will be greatly missed. Fred is survived by his children, Anthony Zinser of Aurora, IN, Mathew (Joni) Zinser of Morrow, OH, Connie Jean Lee of Aurora, IN; dear friend, Sherry "Lucy" Lester Zinser; grandchildren, Logan & Layla Zinser (fiancé Devyn Burke), Isaiah & Jonah Zinser and Lazarus Warner. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends were received on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM at the Rullman Hunger Funeral Home, 219 Mechanic Street, Aurora, Indiana. The services were held at the funeral home at 2:00 PM. The interment was in the River View Cemetery, Aurora, Indiana. Military graveside services were conducted by the Southeastern Indiana Honor Guard. Contributions may be made to the Southeastern Indiana Veterans Treatment Court or Southeastern Indiana Honor Guard. If unable to attend services, please call the funeral home office at (812) 926-1450 and we will notify the family of your donation with a card.



KENNETH ELMORE "Ken" "Kenny" LESTRUD - Died Sunday, February 20, 2022 in Menomonie, Wisconsin at the age of 78, after a courageous seven-month battle with cancer and heart failure. Kenneth was born on July 7, 1943 in Menomonie to the late Elmore Kenneth Lestrud and Ruby S. (née Galstad) Lestrud. Kenny grew up on the family dairy farm in Tainter Township. He was a 4-H member and was very proud to have had the champion hog at the Wisconsin State Fair in 1956. Kenny graduated from Colfax High School in 1961. He then attended Eau Claire State and later transferred to the University of Minnesota, Forestry School, St. Paul Campus. During this time, he also worked on the family farm. In April of 1968 Kenny enlisted in the United States Army receiving basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and then on to further training in Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. He was then assigned to HHB 8th Target Acquisition Battalion, 25th Artillery. In September 1968 he was deployed to South Vietnam where he was stationed at several fire bases in the Delta. He was involved in many combat operations. Among the medals he received was the Silver Star. Kenny was honorably discharged April 17, 1971, and he returned home. His service in Vietnam resulted in post-traumatic stress disorder which impacted the rest of his life. In 1990 the Veteran's Administration awarded him 100% Total and Permanent Disability. In the fall of 1971 Kenny returned to the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus to finish his degree. In March of 1974 he received his degree from the school of Forestry. On June 22, 1974 Kenny married Mary Joy Peters whom he had met when she and his sister Karolynn were roommates at Augsburg College. They lived on Nicollet Island in Minneapolis for several years.

which Kenny always said were some of the best years of his life and where many lifelong friends were made. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he worked for the city of Fridley, MN as a tree inspector and later as the building engineer for a twenty-story high rise apartment building in Dinkytown, Minneapolis. After moving to Menomonie, he worked for the Menomonie School District and retired on disability in 1990. Kenny moved back home to Menomonie in 1977 where he and Mary built a log home and had two children, Amanda and Andrew. His children made him very proud. Kenny became very active in and was one of the early members and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Mike Voth (Eau Claire) Memorial Chapter #5** in Eau Claire serving as their secretary for many years. He was also very active in the fight against sand mines in the area serving as treasurer for Save the Hills Alliance for a number of years. He became a friend of Bill W. in August of 2001. He was very proud of his hard fought twenty years of sobriety. Along the journey he was active in helping many others with their struggles. One of the highlights of his later years was the trip he and Mary took with sister Karolynn to the land of his ancestors, Norway and London. He thoroughly enjoyed this trip. The blessing of his later years was the birth of his granddaughter, Bria Joy Kassa. True to her name, she brought much joy to his life. Three years later he received another blessing with the birth of granddaughter McKenna Rae Kassa. He enjoyed being Grandpa to his girls very much. Kenny is survived by his wife of 47 years Mary, daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Shane Kassa, granddaughters Bria and McKenna Kassa, son Andrew Lestrud, sister Karolynn Lestrud, niece Sarah Steinberg, several dear cousins, and many friends. Kenny was preceded in death by his parents Elmore and Ruby (Galstad) Lestrud, Aunt Martha (Lestrud) Hendrickson and her husband Orville Hendrickson, Uncle Syrus Lestrud and his wife Helen, and cousins Ellwyn Hendrickson, and Orville Hendrickson, Jr. and his wife Virginia. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 25, 2022 at the Olson Funeral Home in Menomonie, WI with Pastor Heather Wigdahl officiating. There was a visitation one hour prior to the service. The burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in the spring with Military Honors by Menomonie Veterans Honor Guard.



ROBERT VIRGIL “Bob” LINTZ - Died Thursday, February 24, 2022, in Mercy Hospital, Paducah, Kentucky at the age of 76. He was a resident of East Moline, Illinois formerly of Cobden, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 15, 1945 in Washington, Iowa to the late Virgil and Norma (née Deastch) Lintz. He served two tours in Vietnam with the United States Air Force and graduated with top honors from Saint Ambrose University. He married Marcia McKinney on May 18, 1974, in Moline. He was employed at Inpro Companies, Rock Island, for 22 years, retiring in 1998 as Comptroller. He previously worked at KPMG and John Deere Insurance Company. He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, Moline, and Saint Mary Catholic Church, Anna, Illinois, as well as a lifetime member of VFW, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. He also belonged to the Knights of Columbus Leo Council in East Moline, and Knights of Columbus in Union County, Illinois, and was a member of Cursillo. He was the founder of Neighborhood Watch in East Moline, the oldest one in the Quad Cities. He was a former member of Kiwanis, American Legion, DAV, and National

Association of Accountants. He had served on the boards of Rock Island Health Council, Rock Island Small Business Incubator, the 17th Congressional District Veterans, Small Business Advisory Boards, and the John Deere Credit Union. His interest were work, community, and family, and he loved local history. His family has many fond memories including listening to songs of Red Sovine, Saturday morning breakfasts out followed by trips to the local hardware store to get supplies for home improvement projects. In later years, Bob enjoyed attending farm shows with his son and two older grandsons. We will miss Bob immensely but are so happy that he is no longer suffering. Bob is survived by his wife, Marcia; two children, Jonathan Lintz of Cobden, Illinois, and Sara Sacks and her husband David of Chicago; grandchildren, Jace Lintz, Caleb Sacks (who called him "Papa Bobber"), and Jonah Sacks; step-grandchildren, Carlie and Colton Clausen; siblings and spouses, Linda and Robert Phillips of Delray Beach, Florida, Leon and Debbie Lintz of Homestead, Iowa, and Sue Ann and Marc Stavale of Homestead, Florida; and ex-daughters-in-law, Jami Hartsock and Jennifer Lintz. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Leonard and Dean Lintz; and Marcia's parents, Fred and Marcella McKinney. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday at Christ the King Catholic Church, 3209 60th Street, Moline with Reverend Father Donald Levitt celebrating. The burial was in Rock Island National Cemetery where Vietnam Veterans #299 presented military honors. The Rosary was recited Wednesday at 4:00 PM, followed by visitation until 7:00 PM at the Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12th Street, Moline. Memorials may be made to the church. An additional memorial service was from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, March 27th at the VFW Post #3455, 70 VFW Lane, Anna, Illinois, with a time of sharing at 4:30 PM. The family would like to give special thanks to Bob's friend and caregiver, Shelly Thomas, and invites friends to share stories and condolences at TrimbleFuneralHomes.com.



DAVID EARL LUTE - Died Wednesday, February 9, 2022, in Aultman Hospital following a period of declining health at the age of 76. He was a resident of Tippicanoe, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. David was born in Dover, Ohio on March 24, 1945 to the late William Garner and Mariam (née Lute) Garner. David honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart when his barracks was shelled. He was always very proud of his service and was instrumental in bringing the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to Tuscarawas County several years ago. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. Throughout his life David worked hard at Marlite and then Ekco Housewares. He was an avid collector of model trains. He always was planning new ways to display his trains. He also worked to helped the Dennison Depot with their displays. David was a life-long member of Goshen Nazarene Church, serving as a trustee for many years. On September 30, 1966 he married, Deanna (née Hammer) Lute who survives. In addition to his wife, David is survived by his children, Christopher (Elizabeth) Lute of Hilliard, OH, Heather Cua and companion Scott Hopkins of New Philadelphia; grandchildren, Paige Lute, Sydney Lute, Megan Cua, Cameron Lute, and Camden Cua; his siblings, Joyce (Jake) Zeigler, William (Nancy) Garner, Kathy (Gene) Kouba, Karen (Rod) Dietrich, Paul Garner, Marlene Garner, Cheryl Garner,

and Alice Parks; along with numerous nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his parents and his grandmother Eva Lute who raised him. A Memorial Service was led by Pastor Lee Randolph on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 1:00 PM in Goshen Church of Nazarene at 2501 David Road SE, New Philadelphia. The inurnment was place on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 1:15 PM in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery where military honors were rendered. Memorial contributions in David's name may be directed to Goshen Church of Nazarene, 2501 David Road SE, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 or Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, 700 East Fee Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32901. The Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home and Crematory at New Philadelphia handled all the arrangements.



ALAN FREDERICK MABERRY – Died Sunday, January 30, 2022 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia on June 5, 1948. He was the beloved husband of Ruth (née Raymond) Maberry; brother of Sherrill (Clyde) Croasdale, Joan Maberry, Faith Howe, and Jonathan Maberry; brother-in-law of Jacqueline Cipriani; son-in-law of Margaret Leon. He was also survived by his loving nieces and nephews. Alan proudly served two tours in Vietnam with the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 9:30 AM with the service beginning at 11:00 AM (at the Funeral Home). The interment was on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA. In lieu of flowers, family requested contributions be made in Alan's Memory to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #266, 1517 East Luzerne Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124.



JOHN LEE MALACK - Died Tuesday, December 28, 2021 in Heritage Valley-Beaver at the age of 75. He was a resident of Patterson Township, New Brighton, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 19, 1946 in New Brighton to the late Michael and Rose (née Helisek) Malack. A proud veteran of the United States Army, John was a member of the American Federation of Police, Blue Knights, the American Legion, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Freedom Chapter #862**. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Dorothy Mary Ann (née Majetic) Malack; five children, Jamie (Tim) Davis, Michael (Valerie) Malack, Monica (Jake) Pashuta, Jessica Stewart and Jamie Stewart; seven grandchildren, Hayden, Ava, Carter and Arianna Davis, Colin Malack and JT and Max Pashuta; a brother, Steve (Mary Alice) Malack; and a sister-in-law, Loretta Malack. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Malack. All services were private. Private inurnment took place in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.



RICK M. MANZELLA - Died Thursday evening, January 13, 2022 peacefully at home in Portland, New York at the age of 75, with his loving family at his side following a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. Rick was born on July 3, 1946 in Dunkirk, New York to the late Liborio and Fredora (née Mawhir) Manzella. A lifelong resident of the area, Rick attended Brocton Central School and graduated with the class of 1964. Following graduation, he enlisted with the United States Marine Corps and served two tours during the Vietnam conflict and was honorably discharged in 1968. Upon returning home, Rick began a career with the Village of Brocton as an electrical line worker retiring in 2002 after 30 years of service there. Following retirement, he managed and operated his grape farm known as Manzella Farms. Rick was one of three of the longest lifetime members of the JW Dill Post #434 American Legion of Brocton, NY. He was also a member of the Westfield VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunkirk Chapter #459**, National Grape Co-op, Cornell Extension, Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, a former trustee of 16 years with the town of Portland and an exempt member of the Portland Volunteer Fire department. In his spare time, he enjoyed getting away and going on cruises and spending time with his late wife Laura, and his beloved family. Rick is survived by his daughter Susan Manzella, his sisters, Kathleen (Larry) Thies, Julie (Tim) Matthews, brothers, Michael (Nancy) Manzella, Thomas (Deanne) Manzella, Robert (Katherine) Manzella, step-daughters, Karen (Terry) Dellert and Kathie (Mike) Bremer, step-son Kevin (Rebecca) Bremer, cherished step-grandchildren, Cullen, Caitlin, Emily, Sarah, Laura, and Conor. Several step-great-grandchildren also survive. In addition to his parents, Rick was preceded in death by his loving wife Laura who died on December 7, 2020, his son Lee Manzella who died May 29, 2019, and his sister Sandra Heyden. A memorial service for Rick was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Brocton American Legion, West Main Street, Brocton, NY with Pastor James Witherington officiating. A luncheon was served immediately following. The burial was private in the Portland Evergreen Cemetery, Portland, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care, 20 West Fairmount Avenue, Lakewood, NY 14750 or to a charity of one's choice. The funeral arrangements were cared for and provided by the Morse Funeral Home, 51 Highland Avenue, Brocton, NY 14716.

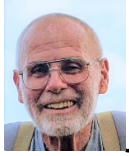


DONALD MICHAEL "Don" MARINO - Died Thursday, February 10, 2022 in Belford, New Jersey at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Donald was born on August 23, 1942 at Fort Dix, New Jersey to the late Thomas and Helen Marino. He graduated from West Orange High School in 1960, played football for Carteret Prep School and attended Upsala and Bloomfield colleges. Donald served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960-1964. He met his wife, Margie, while working in Maplewood. They married in 1968 and moved to Belford in 1973. He was a member of the VFW Post #2179 as well as a past Commander of the Watchung Power

Squadron. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. In the 1990s Don was the "bright and cheery" owner of Don's Deli. He was predeceased by his parents, Helen and Thomas Marino. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margie, daughters; Donna (Bill, deceased) Kennelly and Denise McCarthy, both of NC, and 6 grandchildren; Carrington, William and Samantha Kennelly and Keith, Hailee and Jared McCarthy. Also survived by his sister, Phyllis (Armand) Ricciardelli, sister in-law, Georgeanne (Walter) Booth and nieces and nephews. Friends and family were welcome to attend a visitation that was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 from 3:00-7:00 PM at the Evergreen Memorial Funeral home on Route #35 in Middletown. A private family cremation and interment was at the Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA.



LOUIS D. "Marty" MARTIN, JR. - Died at 11:49 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018 at Barnes Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 61. He was a resident of Granite City, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 18, 1956 in Newport, Rhode Island. He married Loretta F. (née Pace) Martin on September 29, 1984 at Saint Mark Catholic Church in Venice and she survives. He had worked as a government contractor with 36 years of dedicated service and had spent many of those years at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City. Marty had retired December 13, 2017 from the Long Lake Fire Department with 24 years of dedicated service to the community and had served as a Past Vice-President. The United States Marine Corps veteran proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. He was very involved and always trying to help his community and any veteran organization throughout the years. He was a member and had served as a Past Commander of the American Legion Post #307 in Madison where he was very active with the Color Guard and Forty and Eight. He was also a member of the AMVETS Post #1500 in Pontoon Beach, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Illinois**, P.O.W. - M.I.A. Vigil Team, Tri-City Veterans Organization, Ozarks Elks Lodge, Venice Social Club and the National Rifle Association. Marty will be remembered for the love and special times shared with his family, friends and colleagues. In addition to his beloved wife of 33 years, he is survived by his mother, Delberta P. (née Gruenenfelder) Orr of Madison; a daughter, Laura Martin of Granite City; a son, Patrick Martin of Granite City; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Kristie Martin of Pierron; two stepbrothers, Malcom Martin of Texas and Dale Orr Jr. of Columbia, Illinois; a nephew, Zachary Martin of Madison; special cousins, Rick Barnhart of Granite City and Phillip Martin of Granite City; other extended family and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Louis D. Martin Sr. and his stepfather, Chester Dale "Lefty" Orr. In celebration of his life, visitation was at the Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Firemen walk-thru at 7:00 PM. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Friday, February 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM with Reverend Mark Maynard officiating. The burial with full military honors was at the Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the Martin family and may be accepted at the funeral home.

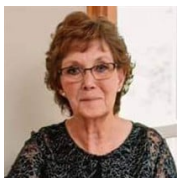


JAMES D. "Jim" MATTHEWS - Died peacefully on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021 at Grant Medical Center at the age of 76, surrounded by his wife and children on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021. He was a resident of Newark, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born in Saint James, Missouri on September 12, 1944 to the late Agnes (née Mosher) Matthews and William Matthews. He is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years, Lucinda Matthews, daughter Tara (Harry) Shannon, son Michael (Ok Suk) Matthews and son Jason (Jessica) Matthews. He had eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren that he loved dearly. Jim was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. He was an active member of the Ohio Operating Engineers Local #18 for nearly 50 years. In 2009, he retired from Arvin Meritor. He was a founding member of the Land of Legend Antique Tractor Club. There were no funeral services or calling hours per his request. Jim lived his life in the service of others. To honor his memory, selflessly serve your family and community.



CHARLES BRYON "Wally" McAULEY - Died Friday, May 7, 2021 at Marietta Memorial Hospital at the age of 71. He was a resident of Caldwell, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Wally was born in Zanesville, Ohio on August 23, 1949 the middle child of the late Dayle and Carol (née Archibald) McAuley. Wally is survived by his sister, Susan Hall of Brawley California, nieces Linda McAuley (Jenny) of Columbus, Melissa Deegan (Jeff) of Atlanta, Georgia, Georgina McAuley (Fernando) of Brawley, California, nephew, Tim McAuley (Annette) of Lakewood Village, Texas, special cousin, Sharon Robinson (Rodney) of Caldwell, and many lifelong friends. Wally is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Mike McAuley, and his great nephew, Adam Deegan. He graduated from Caldwell High School in 1967 and then was drafted into the United States Army. Wally's commitment to service began when he proudly served his country in Vietnam from 1969-1971. He returned to Caldwell after he was honorably discharged and was an active member of the Caldwell VFW Post #4721, where he served as Post Commander on multiple occasions. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Belle Valley American Legion. Wally also proudly served on the Noble County Veteran's Service Commission for many years and helped to ensure his fellow veterans were provided with resources and assistance when in need. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. Wally was a dedicated and committed man. He worked at Fabri-Form in Byesville and New Concord for nearly 40 years before retiring in 2011. Wally loved sports, especially high school sports, and had a bird's eye view of the field for Caldwell High School Football games as a member of the 'chain gang' for 40+ years. Wally's love of high school sports knew no limits and he was a fixture at all sporting events for many years, including attendance at scrimmages and practices in support of the kids. Wally was also a long-suffering fan of the Cleveland Browns and he enjoyed watching the Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturdays. He loved technology and was an

early adopter of computers. He took college classes at Ohio University-Zanesville in the early 1990s in the computer science field. He also loved music and had an amazing 8 track collection that he reluctantly turned to an amazing and vast record collection. He was relieved that he bypassed a CD collection so he was not again outdone by online music services that exist today. Upon retirement in 2011, Wally found his true calling as he began working for the Journal-Leader as the Sports Photographer. It was during these years that he enjoyed his life to the fullest. Behind the camera was where he was most comfortable and it allowed many members of the community to get to know him. Wally always had a nice word of encouragement for student athletes and the kids gave him such joy. Wally was an introvert by nature but came alive and found delight and fulfillment in taking pictures. He cared about the community of Noble County with all his heart. His presence at sporting events and activities will be missed as he had been a fixture on the sidelines for many years. Accolades and awards were not important to Wally, but he was humbled and honored to receive a Distinguished Service Award from The Ohio Association of Track & Cross-Country Coaches in 2016. Along with his fellow chain-gang members, he was inducted into the Caldwell High School Football Hall of Fame in 2002. He also received many awards from various newspaper associations. In October of 2019, Wally had the privilege of taking a trip on Honor Flight Columbus, where he was flown to Washington DC for the day with fellow senior veterans to acknowledge their service to our country. Wally found Caldwell to be a special place that exemplifies the virtues and goodness of small town living. Wally felt fortunate to live his life surrounded by supportive and caring people. He will be greatly missed. Friends visited the family on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM at the McVay-Perkins Funeral Home, 416 East Street, Caldwell, where the funeral service followed the visitation at 2:00 PM with Ken Perkins officiating. Friends were able to also view the service on the McVay-Perkins Funeral Home Facebook page. A veteran's graveside service was at the Olive Cemetery conducted by the Noble County Veteran Service Organizations. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Caldwell Athletic Boosters, 41758 Marietta Road, Caldwell, Ohio, 43724. Guests were required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing at all gatherings. An online guestbook may be signed at www.mcvay-perkins.com.



KATHLEEN ROSE "Kathy" McCALL – Died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 as a result of a two vehicle head-on crash in Illinois at the age of 69. She was a resident of Elizabeth, Illinois. Kathy was born on March 14, 1954 in Cuba City, Illinois to the late Geneva Wand and is preceded in death by her father, Cleland J. Altfillisch. Kathy is survived by her loving husband, Dale E. McCall, whom she married on July 7, 1972 at Saint Mary Church in Elizabeth, Illinois. Together, they welcomed three daughters: Aimee L. McCall, Tammy (David) L. Winter, Lisa (Timothy) L. Wuebben, as well as claimed Ashley (Jason) Sites. Kathy wasn't only a devoted and caring mother but also an incredible grandmother. Known respectively as both Gram and Granny, she has 7 biological grandchildren, Nicholas J. Hanson, Olivia C. Winter, Jenna P. Hanson, Judas A. Benson, Thomas D. Winter, Riley M. McCall; 3 step-grandchildren, Coral E. Wuebben, Zachary M. Wuebben, Autumn (Xavier) A. Watson, as well as 2 claimed grandchildren, Kylie Sites, and Parker

Sites. She is predeceased by her grandson Cody M. Benson. Kathy was a very involved member of the community, spending lots of her time working at the Elizabeth State Bank and Guy's Towing in Galena, Illinois. She was also an **Associate Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #928**, a Financial Committee member at Saint Mary's Church, as well as a former member of the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce. Kathy was known as 'the busiest retired person'. She enjoyed scrapbooking, playing poker, walking her dog, Rocky, going to Las Vegas with her girls, year-round, Christmas shopping, listening to Elvis Presley, as well as calling her children and grandchildren at every hour of the day. The McCall Family wants to thank the Jo Daviess County Sherriff's Department, the Elizabeth Fire Department, the Elizabeth Ambulance Services, Galena EMS, Galena Police Department, Guy's Towing Services as well as anyone else who expressed sympathy and kindness.



NICHOLAS WILLIAM "Nick" MILLER - Died Tuesday, March 22, 2022 in Hurricane, Utah at the age of 75, after a long illness. The cause of death was colon cancer. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on September 7, 1946 to the late Nicholas Vernell and Beatrice (née Baylies) Miller. He married Debra Gregerson in Salt Lake City. Nicholas attended The Rivers School in Massachusetts. Graduated from East High in Salt Lake. Joined the United States Army, served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne as a Combat Medic. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star and Bronze Star. Following Vietnam, he attended The University of Utah and earned a degree in Sociology. Later, joined the Utah National Guard where he served with the 19th Special Forces and then transferred to the 144th Evacuation Hospital where he met his future wife. Served in Saudi Arabia with the 144th Evacuation Hospital in Operation Desert Storm. Retired from the Army in 2000 where was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Retired from the Veterans Administration where he served as an Addiction Counselor. After Debbie retired, they moved to their vacation home in Hurricane where he served in numerous community and volunteer organizations, including the American Legion where he served in Honor Guard and participated in Boys State; Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Utah Food Bank and Human Society. Nick enjoyed swimming in any waters, walking his pal Maggie and watching the Utes! Nick is survived by his loving wife and BFF Debbie, daughter Madeline, brother Lincoln of North Bend, Oregon, niece Nichole Rhodes (Brandon) of Coquille, Oregon, nephew Lincoln T. of Richmond, Virginia, extended family and beloved canine companion Maggy. The Gregerson's were beyond proud to have Nick in the Gregerson family. Special thanks to the staff at the VA CBOC, St George Regional Hospital Cancer Center and IHC Hospice and "Angel" Lynne Walters. A viewing was held on Monday, March 28, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Spilsbury Mortuary in Hurricane, Utah. A subsequent viewing was held on Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM followed by the funeral services at 11:00 AM at the Lindquist's Bountiful Mortuary, 727 North 400 East, Bountiful, Utah. The interment was on Friday, April 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Utah Veterans

Cemetery and Memorial Park, 17111 1700 West, Bluffdale, Utah. Condolences may be shared at www.lindquistmortuary.com.



RODGER A. "Rock" MINEARD - Died Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the VA (Oakland) Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. He was a resident of Center Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 26, 1947 and grew up in the 'Bricks' section of Aliquippa, a son of the late Harold and Mildred (née Brewer) Mineard. A United States Army veteran, Rodger honorably served his country from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam War and was currently a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. For the majority of his working career, Rodger was employed as a boiler house operator at ARCO Chemical Co. and later Applied Energy Services from where he retired. His favorite pastimes were golfing, hunting, bowling and traveling. Rodger leaves his wife of 55 years, Nancy L. (née Biskup) Mineard to whom he was united in marriage on October 19, 1966 in Columbia, South Carolina. He also leaves three children: Rodger A. Mineard and his wife, Kim, Jeffrey Mineard and Gail Mineard (Kevin); his grandchildren: Alec, who was a tremendous help during Rodger's illness and to whom the family will be forever grateful, twins Elena and Mikayla, as well as Carson; step-grandsons Devin, and Brian (Sara) Knox; his step-great-grandchildren: Hunter, Brayden and Brooklyn; three siblings, Gary (Sharon) Mineard, Gloria Landfried and Cheryl Johnson, and; his canine friends River and Noah. In addition to parents, Rodger was preceded in death by his siblings, Harold, Clark, and Charles Mineard, Carol Young, Diane Marchione, Janet Schmidt, Judy Malloy, Connie Dalessandri and infant sister, Nancy Mineard. A private family visitation with military honors was held on Wednesday, February 23rd at the Simpson Funeral and Cremation Services, 1119 Washington Avenue, Monaca. Interment took place at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. The family has suggested memorial contributions be made, if desired to Faith Lutheran Church, 100 Center Grange Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001 or Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #862, PO Box 26, Rochester, PA 15074. To share online condolences, get directions and other information, please visit simpsonfuneralhome.com.



JEROME E. "Jerry" MONSON – Died Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. Jerry was born on September 9, 1946. He is survived by his daughter Kelly of Appleton, a brother Don and his girlfriend Mona Radtke of Waupaca, a sister, Dawn Anderson married to Bob Anderson of in Suwega, and a former wife, Sue Monson. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Pam Monson of Green Bay, and a brother Ron Monson of Willard Ohio. At age 13 Jerry was invited by John and Jan Gillespie to spend the day at their small farmhouse in rural Appleton. Because of some challenges in his home, he stayed two years with the Gillespies. They were expecting their second son and needed a larger home to include Jerry. They found a larger home for sure. Located along the Wolf River near New

London, it had 27 rooms, 11 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms. More than big enough for Jerry, John and Jan plus their two sons. And it was ideal for their dream to someday have a home for dozens of youths facing challenges in life. They named it Rawhide Boys Ranch and were joined soon in its support by Bart and Cherry Starr. So, Jerry is directly responsible for the founding of Rawhide and enjoyed being part of the early events, plus having a house full of 10 brothers. In later years he went with John to promotional activities that usually included the Starrs, plus book signing events. He loved showing guests his story in chapter one titled JERRY, and signing his name. Jerry enlisted in the United States Army on May 12, 1966. He served in Vietnam as a helicopter mechanic and as a crew chief went on well over 50 combat missions. After his last day in combat after serving 11 months and 20 days he was overheard saying to his Sergeant, "After 11 months of Hell, I made it." Jerry received the National Defense Service Metal, the Viet Nam Campaign Metal, and the Viet Nam Service Metal. He qualified as a "Sharpshooter" with the M-14 rifle. But his constant exposure on combat missions into forested areas sprayed with Agent Orange had a lifetime effect on Jerry. Ongoing heart problems and COPD resulted in ongoing doctor and hospital visits. On Monday, March 1st this year his last hospital visit resulted in passing away from a heart attack. His family was by his side. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brillion Chapter #351**. Jerry was an excellent auto mechanic even before his military training working for area dealerships. Soon after getting out of the service, he opened his own auto engine business specializing in Honda vehicles. Customers raved about his mechanical talents. He also loved racing events and race cars. He loved traveling to Elkhart Lake Speedway and other tracks to assist as a mechanic working on Rollie Stevenson and John Bergstrom race cars. Jerry's memorial service was held on Friday March 25th at the Wichmann Funeral Home, located at 537 North Superior Street, Appleton, WI. Visitation started at 2:00 PM followed by the Memorial service at 3:00 PM. Full military honors followed the memorial. lieu of flowers friends, were requested to make a donation to Rawhide Youth Services Memorials to honor Jerry. Rawhide held a special place in his heart from 1965 when he helped found the Ranch. Send donations to Rawhide Youth Services, E7475 Rawhide Road, New London, WI 54961.



LARRY RAY MOORE (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the Park West Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 81. He was a resident of Knoxville. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. He was born on August 8, 1940 in New Harmony, Indiana to the late C. Albert and Goldie (née Kendall) Moore. Major Moore served in the United States Army. He served overseas on South Korea, Vietnam and two tours in Germany. Major Moore was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star with "V" device with two oak leaf clusters, two Purple Hearts, two Army Commendation Medals with "V" device and one for meritorious service and two Air Medals. He received the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Vietnamese Campaign Ribbon with four bronze Campaign battle stars. Major Moore graduated from New Harmony High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Nebraska and received his Master of Science Degree from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, AL. After 20 years of

active duty as a RA Officer, he retired in 1978 from Fort McClellan, AL. Major Moore and his wife, Rose moved to Knoxville, TN with their family. In 1997, Major Moore again, retired from Lockheed Martin Energy Systems following 20 years of service as a major project manager/leader. He was a published author of many articles for national magazines, poems and numerous manuals for the Army and Lockheed. In 2003, Major Moore and his wife established a distributorship enterprise involving Big Game Jerky accounts in Tennessee. He was the family genealogist; consistently researching and documenting. Major Moore was Master Mason of the Artic Lodge #394 in New Harmony. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ritchie. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rose (Robinson) Moore; daughter, Kimberley Blankenship (Larry); son, Gregory Moore (Taska Owens); grandsons, Dakota Blankenship (Kady), Larry Ashley Moore (Kortni) and Gregory Scott Moore, II (Kayla – Dale). Also survived by great-grandchildren, Brady, Cooper, Emryn, Jaycee, and Owen. The funeral service was held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at the Schneider Funeral Home, 512 Main Street, Mount Vernon, IN with Reverend Dallas Robinson officiating and the burial was in the Weiss Cemetery with Military Rites. Visitation was held from 9:30 AM until the 11:30 AM service time on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Harmony Veteran's Memorial or www.michaeljfox.org for Parkinson's research.

THOMAS LEE MOORE – Died Sunday, February 13, 2022 in Barnhart, Missouri at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on December 12, 1946. He served in the United States Army from September 8, 1964 to June 19, 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**.



CHARLES JOSEPH "Chuck" MOREL - Died peacefully Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in his home in DeWitt, Iowa at the age of 71, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Moline, Illinois on May 15, 1950 to the late Francis and Madeline (née LeFevre) Morel. After graduating from Moline High School, he enlisted in the United States Army and received a Purple Heart while serving in Vietnam. Chuck was united in marriage to Catherine Naughton on April 22, 1972, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Rock Island, Illinois. The couple moved to DeWitt in 1973. He worked 15 years at John Deere Davenport Works. He then worked as a sales rep. for Rock Island Distributing, and later in sales at D&D Chevrolet, DeWitt. Chuck found his true passion working with youth at Assumption High School, retiring in 2012. Chuck was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, DeWitt, the Knights of Columbus, Eugene McManus American Legion Post #238, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**. He enjoyed attending his Bible study groups, hunting, fishing, playing Euchre, gardening, caring for his lawn, golfing, camping and a nice cold beer. Family was everything to him and he lived every day for his grandkids. He was the ultimate Papa. Surviving are his loving wife of nearly 50 years, Cathy; children, Steve (Angela) Morel of Rock Island, Illinois, Michelle (Steven) Martens of DeWitt, and Jenny (Rhett Foley) Morel of DeWitt; grandchildren,

Connor and Ellie Morel, Christopher and Laura Martens and Kaitlyn Sloan; honorary family, Bucky and Andrea Vinson and their daughters, Ashley (Logan) Jebson, and Maddie and Avery Vinson; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Gene (Diane) Morel, Frank (Sandy) Morel, and nephews, Mike Morel and Frankie Morel. Visitation was from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Monday, March 7, 2022 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in DeWitt. A Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 with Reverend Father Stephen Page officiating. The interment and Military Rites were in the church cemetery. The arrangements were under the care of the Schultz Funeral Home, DeWitt. Condolences may be expressed at www.schultzfuneralhomes.com.



FLOYD WILLIAM MORRIS - Died Saturday, February 5, 2022 in the Battle Creek/Calhoun County Veterans Homes in Battle Creek, Michigan at the age of 73, after fighting a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 24, 1948 to the late William and Helen Morris. He is survived by his wife, Leta; sons Adam James (Trina) Morris and Matt (Danielle) Morris; daughter, Amanda Morris; stepchildren Dawn (John) Dye and Rick Thorpe. He has numerous beautiful grandchildren, whom he dearly loved; his Aunt Shirley (Bill) Grear; brothers Mike and Tim Morris; sisters Jodi DeDoes, Shirley Ely, and Ruth Oldford; and stepbrothers Randy (Jill) and Rusty (Sandy) Renbarger. A very BIG part of his life was the LZ Wrong Way gang and his Vietnam veteran brothers and sisters. Floyd served faithfully and proudly in the United States Army and Michigan National Guard for over 20 years. He worked as a brakeman/conductor for the CSX Railroad for 38 years. He took his beloved service dog, Calibur and Leta, and her therapy dog, LadyAnne to give pet therapy for veterans at the VA for four years. He was a *Life Member* of Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Battle Creek Chapter #313**. He loved fishing and his annual trips to Kokomo with Leta and the LZ Wrong Way gang. Floyd knew no strangers, had many friends, and he loved life. He loved to make people laugh, smile, tell stories, and was always willing to help others. Floyd was a true hero, as he saved numerous lives throughout his lifetime, but being very humble did not share this with most. We will be celebrating Floyd's life. Visitation was held from 3:00-5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Cook - Byron Center Chapel, 2067 84th Street SW, Byron Center, Michigan 49315. A Celebration of Life was at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 9th at the funeral home. Floyd would want you to be comfortable, so red/white/blue clothing and/or jeans are perfectly appropriate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization or Elara Caring Hospice Foundation. The family welcomed memories and messages in their guest book online at www.cookcaresbyron.com.



JAMES ALBERT "Jim" MURDOCK, JR. - Died Thursday, December 23, 2021 in Fayetteville, West Virginia at the age of 74, following complications associated with pulmonary fibrosis, and was surrounded by his family. He was born in Scarbro, West Virginia on September 26, 1947 to

James Albert Murdock, Sr. and Gracealee (née Bowyer) Murdock. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Clinebell) Murdock, sons James Murdock III and Matthew Jarvis, daughter Jodi Frantz, sons-in-law Kevin Mealer and Tim Frantz, daughter-in-law, Erika Jarvis, grandchildren Logan Frantz, Cloey Frantz, James Murdock IV, Daniel Mealer, Jacob Mealer, Samuel Mealer, Chase Jarvis, Mia Jarvis, and his only great-grandson Easton Frantz along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins (including his "brother", Stevie Bowyer, who helped and stayed by his side during his final days). He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Sandy Mealer, and sisters Alice Bennett and Barbara Ervin. Known as "Papaw Jim", "Uncle Jimmy", and "Jim" to many, he was passionate about God, his family, his country, and supporting law enforcement. Most will remember him as a jokester (telling many corny jokes), and many times being unable to tell if he was being serious or not. He was a veteran of the United Army, serving in Vietnam, and was a retired local business owner. Jim was born and raised in Fayette County, residing in Fayetteville, WV for the past 35 years with his wife, Barbara. Converting from an Oak Hill fan to a die-hard Fayetteville Pirate fan, he truly bled green and white. The love of his community led to one of his proudest accomplishments, serving as Mayor of Fayetteville. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860*. He was also a faithful member of the Oak Hill Church of the Nazarene, member of the Gideons International (Fayette county camp), where he was currently serving as Treasurer and was a previous President. He enjoyed volunteering at the Beckley VA Hospital and Beckley Vet Center. Papaw Jim also loved spending time with all his grandchildren and hunting. While he will be dearly missed by his family and friends, he would want everyone to know that he was more than prepared and eager to meet his Lord and Savior. Services were held on Thursday December 30, 2021 at the Oak Hill Church of the Nazarene, 3221 Main Street East, Oak Hill, WV, with the visitation from 12:30-2:00 PM and the funeral service beginning at 2:00 PM. The burial was in the Highlawn Memorial Park, Oak Hill, WV. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Gideons International www.gideons.org/donate.



DENNIS DELBERT NYE - Died Saturday, February 19, 2022 at his home in New Riegel, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 2, 1951 in Alvada, Ohio to the late Carl and Pearl (née Steyer) Nye. He married Percilla Bumb on October 6, 1973 at Saint Nicholas Church in Frenchtown and she survives in New Riegel. Also surviving is his mother, Pearl Nye, Alvada; children, Jennifer (David) Pahl, New Riegel, Cory (Jenelle) Nye, New Riegel and Holly (Brian) Fetro, Carey; grandchildren, Ethan, Carson, Molly, Brandi, Brennan, Michaela, Josh, Gavin, Cody, Milla, Lea, Harvey and Leann; great-grandchild, Braven; siblings, Duane (Jeanette) Nye, Denice (Tom) Daniel, Daniel (Chyrel) Nye, Diane (Bob) Bouillon, Dorothy (Rick) Bouillon, Madonna (Dave) Gase, Mark Nye, Brian (Aimee) Nye and Joe (Tina) Nye. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Nye and two stillborn children. Dennis was a self-employed builder owning and operating Dennis Nye Construction. He was a member of All Saints Parish, New Riegel, the New Riegel American Legion Post #354 and the New Riegel Moose Lodge #872. Dennis was also a member of the Carey VFW and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fostoria Chapter #440*. He enjoyed hunting deer and wild boar, fishing and noodling, riding his motorcycle all over the United States, playing cards and spending time with family and friends.

Dennis also served in the United States Army in the G Company Rangers 75th Infantry in the Vietnam War. Visitation hours were from 2:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at the Hoening and Son Funeral Home, 133 West Tiffin Street, Fostoria and from 10:00 – 11:00 AM on Friday at church. The Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM on Friday at All Saints Parish, New Riegel with Reverend Father Timothy Kummerer presiding. The burial was at Saint Boniface Cemetery where military honors were provided by the Fostoria United Veterans. Memorial contributions were suggested to Stein Hospice, New Riegel American Legion, Fostoria United Veterans or to the Harvey Fetro Benefit. Online expressions of sympathy may be made by visiting www.hoeningfuneralhome.com.



JOHN ALLEN OBY – Died Thursday, May 20, 2021 at his home in Saint Thomas, North Dakota at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 9, 1948 in Grafton, North Dakota to the late John and Helen (née Gilbertson) Oby. He was raised and attended school in Saint Thomas, graduating from Saint Thomas High School. He attended the University of North Dakota until January of 1968, when he was drafted into the United States Army. He served in the 82nd Airborne during Vietnam. Allen was honorably discharged in July 1969 and returned to North Dakota. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. Allen was a member of Saint John Lutheran Church of Saint Thomas, the Saint Thomas American Legion, the Saint Thomas Fire Department, and the Saint Thomas City Council. He was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374*. He loved to read, take drives in the “Gator”, shake dice with friends, play pinochle, and give people a hard time. He is survived by his children: Lisa Oby (Norman Hurst), St. Thomas, ND; Brandon Oby, St. Thomas, ND; and Morgen Shaff, Parker, CO; his grandchildren: Greyson and Everly; siblings: Karen (Tom Dahle) Oby, Bismarck, ND; Donna (Gerald) Smith, Sun Lakes, AZ; and Lynn (Linda) Oby, Bismarck, ND; and special friend, Brenda Hunter, Mesa, AZ. Several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant brother, Wayne. Graveside services were held on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Saint Thomas City Cemetery of rural St. Thomas, ND. Interment will be at St. Thomas City Cemetery following the service. Military Rites were provided by the Saint Thomas American Legion and the National Guard Honor Guard. There was a reception following the burial at the American Legion in Saint Thomas.



MICHAEL P. O'GRADY, SR. - Died Saturday, March 12, 2022 in Niagara Hospice House, Lockport, New York at the age of 76. He was a resident of Sanborn, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on August 21, 1945 to the late George and Marion (née Burton) O'Grady. Mr. O'Grady served with the United States Marine Corps

during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He had owned and operated J & M Auto Clinic and the Jag Shop for many years, and retired from Harrison Radiator in Lockport. Mr. O’Grady bowled (37) 300 games and was a member of the Lockport Bowling Hall of Fame. He was also an avid golfer, and he was the Club Champion at Niagara Frontier Golf Club. His other hobbies included restoring cars. He was the husband of the late Lucille (Drake) and Patricia A. (McPhail) O’Grady. Mr. O’Grady is survived by his children, Michael O’Grady, Jr. and Tammy (Erik) Higner; two grandsons, Ryan O’Grady and Ian Higner and was the brother of Tim and Sheila O’Grady; also survived by several nieces and nephews. His family was present on Tuesday from 3:00-7:00 PM at the Rhoney Funeral Home, 5893 Hoover Road, Sanborn, NY, where Funeral Services were held on Wednesday at 10:00 AM, with the Reverend Matthew Kofahl officiating. The interment with Military Honors was in Elmlawn Cemetery. Visit www.rhoneyfuneralhome.com, for the guest register.



RONALD “Ron” OTTO – Died Sunday, February 13, 2022 in Mandan, North Dakota at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bismarck, North Dakota on February 27, 1951. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army and a longtime resident of Mandan. He graduated from Mandan High School. Drafted into the Army in 1971, he is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is the recipient of the National Defense and Vietnam Service Medals. After his military service, he returned to his beloved city of Mandan where he attended Bismarck State College. He served on many community boards and service organizations. He particularly enjoyed handing out dictionaries to local elementary students donated by the local Rotary. He felt honored to be the Veterans Service Officer for Morton and Oliver counties. He served as a Judge Advocate on National Association of County Veteran Services Officers. He worked tirelessly for ALL veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150**. He married Linda Kurzweg on May 7, 1993. They enjoyed spending time at their cabin on Lake Sakakawea. Ron was an avid hunter, fisherman, and a serious pinochle and cribbage player. He leaves behind his wife of 28 years, Linda Otto; his mother Edith; daughters Jolene and Laura; siblings Kenny (Eileen) Otto and Bonnie (Tim) Leingang; and multiple nieces and nephews. A service honoring Ron's life was held at 11:30 AM on Friday, February 18th at First Lutheran Church in Mandan with Pastor Phil Leer officiating. The interment was at 3:00 PM on Friday at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday at the Weigel Funeral Home with a 7:00 PM Prayer Service. A livestream of the prayer service and funeral service was offered on Ron's obituary page at weigelfuneral.com. Ron's family requested any donations to be sent to: DAV Department of North Dakota, 3812 Lakewood Drive SE, Mandan ND 58554.

JOHN WAYNE ORNDORFF, SR. - Died Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 73. He was a resident of Strasburg, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Orndorff was born in Winchester, Virginia on July 15, 1948 to the late Harry Edward and Mary K. (née Rudolph) Orndorff. Mr. Orndorff was a veteran of the United

States Army having served as a Sergeant in Vietnam with the Fourth Infantry and worked as a purchasing agent with Chemstone prior to his retirement. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodstock Chapter #936*. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Thomas Edward Orndorff and siblings Harry Edward Orndorff, Richard Allen Orndorff, and William Edward Orndorff. Survivors include his loving wife Anna Mae (née Conner) Orndorff; his sons John Wayne Orndorff, II and Paul Michael Orndorff all of Strasburg, VA; his two sisters Mary Worley of Omaha, NE, and Connie Virts of Tampa, FL, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. A funeral service for Mr. Orndorff was conducted at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the Stover Funeral Home with Buster Doman officiating. The burial was in the Riverview Cemetery. Military honors were conducted by the Shenandoah American Legion Post #77, Strasburg, Virginia. The family received friends at the Stover Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM. The pallbearers were Tony Edwards, Billy Jenkins, Willie Mitchell, Mark Clem, Andy Mowery, and Jerry Elbon. The honorary pallbearers were Gary Bly, Butch Dellinger, Tommy Coates and Employees of Chemstone, Inc. Memorials may be made to the Shenandoah American Legion Post #77, Honor Guard or the Auxiliary, 157 East Washington Street, Strasburg, VA 22657. You may sign the family guestbook and submit condolences at www.stoverfuneralhome.com. The Stover Funeral Home and Crematory, Strasburg, VA served the family of Mr. John Wayne Orndorff.



THOMAS GRANT “Tom” PAINE - Died Friday, March 25, 2022 in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 96. The cause of death was traumatic brain injury subsequent to a fall. He was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on October 21, 1925 to the late Fredrick and Emily (née Hudde) Paine. Mr. Paine served 13 years in the United States Navy before serving an additional 8 years in the Army National Guard. Following his military career, he worked for Woonsocket Hospital, now Landmark Medical Center and was a member of Disabled American Veterans, Chapters #11 and #12. He was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818*. Survivors include his daughter, Debra LaRosa (Vincent); and son, Mark Paine, all of Columbia; granddaughter, Kayla Large (Harold); and great-granddaughters, Sydney and Maeve, all of Cumberland, RI; as well as a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Henriette (née Coupain) Paine; and siblings, George, Hazel, Winifred, Edith and Doris. The funeral service for Mr. Paine was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 1st at the Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia. The family received friends prior to the service at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 AM. The burial was at Fort Jackson National Cemetery for he and his beloved wife, Henriette, who preceded him in 2020, was held at 12:00 Noon following the funeral service.



JAMES J. PALERMO - Died Wednesday, February 9, 2022 in Webster, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on July 23, 1946. He was predeceased by brothers-in-law, Salvatore Vancheri, Gerald Venniro. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Connie; Daughters, Danielle (Hiram) Palermo-Jimenez, Marissa (Richard) Hess, Jamie; Grandchildren, Brian, James, Emma, Evan, Annabella, Richie, Juliana, Sabrina; Granddog, Effie; Brother; John (Barbara) Palermo; Brothers-in-law, Michael (Linda) Venniro, Robert Venniro; Sisters-in-law, Gina Vancheri, Patricia Venniro, Susan Venniro; Many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and special veteran friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Calling Hours were held on Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Falvo Funeral Home 1295 Fpt Nine Mile Point Road, Webster, NY. On Wednesday guests met the family at Saint Rita Church at 10:00 AM for the celebration of his Funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Veterans Outreach Center, 447 South Avenue, Rochester NY 14620. The interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



JACK D. PATTERSON - Died at 4:44 PM Monday, February 28, 2022 at Winterhaven Hospital, Winterhaven, Florida at the age of 74, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Findlay, Ohio and formerly of Bloomdale, Ohio. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born on March 3, 1947 to the late John H. and Hazel A. (nee Struthers) Patterson. He married Judy Coldwell on January 14, 1967, and she survives. Jack is also survived by his sons: Kevin M. (Cindy) Patterson of Powell, OH and Chad J. (Katie) Patterson of Bealeton, VA; daughter, Jennifer D. (Charlie) Shindeldecker of Findlay; sister, Carol J. (Jerry) Riley of Mt. Vernon, OH; grandchildren: Matthew Patterson, Christopher Patterson, Ryan Shindeldecker, Kelsey Shindeldecker, Emma Shindeldecker, Madelyn Patterson and Isabelle Patterson; and his extended family. Jack graduated from Northmor High School in 1965. Jack was drafted into the United States Army in 1967, and served in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade as a Military Police Officer in the Vietnam War, until he was honorably discharged in 1969. He retired from Atlas Crankshaft in Fostoria and Daimler Chrysler in Toledo, and formerly taught Hydraulics at Owens Community College. He was a member of the AMVETS Post #69, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fostoria Chapter #440**, Military Affairs Committee, United Veterans of Fostoria Honor Guard, and participated faithfully in the Armed Forces Day Celebration at the Hancock County Fair Grounds. As a youth, Jack was involved in 4-H, F.F.A., and Boy Scouts, where he was an Eagle Scout. He remained active in Boy Scouts with his sons as they grew up. Jack loved attending and watching his grandchildren at all of their events, fishing, card games and relaxing in the Florida sun. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the Smith-Crates Funeral

Home, North Baltimore. The burial was in the Weaver Cemetery, Bloom Township, where full military rites were conducted by the United Veterans of Fostoria Honor Guard. Visitation was held from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Smith-Crates Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Sandusky Veterans Home Activities Fund and/or United Veterans of Fostoria Honor Guard. Online condolence may be expressed at www.smithcrates.com.

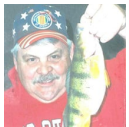


WILLIAM E. "Bill" PERRY - Died Saturday, February 26, 2022 in El Paso at the age 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born at Fort Riley, Kansas on June 22, 1949 to the late Delbert and Edna Perry. Bill was a proud member of the Masonic Fraternity. He served in the United States Army with assignments in Vietnam, Germany, Italy and stateside. He was active with several Veterans organizations and served as an election judge. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844*. His parents Delbert and Edna Perry preceded him in death. He is survived by siblings Roger Perry, Joyce (Joey) Perry, Janis Marshall and Diane Lane, and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation was on Tuesday, March 15th from 6:00-8:00 PM at Funeraria Del Angel Restlawn on Dyer St. in El Paso. Masonic Services were held at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery on Wednesday, March 16th at 10:30 AM. Donations can be made to the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, P.O Box 446, Waco, TX 76703.



JOSEPH ANTHONY PITTELLO (USAF, SMSgt-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at Mercy Medical Center at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 22, 1930 in Kulpmont, Pennsylvania to the late Anthony and Theresa (née Nestico) Pittello. Joseph served in the United States Air Force for over 20 years. He retired from the military as a Senior Master Sergeant, 8th Recon. Tech. Squadron, achieving Outstanding Airman of the Year. He worked for the City of Chicopee for 9 years as a cartographer. He also worked as a custodian for the US Post Office where he retired after many years. Joseph was a communicant of Holy Name Parish where he served as a collector for a number of years. He was a devoted member of the Knights of Columbus Elder Council #69 in Chicopee becoming a Fourth Degree Knight, member of the Arch Williams Assembly No.338. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111*. He is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Esther (née Oestreich) Pittello of Chicopee; one son, Ralph Pittello and his wife Diane Peebles-Pittello of Southwick; four daughters, Victoria "Vicky" Dube and her husband Dennis of Chicopee; Patricia Bousquet and her husband Gary of Chicopee; Josephine Turcotte and her husband George of Chicopee and Susan

Drewniak and her husband Darrell of Chicopee; one brother Sam Pittello of Coal Township, PA; ten grandchildren; five great-granddaughters along with many nieces, nephews and friends who will miss him dearly. He is predeceased by his siblings Dominic, Tony, Charlie and Victoria. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Grise Funeral Home, 280 Springfield Street, Chicopee. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 9:30 – 10:30 AM at the Funeral Home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Assumption Church at 11:00 AM. The burial was in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 104 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. For online condolences, please visit www.GriseFH.com.



MICHAEL J. POIRIER - Died Friday, November 19, 2021 in Shelby Township, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 17, 1946 to the late Roger H. and Marguerite (née Revell) Poirier. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He was the beloved fiancé of Chirlean Martin; loving father of Tammy Phillips, Todd Kregulka and Casey (Tiffany) Poirier; loving and proud Pepe of William Phillips, Nicholas, Austin and Hunter Poirer; Katie and John Kregulka; proud grand Pepe of Addison and Sophia, and; dear brother of Patrick (Debbie), Joseph (Sherry), John (Brenda), Cindy (Jim) Jackson and brother-in-law of Janet Poirer, Dick Schueller and Jerry Lazete. He was predeceased by his parents; Roger and Marguerite; and siblings; Timothy, Kaye and Pam. Michael enjoyed fishing, watching football, hockey and will be missed at the Detroit Tigers opening day as he set up tent and faithfully attended for years. His family was everything to him as he loved spending time with them. Visitation for Michael was on Wednesday from 1:00 PM until a 4:00 PM funeral service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Road (North of 22 Mile Road) in Shelby Township.



RICHARD ALLEN "Rich" POPE - Died Wednesday, December 22, 2021 in Newell, West Virginia at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 16, 1948 in Flint, Michigan to the late "Bud" Edward and Opal (née Higginbotham) Pope. He served in the United States Army. His first job was working at Homer Laughlin China Company. He formerly worked in the Maintenance Department at Ergon. Rich was a former member of the Newell Lions Club and a member of the Newell American Legion #114. He was a former President of the Mountaineer Iron Classic Car Club. He was also a member of the Tri-State Veterans Burial Group and the Chester Legion and VFW Burial Group. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Freedom (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862. He was preceded in death by an aunt and uncle that raised him, Leila and Ernest Cyphers. Surviving are his wife, Joyce (née Taylor) Pope at Newell; a daughter, Amy (Chris) Johnston of Newell and a son, John (Stephanie Lang) Pope of Morgantown; two grandchildren, Rachael Hunnell and Lauren Johnston; a twin brother, Robert “Doc” (Glenda) Pope of Newell; two sisters, Susan Paulson of West Virginia and Anna (Terry) Raines of New Cumberland; and numerous nieces and nephews. The Nixon Funeral Home of Newell, WV handled private family arrangements.



PATRICK LAVAUGHN RAMSEY - Died Sunday, January 23, 2022 in Greenville, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death was the complications from the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in Greenville, Tennessee on February 19, 1947 to the late Bonson Hood Ramsey and the late Fuschia Pearl (née Bryan). Patrick is survived by his children: Robert Ramsey (Sarah) and Gabrielle Hernandez (Alberto Hernandez, Jr.); sister, Joyce Ramsey (Bob Burns) of Asheville, NC; grandchildren: Samantha Carmack, James Hyman III, Tony Guthrie II, Haylie Guthrie, Samantha Adams, Christyann Hernandez, and Lindsey Lewis; and seven great-grandchildren. He served his country proudly in the United States Marine Corps from 1968-1972 during the Vietnam War and eight years in the United States Air Force Reserve 1978-1986. Patrick was employed with Steele Heddle for forty years in Industrial maintenance. He was a *Life Member* and *Chapter President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**. He attended Brookwood Church in Simpsonville, SC. Patrick may have left his worldly body but he will be forever in the hearts of the ones he left behind. A Celebration of Life was held at Brookwood Church on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 2:00 PM, 580 Brookwood Point Place, Simpsonville, SC. In lieu of flowers please donate to VVA Chapter #523 in honor of Patrick.



CHARLES T. “Charlie” REDDINGER - Died Sunday, January 2, 2022 In Lower Paxton Township of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 4, 1947 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania to the late John G. and Mary E. (née Yeiser) Reddinger and also preceded in death by his brother, Bill Reddinger and his sister, Barbara Starner. Charlie received his Master of Arts in Religion from Gettysburg Theological Seminary, retired as a counselor from Camp Hill Prison and was currently employed at Merakey and Genesis House, both of Harrisburg. He was a member of SEIU Local 668 where he was chief shop steward, chair of Statewide Corrections Committee and served on the Statewide Executive Board. A United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, Charlie was a member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Pennsylvania**. A member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, he currently attended Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church. Charlie was a volunteer at Camp Nawakwa for over 35 years, district representative for Aid Association of Lutherans, and former Director of Christian

Education and Youth Ministry at Palm Lutheran Church, Palmyra and other local churches. He was a former Troop Committee Chair for Boy Scout Troop 202, Chambers Hill and enjoyed gardening and photography. Surviving are his wife of 15 years Karen E. Lingle; children C. Thomas Reddinger (Gerrie) of York Springs, Kristen M. Konisiewicz (John) of Chantilly, VA, David L. Smith (Tina) of West Hanover Township, and Susan E. Freidman (Brian) of Parkton, Maryland; sister Kathy Elliott of Lebanon; grandchildren Owen, Carter, Jonah, Lilly, Micah, Brooks, Dean, Lydia, and Baby Girl K. A memorial service was held at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church, 287 Shells Church Road, Grantville preceded by a visitation beginning at 11:00 AM. Masks were required at the church. Private interment, with military honors, was in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Camp Nawakwa, PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303.

BEN H. REECE, JR. – Died Saturday, January 22, 2022 in Jacksonville Beach, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida on July 20, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a 13-month tour in Vietnam from March 15, 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**.



LARRY JAMES REGAN (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Saturday afternoon, October 9, 2021 at his home in Sulphur, Louisiana at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born in Sulphur on March 23, 1945 the fourth child of the late Clyde and Amy Regan's 11 children. He was in the first 8th grade graduating class of Our Lady's Catholic School. He went on to attend Landry Catholic High, McNeese, and LSU Law School where he obtained his Juris Doctorate. He served on active duty as a military policeman with the United States Army from 1968-1972. His active duty included two tours in Vietnam. His reserve duty spanned from 1973 to 1995, when he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. Over the course of his civilian law enforcement career, he served as a police officer with the Columbus, Ga. police department; a criminal investigator, law clerk, and an Assistant Attorney General for the state's Attorney General's Office; an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and a Calcasieu Parish Assistant District Attorney. He also worked for a time as an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice at McNeese State University. Larry was a talented gardener, baker, and chef, and throughout his military and civilian career, received numerous accolades and awards. But he truly excelled in his love for his family. His loving and dedicated devotion to his wife of 53 years, Carolyn Diane Regan, during her illness and subsequent liver transplant was a beauty to behold and an inspiration to all who knew him. A few silver linings will be that the remaining family members will no longer have to fight over who gets to hold the babies at gatherings and our waistlines may shrink a little without his incessant cooking of enough to feed an Army. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Carolyn Diane Regan, daughter Heather Regan White and son-in-law Alastair White of Sulphur, and daughter Rachel Regan Miseles and son-in-law Kelly Miseles of Lake Charles, grandchildren A.J. White, Madelyn White, and Jolie Borel who affectionately referred to him as Poppy; brothers Pat Regan, Danny Regan

and Timothy Regan; sisters Barbara Cempura, Kathy Johnson, Margaret Regan, Elaine Eyre and Bridget John and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Clyde and Amy Regan and his brothers Mike Regan and James Regan. Pallbearers will be Pat Regan, Danny Regan, Timothy Regan, Johnny Guidry, Alastair White and Kelly Miseles. Visitation services were from 5:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 13th at the Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. Private funeral and burial services were held on Thursday. The family requested that masks be worn by those attending visitation. Larry was a very vocal advocate of safety measures during this time of pandemic and very protective of his immunocompromised wife. The masks would do well to honor him. The family would like to thank the EMTs with Acadian Ambulance Service and officers with the Sulphur Police Department for the professionalism and respect shown through their tireless efforts to revive him. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Larry's name be made to the Open Door Biker Church, 423 West Burton Street, Sulphur, LA 70663 and Our Lady's Catholic School, 1111 Cypress Street, Sulphur, LA 70663. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.hixsonfuneralhomes.com.



LARRY DAVID SALMANS – Died Sunday, January 23, 2022 in Waco, Texas at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born in Shamrock, Texas on November 17, 1937 to the late Otha and Sylvia Salmans and raised in Hanston, Kansas. He married the love of his life, Marilyn Miller, in 1959 and together they raised five children: Suzanne, Mark, Scott, Brent, and Jason. Larry graduated from Baylor University in 1960, dual majoring in psychology and biology. Upon graduation he was commissioned into the United States Air Force and served on active duty as an Air Rescue Helicopter Pilot in the United States, Southeast Asia, and Europe. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for a high-altitude mission in Peru. In 1969, Larry retired from the Air Force and returned to Hanston to the family farm. He became Wing Commander for the state of Kansas, taught Aerospace classes for several universities, worked as a loan officer for the Hanston State Bank, and was instrumental in establishing the Hanston's Volunteer Fireman's Service and Emergency Medical Service. In that time, he also served on the school board and the Groundwater Management Board. From 1986 to 1996, Larry was a forensic psychologist at Larned State Hospital. In 1996, he was elected to the Kansas Senate and served for eight years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays (Kansas) Chapter #939**. Larry spent his last 20 years on earth farming, learning more about the world around him, and traveling the world with his bride to visit family and friends and share the good news of Jesus with everyone he met! Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Otha and Sylvia Salmans; siblings, Elaine Salmans Keeton, Lee Salmans, and Jana Salmans Jordan; daughter, Suzanne Salmans; and grandsons Anthony Salmans, and Caleb Mandelstein. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; sons Mark (m. Mindy), Scott (m. Susannah), Brent (m. Susan), and Jason (m. Erin); siblings, Walt Salmans and Sylvia Ann Barron; grandchildren, Zack Mandelstein, Mason Salmans, Mallorie Hernandez (m. Kellan), Mia, Audra, Julia, Miriam, John, Andrew, Clara, Jack, William, and Hudson Salmans; and great-grandchildren, JJ and Logan Hernandez; as well as numerous

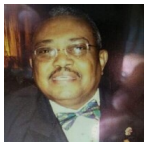
extended family members and many more friends who became family. A celebration of Larry's life was held in Hanston, Kansas in late May or early June.



MICHAEL JAY SAMAR, SR. – Died Friday, February 4, 2022 peacefully in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was surrounded by family and loved ones at home, his favorite place to be. Michael was born on May 6, 1947 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late Michael Samar and June (née Joynson) Samar-Campbell. He was beyond a caring and warm-hearted man. He was extremely kind and gentle to anyone he crossed paths with and was always able to put a smile on your face in the blink of an eye. Michael truly was joy and laughter personified. He cherished family and friends more than anything in the world, and was preceded in death by his father Michael Samar, mother June Joynson Campbell, older brother Terry, older sisters Bonnie (Larry) Farmer and Connie (Skip) Staffel, and younger sister Laurie Samar. Michael is survived by Deborah Heath Samar, his wife and soulmate of more than 40 years, and his younger sisters Patricia (Art) Archambo and Andrea (Lyndon) Burkholder. He also left behind his children Michael (Sameera) Samar Jr. and Vincent Andrew (Manilay) Pulsinelli, and his beloved grandchildren Aubrey (Joey) Keomany-Hartertt, Andrew Pulsinelli, Kylar Pulsinelli and Charles Pulsinelli. Michael was also a father figure to his niece Nicole (James) Lyson, and was a grandfather-figure to her daughters Mackenzie and Victoria Lyson. He had many other nieces and nephews including Jeff Farmer (deceased), Wendy Pommerenke, David and Kim Farmer, Franz Rischard, Michael Staffel, Kelley Samar, Raymond John and Benjamin Archambo, and Alicia Lamb. Michael married Deborah Heath on March 3, 1995 and was deeply in love with her until his final moments. He also cared so strongly for the entire Heath family. Michael was introduced to the Heaths during his days at Saint John's Catholic School, where he graduated from in 1965. He then served in the United States Army from 1967-1968 in the Vietnam War. Michael was a radio operator for the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, and a long-standing *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. Michael was a lot of things: an adored husband, father, brother, grandfather, and uncle, a respected veteran, an avid golfer, a persistent joke teller, a lover of animals and pets, an enormously strong and selfless man, and a friend to many. His constant patience and positivity was something to behold, even if it wavered a little bit depending on how Notre Dame football was playing that Saturday. Every single day, Michael found a way to fill the air with laughter, love and warmth. Rest in Peace Michael. We love and miss you. The memorial service took place on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at 2250 East Stadium Boulevard, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. There was a gathering for family and friends at 10:00 AM followed by Mass at 11:00 AM. After there was a luncheon directly following service at the American Legion Memorial Association at 320 West Michigan Avenue, Saline, MI 48176. The luncheon was an open welcome to all.



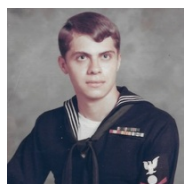
JAMES E. "Jim" SANDERS - Died peacefully Friday, March 4, 2022 in Philo, Ohio at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family at Genesis Hospice Morrison House. The cause of death was cancer. Jim was born on February 17, 1947 in Morgan County, Ohio to the late Ralph and LaVerne (née Campbell) Sanders. He retired from Adams Brothers Concrete where he worked as a cement truck mixer/driver, he also worked for the Ohio Ferro Alloy in Philo. He was an avid Steelers fan and a fan of anything John Deere, including his 1947 John Deere tractor. He was a member of the Philo-Duncan Falls VFW Post #10275, the Ernest G. Walsh American Legion Post #246, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Newark Chapter #55**, the National Rifle Association and he proudly served his country in the United States Army. Jim is survived by his wife Judy A. (née May) Sanders, whom he married September 19, 1970; his children, Jeff (Annette) Boykin and Joy (David) Howiler; his grandchildren, Kyle Boykin, Sydney Boykin, Stephanie Miller, Marcus Miller, and Jacie Howiler; his ten great grandchildren; his sister, Becky Browning; his brother Rodney Sanders; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, James is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Bree Guy and his brother, Brent Sanders. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, March 7, 2022 at the Farus Funeral Home of Duncan Falls where funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, with Pastor Lisa Jenkins officiating the service. He was laid to rest in the Duncan Falls Cemetery with Full Military Honors provided by the US Army Color Guard, VFW Post #1058 and American Legion Post #29. www.farusfh.com.



ROY COLLINS "Sandy" SANDERS – Died Wednesday, October, 20, 2020 in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Beggs, Oklahoma on February 1, 1935 to the late Virginia Reason and David Sanders. Roy served proudly in the United States Air Force, retiring after 21 years. He was a member of the following civic and veterans' organizations: KPC, American Legion, VFW. MAFC, DAV, 40 & 8 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. He leaves to cherish his loving and devoted wife of 55 years, Gloria (née Porche) Sanders. He also leaves his sister Virgie Jones of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; brothers-in-law (John Porche (Judy), Lawrence Pollard (Carrol) of Lake Charles, LA as well as a host of family members and friends.

ROBERT JAMES SCHARWATH, JR. - Died Friday, January 7, 2022 at Baptist Health – Richmond at the age of 74. He was a resident of Waco, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 17, 1947 in Rockford, Illinois to the Kenneth Charles and Maxine Tye (née Moran) Scharwath. He was a veteran of the United States Army and was retired from the maintenance department at Parker Seal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #1066**. Survivors include: his wife Beverly (née Plew) Scharwath; one son, Robert Scharwath, Jr; two grandchildren, Christian Scharwath and Hailey Scharwath; and one

brother, Russell Scharwath (Doris). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Scharwath. There were no funeral or visitation. The Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home was in charge of making the arrangements.



JAMES EDGAR “Jim” SCHMELZ, JR. – Died Friday, February 4, 2022 in Ballwin, Missouri at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Richmond Heights, Missouri on November 1, 1949. He was the beloved husband of the late Donna Lynn (née Purvis) Schmelz; loving father of Jason (Katie) Schmelz and Kymberly (Kenneth) Parson; proud grandpa of Madyson, Reece, Ally and Mia Grace; cherished brother of Joyce (Doug) Edwards, Joella Miller and the late Jeanne (Rick) Titter; dear brother-in-law of Dale (Marsha) Purvis and Patricia (Kevin) Bolland, and; dear uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend of many. He was also the devoted friend to his four-legged companion, Stanley. James was a proud Vietnam Veteran as a member of the United States Navy and he continued to support many causes and organizations related to military veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Infant Catholic Church, 627 Dennison Drive, Ballwin, on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM with a visitation one hour prior to Mass. The interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made online to www.centralmissourihonorflight.com. A service of the Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.



ROBERT MITCHELL “Bob” SCHMID - Died Friday, September 24, 2021 at Linda Manor Extended Care Facility at the age of 76, after a long struggle with CIDP and Parkinson's Disease. He was a resident of Leverett, Massachusetts. The cause of death was Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP) and Parkinson's disease. He was born on December 25, 1944 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Doris and Orville Schmid. He was a 1966 graduate of Gettysburg College where he majored in History and received his Master of Arts in Education from the University of Massachusetts in 1974. He is survived by his wife, Georgiana (née Bollard) Schmid, his son, Ethan Haines Schmid, and his daughter, Lena Katharine Schmid. He was predeceased by his infant son, Erik Vanderbrouk Schmid. He leaves his sister, Kathi Grant of Evanston, Ill. and her family as well as his wife's extended family. The family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the staff of Linda Manor for their dedicated care over the last eighteen months. Robert served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was deployed in January 1968 and honorably discharged in June 1969. He was stationed between Quang Tri and Dong Ha, close to the demilitarized zone. Although he was opposed to the war before he was sent to Vietnam and had an opportunity to postpone his service by attending graduate school, he felt he should not be exempt due to his privilege. During his service he was exposed to Agent

Orange which he believed contributed to his deteriorating neurological diseases. Like many veterans before and after him, he suffered from PTSD. Upon his return from Vietnam, he participated in Operation Dewey Canon III, organized by Vietnam Veterans Against the War, during which veterans threw back their medals in opposition to the continuing conflict. Robert served on the Veteran's Advisory Board and as a speaker in local high schools for the Veteran's Education Project. He was a supporter of Veterans for Peace. He will be remembered by many for his progressive views and anti-war advocacy. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts*. Robert taught history at Saint Paul's School in New Hampshire and was a counselor at Greenfield High School, Franklin County Technical School, and Brattleboro High School. In his profession as a counselor he was a strong advocate for students. When his children were young, he built them a wooden swing set. He spent several summers constructing swing sets and play equipment for other families. In the winters, he built an ice skating rink for his children and to share with family and friends. This interest was the beginning of an extended career in construction. After his retirement from Brattleboro High School, he became a licensed contractor. He particularly enjoyed helping senior citizens and individuals with repairs and accommodations that helped them remain in their homes. Robert enjoyed biking, vegetable gardening, renovating his home, sports, politics, rock and roll music, and watching M*A*S*H. Donations in his honor can be made to the Veterans Education Project, P.O. Box 416, 409 Main Street, Amherst, MA 01004 or online to Veterans for Peace. Memorial guestbook at www.douglassfuneral.com.



ALLEN GENE "AL" SCHMIDT - Died Friday, March 11, 2022 at his home in Willow Lake, South Dakota at the age of 69, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on April 16, 1952 in Willow Lake to Menno "*Babe*" and Phyllis (née Herker) Schmidt. He graduated from Willow Lake High School in 1970. He joined the military in 1972 and worked in communications in the United States Air Force for four years. He then married Melana Seehuetter in 1975 and to this union had a daughter, Heather. Following his honorable discharge, Al graduated from Mitchell Tech with a degree in electrical work. While Al worked in several different fields, his expertise was in electrical work but his passion was really in farming. He first worked for Muth Electric, sold cars for a brief period and later worked for Super Pumper, Inc. where he helped design and build gas stations/convenience stores. When that company was sold, he moved back to the Willow Lake area and continued in the construction business working by himself. With the urging of his brother, Al finished his last construction project and went to work with Bob on the Farm. Al was always the technical advisor behind every project on the farm, from grain bins to new buildings and additions. When the new irrigation dealership was opened at Schmidco, Inc., Al served as Service Manager. Through the last twenty years Al was an integral part in building and expanding both the Schmidco business and the farm. Al enjoyed woodworking, doing crossword puzzles and loved history, often remembering almost everything he read. He also loved watching basketball and recently was able to see the SDSU championship game with his

two nephews. He was a former member of the Lions Club and Jaycees Club. He was also a member of the Willow Lake Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He was a councilman of the City of Willow Lake from January 2006 to September 2009 where he was then appointed to Mayor from September 2009 to January 2012. One of his major accomplishments was to get new sidewalks stamped like boardwalks in front of the main street businesses. Al will long be remembered for being a “jack of all trades,” for his iconic dog “Pete,” and for being a loyal brother and friend for life. He was most proud of the success of his daughter and her family and enjoyed being able to spend many winter vacations visiting his grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter, Heather (Leo) Garcia of Charlotte, NC and his four grandchildren Aili, Elijah, Brielle, and Bella Garcia; his mother, Phyllis (Herker) Schmidt of Willow Lake, SD; his brothers, Terry (Brenda) Schmidt of Watertown, SD, Bob (Melanie) Schmidt of Willow Lake, SD; and niece Michelle (Shawn) Poe and daughters Calista and Elise Poe of Sioux Falls, SD. Nephews Michael (Kelsey) Schmidt of Spirit Lake, IA and Garrett (Brooklyn) Schmidt and their children Abram, Vada & Hugh of Willow Lake and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Preceding him in death were his father, Menno “Babe” Schmidt, and his nephew Erik Lee Schmidt. A memorial visitation was held on Friday, March 18, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Furness Funeral Home of Clark and one hour prior to the services. Services were held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Furness Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Leroy Boender and full military honors following the service by the NE SD Vietnam Veterans Chapter #1054, Johnnie Fonken American Legion Post #113 and the United States Air Force Honor Guard. Urn bearers were represented by Allen’s grandchildren. The burial was held at the Collins Cemetery in Willow Lake, SD at a later date. Memorials would be preferred in lieu of flowers. Services were with the Furness Funeral Home where there is an online registry at www.furnessfuneralhome.com.



GEORGE W. SCHNEIDER – Died Wednesday, February 9, 2022 peacefully at home in North Chili, New York at the age of 76, with his loving family at his side after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on January 7, 1946 to the late Inez and William Schneider. He was also predeceased by his stepfather, Cyril Attridge and brother, Edward Schneider. He is survived by his loving children Bill (Melissa) Schneider of Hilton and Georjan (Kevin) Doerr of Churchville; sister Roberta (Nicholas) Tantalo of Webster, stepsister Jean (Fritz) Tyler and stepbrother Pat (Joyce) Attridge; grandchildren William (Sarah-Ann) Schneider, Brandon and Anthony Doerr and Aimee; two great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, extended family and very dear friends. George was a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Class of 1966. After graduating, he moved to California and served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Upon returning home, He served in the Gates Fire Department Co 3 for over 21 years where he earned many titles. He was a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20** and was a retiree of Vale Productions. Friends and family were invited to call at the James R. Gray Funeral Home, 1530 Buffalo Road on

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 PM. The interment was private in Holy Ghost Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name, to the Veterans Outreach Center.

GORDON C. SCOTT, JR. – Died in January 2019 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 31, 1947. He is survived by his sister, Cindy Albin, of Santa Rosa, California. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bend (Oregon) Chapter #820*.



JOHN C. SEDOVIC - Died Monday, March 14, 2022 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 73. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on July 28, 1948 to the late John and Lillian Sedovic. John is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Roberta Sedovic; loving father of Lisa (Eric) England, and Jason (Jennifer) Sedovic; cherished grandfather of Marissa Barbarotta, Leilani England, and Liam England. John is preceded in death by his parents, John and Lillian Sedovic, and his siblings Wanda (the late Ray) Koen and Ronald (the late Ruthann) Sedovic. John was a loving family man and a loyal friend. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his grandkids, as well as reaching out to people around the world on his HAM radio. He was a proud United States Vietnam Veteran and active *Life Member* of Midrivers **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458** and the 11th Light Infantry Brigade Veterans Association, also known the “The Jungle Warriors”. John was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure to know him. Memorial Donations may be made in John’s name to The American Lung Association. A visitation was held for John on Sunday, March 27th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Hutchens-Stygar Funeral and Cremation Center. A Funeral service was held on Monday, March 28th at 11:30 AM at Hutchens-Stygar Funeral and Cremation Center with burial at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

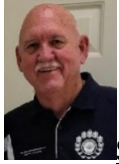


CHARLES WINFORD SINGLETARY - Died Sunday, February 20, 2022, at his residence in Old Fort, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death was respiratory failure. He was born on January 17, 1951 to the late Ediform Singletary and Margaret (née Hardy) Singletary. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. He is survived by his brother, Roger Singletary; friends who cared for him dearly, Tammy and Patrick Strickland; a host of family and friends. The family received friends from 1:00-3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the Companion Funeral Home, Cleveland, TN, followed by a graveside service at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with military honors with Ronald Ledford officiating.



HUGH JOSEPH SMITH, JR. (USA, CW3-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the Fairview Care Center in Glenside, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. He was a resident of Rockledge, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. Hugh was born in the Germantown Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 3, 1945 the first child and son to the late Hugh J. Smith, Sr., and Virginia (née Cassidy) Smith. Hugh was the father of Patrick M. Smith, James M. Smith and his wife Petra, Hugh J. Smith, III and his wife Mai, and Elizabeth C. Smith; grandfather of Joon, David, Jonica, Kendall, and Brinnley; brother of James Smith and his wife Carol, Carol DePaul, Thomas Smith and his wife Annie, David Smith, Patrick Smith and his wife Pamela, and Michael Smith and his wife Hilary. He is also survived by a loving extended family and friends. Hugh was raised in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia, attending Central High School and graduating from Germantown High School in 1963. He went on to seek higher education from Kutztown State College and the University of Maryland, attained two Associate of the Arts Degrees from Monterey Peninsula College and another from Ursinus College, and finally a Bachelor of the Arts Degree in the German Language from Ursinus College in 1994. Hugh not only answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army, but made a career out of his military service both in domestic and international capacities. For more than 20 years, he served his country in the Army Security Agency, Intelligence and Security Command, and the National Security Agency with linguistics training in German, Korean, and French. He attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3, retired, and Honorably Discharged in November 1986. In his retirement, Hugh dabbled in real estate, managed the Gilbertsville Fire Company as their steward, and was a driver and tour guide for the Philadelphia Trolley Company. During his service, Hugh was awarded the following: National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal 4th OLC, Good Conduct Medal 3rd Award, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon 4th Award, Army Achievement Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Expert M-16 Rifle, German Marksmanship Cord (Silver). Hugh was also a *Life Member* of **Liberty Bell Chapter #266 Vietnam Veterans of America** and served as the Post Adjunct of Juniata Park Memorial Park #738 American Legion. Relatives and friends were invited to Hugh's Life Celebration on February 16, 2022 from 6:00 PM and the Funeral Service beginning at 8:00 PM at the Dean-Geitner Givnish Funeral Home, located at 7900 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The interment was on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 2:30 PM at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, 60 Indiantown Gap Road, Annville, PA 17003. A funeral procession departed from the Funeral Home at 12:00 PM but attendees were encouraged to meet the procession at the cemetery at 2:00 PM. To share your own memories of Hugh, please visit lifecelebration.com.

SCOTT FRAIZER SMITH - Died Wednesday, February 2, 2022 in Kalispell, Montana at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 21, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Chapter #1087**. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home was caring for the family.



STEVEN HARRIS SPICKELMIER (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, January 25, 2022 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Huntington, Indiana on July 16, 1944 to the late Marion and Edra (née Hillegas) Spickelmier. Mr. Spickelmier graduated in 1962 from Huntington Township High School. He was a member of the basketball teams that won the County Tourneys in '61 and '62. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1962. He trained as a torpedoman and became a plank owner of the submarine tender USS Holland AS-32 in Rota, Spain. After completing his Naval service, he returned to Indiana and attended Indiana University. He then joined the Air National Guard 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1987 as a MSgt from the 482nd Fighter Wing in Homestead, FL with 26 years of military service. In addition to his military service, he retired from AT&T (Indiana Bell, Southern Bell, BellSouth) as a Network Operations Manager after 32 years. He was past chairman of the Veterans Council of Duval County, past chairman of the Support Committee at Jacksonville National Cemetery, past president of Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Chapter 559 and past Field Operations Director for Missing in America Project (MIAP) for the State of Florida. He was also a part of Wreaths Across America, POW/MIA, Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Florida, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046*, also a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046*, and "Gathering in the Pines" at Cecil Field. He was the recipient of numerous awards, including The Legion of Honor Award at The Chapel of Four Chaplains at Cecil Field. He was a past Commodore of the Navy Jax Yacht Club. He was a member of Mandarin United Methodist Church and served as an usher for many years and church van driver for residents of Wesley Manor retirement home. He also served his community as Chairman of the Brierwood Neighborhood Association. He was married to his wife, Glenda Spickelmier, for more than 33 years. She survives. Additional survivors include five children, Angela Spickelmier, Jon (Kristin) Spickelmier, Christopher (Wendy) Green, Eric (Linda) Green and Scott (My) Crooker; a sister, Jorja (Steve) Smith, of Fort Wayne; a brother, Jeff (Cheryl) Spickelmier, of North Webster; and 10 grandchildren. Calling hours were on Wednesday, February 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 4801 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL. A funeral service took place on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Mandarin United Methodist Church, 11270 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville. The interment took place at the Jacksonville National Cemetery during a private ceremony. Memorials may be made to Jacksonville National Cemetery - Support Committee, P.O. Box 57695, Jacksonville, FL 32241, or National POW-MIA Memorial Museum, 6112 POW-MIA Memorial Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32221.



CLAIRE BRISEBOIS STARNES – Died Monday, January 24, 2022 in Sanbornville, New Hampshire at the age of 77. The cause of death was myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). She was born on February 1, 1944 in Biddeford, Maine, and grew up in Lewiston, Maine. She enlisted in

the Women's Army Corps in 1963. In 1969 she volunteered for Vietnam. Over the years of the Vietnam war, an estimated 1,200 military women other than nurses served in country. She was initially assigned to the United States Army Engineer Construction Agency, Vietnam (USAECV) at Long Binh in February 1969. In June 1969, she transferred to the Joint Headquarters of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV), for duty with the Office of Information until July 1971. She eventually became a photojournalist, earning the military occupational specialty of Public Information Specialist. Following more than two years in Vietnam, Claire was assigned to the Public Information Office at Fort Monroe, Virginia. It was here that she met Edward C. Starnes, the talented Army journalist who, on April 12, 1973, became her husband. She and Ed left the military later in 1973 to become civilian employees of the Department of the Army. In 1975, with Ed serving as Assistant Public Information Officer at Fort Bliss, Texas, Claire took time off to earn her degree in Mass Communications with emphasis on print journalism from the University of Texas at El Paso. Upon graduating in 1981, she joined Ed at Fort Bliss as assistant editor of the command's official worldwide technical magazine, *Air Defense Artillery*. In 1987, the Starnes' moved to jobs at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Claire became editor of the Ordnance Corps' official worldwide technical journal, *Ordnance Magazine*, while Ed became Public Information Officer for the Ordnance Corps. In 1994, Claire retired with 31 years of government service, all of which were with the U.S. Army. In 2006, Claire and her late husband became the first and only husband/wife team to be inducted into the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Deposit (Maryland)**

Chapter #722. In February 1999, Claire and Precilla Landry Wilkewitz, a former roommate in Long Binh, co-founded the non-profit organization, Vietnam Women Veterans, Inc. (VWV). The VWV's purpose was to find all the line and staff officers and enlisted women who had served in Vietnam throughout the war. By November 1999, more than 700 deceased and living of these women had been found. That month, the VWV held its first conference in Olympia, Washington. Throughout the years, Claire continued searching for the women and researching the histories of how these women had come to be stationed in South Vietnam. This little-known group of Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy left its mark in Vietnam from 1962 to 1973, serving in a myriad of duties such as intelligence analysts, flight controllers, clerk-typists, translators, physical therapists, dietitians, communications specialists, photojournalists, finance clerks and couriers. In late September 2015, the book *Women Vietnam Veterans: Our Untold Stories* was published. Seventeen years in the making, the world would soon learn about the contributions made by these women. She toured our country for almost four years, making her audiences aware of these women. She lectured at the History Department of the US Army Military Academy at West Point and at several universities. She has done live and recorded radio and television interviews in Louisiana, New York, Oklahoma, California and Texas among others; and has recorded several Oral History interviews. The BBC sent a photo-journalist to do a photograph essay for publication in England. In addition, she had a one-year display of items and photos at the Prince Charles Regimental Museum in Hull, England. She is also a permanent part of a world-traveling exhibition originating in England. Claire loved music and enjoyed writing songs and playing keyboard, piano, and guitar. She was happiest on her 2015 Spyder bike. She also loved helping others. Claire and Ed are survived by two sons, Sean, White Marsh, MD, and Bryan, Rising Sun, MD, eight grandchildren and many cousins. Claire will be interred next to her husband at

the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale, Maine. Dates for remembrances in NH/Maine and Maryland will be announced later. In lieu of flowers or cards, please consider donating to: Vietnam Women Veterans, Inc. VVV non-nurses, 10185 Mammoth Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70814. Cremation care by Peaslee Funeral Home. To express condolences, please visit: www.peasleefuneralhome.com.



JOHN D. STILLS, JR. (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at Harbour Hospice at the age of 78. He was a resident of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was in Shreveport, Louisiana on September 10, 1942 the eldest son of John D. Stills, Sr. and Gussie (née Dobbins) Stills. He graduated from Booker T. Washington in Shreveport, LA. He then attended and graduated from Southern University. He enlisted in the United States Army and retired as a Major. John dedicated most of his life to serving other war veterans. After retiring from the Army. John went on to teach Chemistry and Mathematics and the Calcasieu Parish School System. He was a 59-year member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Also a very active member of VFW Post #7321, Mayor's Arm Forces Committee, Military Officers Association of America and many other organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. Cherishing his memory is his loving wife, Ester Charles Stills of Lake Charles; children, Terrance (Lori) Stills of Houston, Texas, El-Melech (Nadirah) Stills-Bey of Oakland, Ca., Christopher (Tina) Stills of Lake Charles;; one stepson, Mark E. (Daphene) Stevenson of Zachary, La.; one stepdaughter, Sharon (Casey) Stevenson Johnson of Houston, Texas; siblings, Alvin Ray (Judy) Preston Sr. of Shreveport, La., Odessa (Stanley) Freeman of Long Beach, Ca., Alice Pearl Johnson (the late Henry), Danny Earl (Nancy) Stills of Shreveport, La., Linda Stills Catanese (the late Joseph Sr.), Joyce M. Stills, Cheryl Stills, David Stills, Rosemary (Cedric) Hayes all of Shreveport, LA.

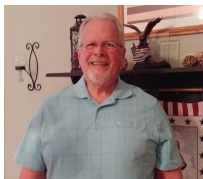


RONALD JOSEPH STOKES (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in Roselle, New Jersey at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife, Bertha L. (née Peters) Stokes. He was born on June 10, 1946 in East Orange, New Jersey to the late Joseph and Thelma Stokes. Ronald retired as a Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) from the United States Army and worked for BASF Chemical Company before moving to ExxonMobil where he served as a Hazardous Material Transport Advisor until retirement in 2011. Ron was a very proud veteran and supported many causes that were pro veterans and various cancer funds. Graduating with honors from Rutgers University in 1983, LTC Stokes had a BS Degree in Management. While he was retired from both companies, he still performed Hazardous Materials Transport training and consulting for his own LLC until 2018. During his employment with BASF and Exxonmobil he was a member (12 years) of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) for the US Coast Guard. He was also

a member of the 1st Calvary Division Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #779**, Military Officers Association of America and was an active member of VFW Post #7923 of East Orange. Ron is survived by his wife of thirty-six years, Bertha (née Peters), son Brian from his first marriage to Elizabeth Stokes (née Wilson), step daughters: Kimberly Lewis (husband James) and Kristi Hendrix (husband Kareem), his brothers Douglas R., Jeffrey B., Andrew N. and sister Karen D. and grandchildren; Leyla, Niyah, Tracy, Lauren, Odi and Miles and great-grandchildren Maddox and Zuri and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He also remained a life-long friend of J. David Branch and his family. Ron was predeceased by his brothers Paul K. and Leon A. Stokes. Visitation was held on Monday, February 21 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon at the Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn and Grillo, 1600 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, NJ 07083. Services and entombment was at Hollywood Memorial Park, 1500 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, NJ In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ronald's memory would be appreciated to: Barnabas Health Home Care and Hospice, 95 Old Short Hills Road, West Orange, NJ 07052. www.rwjbh.org.



GEORGE ROY DAVID "G.R." STREICHER III – Died Sunday, February 20, 2022 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on March 24, 1949 in Buffalo, New York to the late George and Eileen (née Naber) Streicher. Father of Mary Louise Streicher. Loving brother of Peggy (Edward) Godson, Judy (James) Lambert, Jaci, Robert (Lori), Mary Jo and James (Monica) Streicher of Myrtle Beach, SC. George was a United States Navy and Army Reserve Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. All were invited to attend a Memorial Mass at Saint Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church, 885 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY on Saturday, March 19th at 11:00 AM. The arrangements were made by the C. Mertz and Son Funeral Home, Inc. Please share condolences at www.mertzfh.com.



MICHAEL LYNN "Mike" SWAN - Died Tuesday, March 22, 2022 in Newark, Ohio at the age of 73, after a long and hard-fought battle from a mystery illness. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on May 24, 1948 in Newark to the late Russel and Riva Swan. After graduating from Newark High School, Mike joined the United States Army where he proudly served our Nation in the Vietnam War, during which he was held captive as a POW. Upon returning to his hometown of Newark, Mike spent 32 years working for Dow Chemical before retiring in 2006. Mike was an avid fisherman, active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Newark Chapter #55**, and Chapter "O" Motorcycle Goldwing Club of Newark. Mike loved spending time fishing, traveling, visiting casinos and spending time with his family, friends, and of course his beloved Black Lab, Baily who preceded Mike in crossing the rainbow bridge to patiently wait for his best friend's arrival so they could resume their daily walks. Mike is survived

by his loving wife, of 29 years, Melody Swan of Newark; children, Jennifer Swan-Jackson, Chad (Shannon) Swan, Meghan Swan; stepsons, Jody (Christy) Knisley, Bill Knisley; grandchildren, Kelci, Kailyn, and Kennedy Jackson, Alexis Moore, Hailey Swan, Crystal Fury, Evan Knisley and Max Knisley; great-grandchildren, Zoey and Colson Moore; sister, Libbie Schrorer; mother-in-law, Doris Brown; sisters-in-law, Marsha (Dave) Humphrey, Melissa (Ron) Russler; and brothers-in-law, Sid (Vicki) Brown and Jeff (Bonnie) Brown. A memorial visitation was held on Friday, March 25, 2022 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the Brucker and Kishler Funeral Home. Military services were held at 4:00 PM. To leave an online condolence please visit www.brucker-kishlerfuneralhome.com.



WADE TESAR (USN, CPT-Ret.) - Died Saturday, February 12, 2022 in Panama City Beach, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 1, 1947 to the late Dan Tesar and Dorothy (née Huff) Tesar. Captain Wade served in the United States Navy and was a charter boat captain. He is preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy He is Huff; father, Dan Tesar; and aunt, Ruth Olsen. Left to treasure Wade's memory is his wife of 29 years, Denise; son, Jacob; brother, Louis Tesar; and cousin, EJ Reynolds. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida*. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice.



GARY DANA THOMPSON – Died Thursday, October 7, 2021 of Temple Terrace, Florida, formerly of Simpsonville, South Carolina at the age of 74 after he lost his courageous battle with Liver/Pancreatic Cancer. Gary was born June 27, 1947 in Corry, Pennsylvania to the late Harry Andrew and Anna (née Christensen) Thompson, both of Danish descent. He was also the son-in-law of the late William DesPortes and Katie Yarborough Coleman. Gary is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kay (née Coleman) Thompson and by two daughters, Tracy (Brian) Leopard and Amanda (Max) Glynn both of Valrico, Florida, a sister Kristine (Robert) Love of Tallahassee, Florida, Grandsons Britton and Coleman Leopard, Logan and Mason Glynn of Valrico, Florida, sibling in-laws Nealie and Rick Werts of Columbia, South Carolina, Foster and June Coleman of Lexington, South Carolina, nieces and nephews Kelley Love (Steve) Miller of Tallahassee, Florida, Leah Love (Eddie) Soley of Kittery, Maine, Jill Coleman (Bobby) Kunkle and Beth Werts (Michael) Hawkins, Chad (Katie) Coleman all of Lexington, South Carolina, and Brant (Kelly) Werts of Charlotte, North Carolina. Gary is also survived by his chosen brother, Tom Bolick of Greenville, South Carolina and his long-time friend and colleague, Rochelle Garrett of Simpsonville, South Carolina. Gary started elementary school in Jacksonville, Florida before moving to Columbia, South Carolina in 1955. He was one of the fifty chosen in the 7th grade to attend University High

School on the campus of the University of South Carolina, where he played on the basketball team. He was a student at the University of South Carolina prior to enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1968. Gary then served with the 26th Marines in Vietnam before being selected for the Combined Action Program (CAP) 2-3-3 and CACO 2-3 HQ. Upon return to the United States, Gary enrolled at Clemson University using the GI Bill where he obtained his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering. He was a member of the Eta Alpha Chapter of the Theta Chi Fraternity. He was also a member of Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering Honor Society. In December of 1973, he began his career with the South Carolina Department of Transportation in Columbia, before transferring to Greenville as the District Traffic Engineer. After 25 years of service to the state of South Carolina, Gary briefly worked for an engineering consultant before moving to Tampa, Florida to become the Florida Department of Transportation District 7 Traffic Operations Engineer. He continued to solidify his legacy making the roadways safer during a 40-year career. Many of his colleagues knew his quote "Traffic Engineering is fighting a war you try to lose as slowly as possible". Gary continued to be active in the community via the Tampa Chapter 787 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Gary enjoyed many reunions of the Combined Action Program in various locations throughout the country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. Gary was known for his love of family, friends, fast red cars, and his generosity. In addition to his professional life, he was an excellent carpenter, plumber, electrician, and self-taught brick mason. The family wishes to thank Dr. David Wright of the Florida Cancer Specialists for his compassionate care. We are also grateful to Chapters Hospice – Ruby Team for their assistance in providing comfort in his final week. Gary's Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Hillsborough County Veteran's Memorial Park at 3602 US 301, Tampa, FL 33619. The family requested that everyone wear patriotic attire. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to Join Queena at JoinQueena.com or by sending a check to Join Queena P.O. Box 891277 Tampa, FL 33689. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.blountcurryterraceoaks.com.



HARMON EUGENE THOMPSON – Died Friday, January 28, 2022 in Keota, Oklahoma at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 26, 1946 to the late Harmon and Hazel Bernice (née Dibler) Thompson. Harmon is survived by his spouse, Cynthia Thompson of the home; his siblings, Betty Scrivener, of Stigler, OK, Bill Thompson and wife, Kathie, of Palatka, FL; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy Mayer, of Choctaw, OK, Henry Mayer and wife, Linda, of Choctaw, OK, and; a special friend, Terry Farmer of Midwest City, OK. Harmon was preceded in death by his parents, Harmon and Hazel Thompson; his sister, Joyce Bowers, his brother-in-law, Willie Bowers, his sister, Cheryl Thompson; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Alix and Agnes Mayer. Harmon served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Harmon was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a retired truck driver. He loved sports and was an avid OU fan. He enjoyed bowling and working with the VFW, the Purple Heart Organization, the Eagles Club, the American

Legion, and the Elks Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma City Chapter #291**. The family would like to thank Sans Bois Hospice for their service during Harmon's illness. Viewing was held at the Mallory Chapel in Keota from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday, January 30th and from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Monday, January 31st. Family Visitation was from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, January 31st. Funeral Services were held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at Mallory Chapel in Stigler with Reverend Billy Blankenship officiating. The interment was at 1:00 PM at the Fort Smith National Cemetery with Reverend Vernon Stone officiating under the direction of Mallory-Martin Funeral Home and Crematory of Stigler. The pallbearers were members of U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard. The honorary pallbearers were Harmon's nephews. The Military Honors were provided by the U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard.



JAMES LEWIS "Jim" THOMPSON (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 27, 2022 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 98. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on November 22, 1923 in Cross County, near Wynne, Arkansas to the late Ivan S. and Henry Etta (née Lewis) Thompson. He graduated from Hillman High School and attended Arkansas State College in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He joined the United States Army in July of 1943 at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. LTC Thompson was a veteran of WWII European Theater of Operations, the Korean War, and Vietnam for which he was awarded 12 Campaign Stars. His other military decorations include three Bronze Star Medals with "V" Device, two Army Commendation Medals, Air Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was awarded a Battlefield Commission during the Korean War and was active in the National Order of Battlefield Commissions. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. LTC Thompson established and operated an Auction and Real Estate Business for 20 years in Lawton. He served on the Board of Directors and was President of the Oklahoma State Auctioneers Association. Jim was inducted into the Oklahoma State Auctioneers Hall of Fame in 1990. He was a Methodist and was a Past Chairman of the Administrative Board for St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He served as Chairman on the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery Board for many years and was active in several local square dance clubs and charitable activities. He married Mary Klein in June of 1944 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She passed away in February of 1990. He later married Jean Reed in December of 1990. She passed away in December of 2013. He is survived by two daughters and sons in law, Jimmie and Robert Bryant, of Woodbridge, VA and Mary Etta and Wayne Bales, of Indianahoma, OK; his step daughter, Penny Hill, of Lawton, OK; his step son, Gordon Reed, and wife, Cristina, of Garland, TX; his brother and sister in law, Butch and Pam Thompson, of Arkansas; his granddaughters and their spouses, Andrea Bryant, Stacey King and John Deluca, Nicole and John Brown, Britney Smith, and Shaylin and Paddy Gartlan; his great grandchildren, Matthew Brown, Bryson Smith, Alexis Shaver, Kassadee Clay, Maddison Clay, Jackson Hale, and Victoria Gartlan; one great-great-grandson, Jacoby Clay; numerous cousins in Mississippi; and a world of loving friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wives, Mary Thompson and Jean Thompson; and a special friend, Florence Williams. The memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 4, 2022 at the minster Presbyterian Church with Reverend Devon Reynolds,

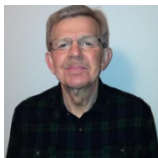
pastor, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pastor Scott Patton, of Indianahoma Baptist Church, and SFC Ricky Lobo, co-officiating. The arrangements were under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home. The burial with full military honors was at Sunset Memorial Gardens. A special visitation for family and friends was held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the funeral home, weather permitting. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.



CHARLES A. TONNA – Died Tuesday, February 8, 2022 in Wantagh, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 31, 1942. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Visitation hours were held on February 11th from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. The funeral arrangements were under the care of the Charles G. Schmitt Funeral Home - Seaford, New York. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 12th at 10:45 AM at Saint William the Abbot Roman Catholic Church, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, New York. The interment was in the Pinelawn Memorial Park, NY.



GEORGE PATRICK TORINESE, SR. (USMC-MSgt-Ret.) - Died Friday, December 17, 2021 in Forest, Mississippi at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 2, 1949. He was a retired Master Sergeant with the United States Marine Corps. He enjoyed aircraft maintenance and technology. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brandon Chapter #1057**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dottie Taylor Torinese, his parents and one sister. He is survived by his children: Lawrence Torinese, George Torinese, Jr., Joseph Torinese, and Misty Feemaster; one brother: Connie Torinese, and many grandchildren. The family wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the nurses and staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital ICU East, Jackson for their care and service.



ROBERT JAMES VANDERZALM – Died Sunday, March 13, 2022 in Saint George, Utah at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 9, 1945 in Atlantic City, New Jersey to the late James and Catherine (née Friedel) VanderZalm. Robert served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**. He retired from the University of Illinois after 28 years. Robert was preceded in death by his son, Matthew. He leaves behind his wife, Vicki VanderZalm,

of almost 50 years together; his daughter, Rebecca (Jim) Mathews; daughter-in-law, Kjersti Emerson; and four grandchildren. Per Robert's wishes he was cremated.



JAMES "Jim" VIALARD – Died Monday, December 13, 2021 peacefully at his home in Denville, New Jersey at the age of 74, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dover, New Jersey on March 14, 1947 to the late Catherine (née Curtis) Vialard and Henry A. Vialard. With the exception for his service time, he was a lifelong Denville resident. He graduated from Morris Hills High School in 1965 and went to work at Howmet Corp retiring in 2011. Jim enlisted in the United States Army in May of 1967 and would spend 26 months in South Vietnam with the 3rd/6th Artillery. He was a proud Red Leg serving with the King of Battle. In May of 1970 Jim joined the Rockaway, Marcella and Denville Memorial Association, and began a lifelong commitment to decorating the graves in the 3 towns. He continued his service until his illness prevented his participation 2 years ago. Exposed to Agent Orange in 1967, Jim refused to let his illnesses stop him from his commitments to helping and remembering other War Dead on Memorial Day. Jim's service to his Country and fellow Veterans never ended for him. He was a proud member of VFW Post #2519 of Denville since 1969. He later joined Rockden American Legion Post #175 where he served as Post Commander and in 1995-96 was Morris County Commander. He was also a member Voiture 228 of the 40/8. After his love of family and country came his love of the American Legion. In 1998 he transferred to Denville Memorial Post #390 where he served as Finance Officer and Judge Advocate for years. He went on to serve The Department of NJ as Membership Chairman and loved being on the V.A. and R. Commission. His passion took him to the top when he served as Department Commander 2004-2005. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Northwest New Jersey Chapter #327**. Jim was predeceased by his parents Catherine (née Curtis) and Henry A. Vialard and his sister Kathleen Pike. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Phyllis, son Jeffrey (Tina), grandchildren Ashley Lawson and Chloe and Wyatt Vialard, great-grandsons Charlie and Henry Lawson. Jim will be forever missed by his nieces Leann Dawes, Kate Dawes, Laura Dauenhauer and Colleen Pike, as well as nephews David Dawes and Michael DeHart, great-nephew Joseph Perez and great-nieces Brittany DeHart and Tiarrah Tolliver. Public Visitation was on Sunday, December 19th from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM and from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Norman Dean Home for Services, 16 Righter Avenue, Denville. The Funeral Service was on Monday, December 20th at 9:30 AM at the Norman Dean with the burial at the Denville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Denville Fire Department Association, 2 Indian Road Denville, NJ 07834. Please visit www.normandean.com to leave a condolence for his family.



FRANCIS XAVIER "Frank" VOLLMER, JR. – Died Sunday, March 20, 2022 in Kodak, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 29, 1946, in Buffalo, New York as the eldest of nine children to the late Francis and Catherine Vollmer. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Charles and James, and sisters Janice and Diane. He is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Sharon, his loving son Ryan (Brooke), grandson Eliot and soon-to-be-born granddaughter, along with brother Mark (Linda) and sisters Mary, Deborah and Jackie. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Air Force and volunteered for service in Vietnam as a tribute to his friend who was killed in combat. Frank served with honor while assigned to DaNang Airbase from 1967-1968 and survived many conflicts including the Tet Offensive. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda (New York) Chapter #77**. Upon returning to the US, he married Sharon and raised their son. Frank was a dedicated employee of the Buffalo News for 35 years. When he retired in 2002, he and his wife moved to Kodak. Frank was the ultimate good Samaritan and dedicated so much time serving the community and helping others in need, particularly veterans. He worked with mental health services and provided drug and addiction counseling, along with mentoring to veterans and their families. He was a dedicated husband, father, brother, and grandfather. His family would like to thank all the caregivers and staff at Ben Atchley Home for Veterans for the excellent care Frank received. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a veteran's organization of your choice. A memorial service was held on April 7, 2022 at 12:30 PM at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, 2200 East Governor John Sevier Highway. Military Honors were provided by the American Legion Post #104. Online condolences can be made at www.atchleyfuneralhome.com.



VICTOR LEE WALLACE II (USMC, CPT-Ret.) - Died Wednesday August 11, 2021 at his residence in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 83. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on January 14, 1938 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to the late Victor Lee and Juanita (née Webb) Wallace. He had lived in Dawson County since 2008 having moved from Denver, Colorado. Victor served in the United States Marine Corps from 1962 to 1964 and in the Marine Corps Reserves until 1971. He retired with the rank of Captain. He practiced corporate law for 35 years in Denver, Colorado. After retirement, he attended Denver Seminary becoming a Chaplain. He served at the Denver VA Hospital for 5 years until he moved to Dawsonville in 2008. He immediately volunteered to serve as *Chaplain* and was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**, continuing until his death. Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Duane Wallace, Dawsonville; daughter and son-in-law, Brooke and Andrew Stokes, Roswell; son and

daughter-in-law, Brig. Gen. John Michael "Mike" and Deborah Wallace, Allen, TX; grandchildren, Maddox Stokes, Faith Stokes, J. T. Wallace, Max Wallace, Will Wallace; brother and sister in law, John and Suzanne Wallace, Garland, TX. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Bearden Funeral Home Chapel. Pastors Mike Owens and John Wallace co-officiated. The interment services with Military Honors were held at the Georgia National Cemetery for family members only. The family received friends on Tuesday, September 7th from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Good Shepherd Clinic, P. O. Box 1009, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Condolences may be expressed at www.beardenfuneralhome.com. The Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, Georgia were in charge of all the arrangements.



JAMES CHARLES "Jim" WEAVER - Died Monday, August 16, 2021 at his home in Ulrichsville, Ohio at the age of 74, following a period of declining health. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 19, 1947 in Newark, Ohio to the late Leo Joseph and Isa Mary (née Haxton) Weaver. Jim was a 1966 graduate of Saint Mary High School before serving his country in the United States Army in Vietnam where he earned a Bronze Star Medal. Upon returning home, he began his long career with Associated Grocers in Dennison, continuing with them as Tusco Grocers until his retirement. Jim was active in his community in many capacities, having served as an Uhrichsville City Councilman in the 1980s and on the board of Twin City Hospital for many years. He was a former member of the Dennison Rotary for nearly 50 years and had volunteered with the Rainbow Connection. He also was a member of the American Legion, Tusco Rifle Club, and the Uhrichsville Elks. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. In his younger years, he enjoyed riding motorcycles with his friends in the Gold Wing Club. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Dennison and the Knights of Columbus. Jim will be deeply missed by his surviving family which includes his daughters, Mary Ann (Aaron) Hall and Melissa (Kenny) Shuman; grandchildren, Christopher (Katelyn) Cox, Joshua (Benjamin) Goldsberry, Raegan Hall, and Xavier Hall; great-granddaughter, Natalie Shoup; brother, David (Nova) Weaver; sister-in-law, Luella Weaver; dear friend and former spouse, Rita (James) Dougan; close friends, John and Diana Rypien; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Geneva, and brother, Anthony Weaver. Reverend Father Jeff Coning celebrated the funeral Mass on Friday, August 27th at 11:00 AM in Immaculate Conception Church. The interment was in Saint Mary Cemetery near Dennison with a military committal service. In keeping with Jim's wishes, no public visitation was planned. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Church.

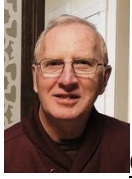


LARRY S. WELCH - Died Sunday, September 19, 2021 at the VA Medical Center in Washington, DC at the age of 85. He was a resident of Oak Hill, West Virginia. The cause of death

is unknown. Larry was born on April 2, 1936 in Kimball, West Virginia to the late Bob and Willie Welch. He was a retired U.S. Navy veteran who served in both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Larry loved fishing and donated to several charities monthly including Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860**. In addition to his parents Larry was preceded in death by his wife Jean, brother Jack and sister Jewell. Those left to cherish his memory include daughters Michelle (Joe), Sheryl (Pete), Terri (Don), Kerri (Tracy), Ginger (Dennis); grandchildren Larry, Jackie, Jessie, Nicole, Katie and Hannah; sisters Barbara, Kaye and Billie; brother Anthony, three great grandchildren and numerous cousins. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 29th at High Lawn Funeral Home. Friends came to visit with the family beginning at 1:00 PM until time of service. In keeping with Larry's wishes he was cremated afterwards. The High Lawn Funeral Home assisted the family during their time of grief.



ROBERT L. "Bob" WHELPLEY, JR. - Died Tuesday, January 25, 2022 in Myersdale, Pennsylvania at the age of 73, after a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Penfield, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in DuBois, Pennsylvania on February 1, 1948 to the late Robert L. Whelpley, Sr. and Hazel (née Smith) Whelpley. On May 5, 1979, he married Norma J. (née Smith), who survives at home in Penfield. Along with his wife, Bob is survived by six children, Robert D. Whelpley of DuBois, Lisa (Todd) Hamilton of Penfield, Richard (Wendy) Whelpley of Byrnedale, Curtis (Jessica Levenduski) Whelpley of Penfield, Michael (Amber) Whelpley of DuBois and Paul Whelpley of Penfield; eleven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four brothers, Alan (Sue) Whelpley of Brockway, Gary (Daune) Whelpley of Lansing, MI, Donald (Gwen) Whelpley of KY, and Ron Whelpley of Sandfield, MA; and a sister, Sharon (Mark) Kuepfer of Oklahoma. Beside his parents, Bob was preceded in death by one son, Jason Whelpley. Bob served in the United States Navy from 1966-'68, worked as an Electrician for thirty-four years at Speer Carbon of Saint Marys, served as Huston Township Supervisor and worked in Huston Township Maintenance Department for seven years. He attended Tri-County Church of God and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**, the NRA, the Penfield Fireman's, the Bennetts Valley Legion, and had volunteered with the Bennetts Valley Ambulance for many years. He was born and raised in Brockway and lived most of his life in Penfield. Public visitation was held on Friday, January 28, 2022 from 3:00-6:00 PM and also on Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home of Penfield, PA. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday at the Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home of Penfield with Reverend David Miller as the officiant. The interment took place in Morningside Cemetery of DuBois. The family suggested memorials to the Bennetts Valley Ambulance or the Penfield Volunteer Fire Company and will be accepting online condolences at www.nedzafamilyfuneralhomes.com.



GARY L. WHITE - Died Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at his home in Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 73, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Mason City, Iowa on January 11, 1949 to the late Wayne and Mildred (née Simkins) White. Gary served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was formerly married to Pamela Ring of Manly, Iowa and they had two children, Brandy and Aaron. He moved to Park View, Iowa and worked for Caterpillar and Uniparts Olsen in Eldridge, retiring in 2015. He married Marilyn Vos Murray in 2004 in Davenport. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299** where he served on the honor guard, as President and served on the Board of Directors. He was an avid Hawkeye and Navy Blue Angels fan and enjoyed traveling, especially every two years to his USS Bausell Reunion. Gary dearly loved his family and will be greatly missed by them and his beloved dog, Heidi. Those left to honor his memory include his wife, Marilyn, daughter, Brandy (John) Clogg, Des Moines, son, Aaron White, Pekin, IL stepdaughter, Shelby Murray, Clinton, IA, sisters, Patricia Doyle, Davenport and Kathy (Steve) Rosendahl, Nora Springs, IA, brother, Larry (Dana) White, Waterloo, IA, 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and extended family members. His parents preceded him in death. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM at The Runge Mortuary. Visitation hours were on Friday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the mortuary. His final resting place was in Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may go to the Memphis Saint Jude's Hospital for Children or VVA Chapter #299. Online condolences may be left at www.rungemortuary.com.



CHARLES EDWARD "Eddie" WHITTED - Died peacefully, Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the Hospice Satilla Hospice House in Waycross, Georgia at the age of 75, with his wife by his side. He was a resident of Blackshear, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida on October 29, 1946 to the late William "Bill" and Lucille (née Thornton) Whitted. After graduating from Paxon High School in Jacksonville, FL, Class of 1965, he received a baseball scholarship to Saint John's Junior College. However, he was drafted into the United States Army to serve in Vietnam. When he returned from service in southeast Asia, he attended the University of Florida. He had owned and operated B & W Door Company for several years. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Blackshear, Lakeview Golf Club, the Screven Masonic Lodge #368 and the Veterans Service Board in Atlanta. He was appointed and sworn in by Governor Nathan Deal and was re-appointed by Governor Brian Kemp. He worked closely with Commissioners Pete Wheeler, Mike Roby and the newly elected commissioner, Col. USAF, Ret. Patricia Ross. He assisted countless veterans with their claims as well as their widows who were left behind not knowing what to do. He will be missed by the veterans of Southeast Georgia for

he was one of their strongest advocates. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Blackshear Chapter #1070**. He was a son of the late William "Bill" and Lucille Thornton Whitted. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy Whitted and by a nephew, James Gregory Boyette. Survivors include his wife, Brenda (née Chancey) Whitted, Blackshear; his sister, Joan Boyette, Jesup; a first cousin who was more like a brother to him, Ron Reddish, Ocala, FL; nieces and nephews, Sandra B. Strickland, Jesup, Michael Whitted, Screven, William R. Riddle, Jr. (Susan), Woodlands, TX, Barry Riddle (Jamie), Screven and Jade L. Chancey, Oakland, CA and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews and several other relatives. Visitation took place from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon on Thursday, January 13th at the First Baptist Church of Blackshear. Funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, January 13th from the First Baptist Church in Blackshear. He was laid to rest at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville. The active pallbearers were Billy Walker, Shelby Sweat, Frank Sweat and Marion Gray who were his golfing buddies, James Starling, his childhood friend and cousin, Ron Reddish. The honorary pallbearers were members of the Screven Masonic Lodge # 368 and the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #1070. All Vietnam Veterans are also invited to serve as honorary pallbearers. All pallbearers were requested to meet at the church by 11:30 AM on Thursday. Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at www.pearsondial.com. The Pearson-Dial Funeral Home of Blackshear was in charge of the arrangements.

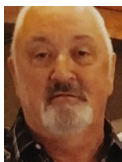


GRANT MORROW WIDEMAN

– Died Friday, November 12, 2021 in Fairport, New York at the age of 76, surrounded by loved ones after a brief, courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Rochester, New York on October 23, 1945 to the late Thomas Grant Wideman and Mary Ellen (née Morrow) Wideman. Predeceased by his wife, Lois Clayton Wideman, parents Thomas Grant and Mary Ellen Morrow Wideman, aunt Martha Bogart Morrow, uncle James Duff (Rosa) Morrow Jr. He is survived by his loving partner of 26 years, Estelle Rice, daughter, Hannelore (Devin) Arnold, son, Thomas Grant (Sarah) Wideman, his brothers, William Marion (Suzanne) Wideman, James Stuart (Polly) Wideman. Like a brother-in-law to Holly (John) James. Nieces Michelle (Ron) Hanson, Renee (Joseph) Gamberoni. Nephews Scott William, Christopher James (Catherine) and David Grant (Jackie) Wideman. Grandfather to Hudson Andrew (Payge Sirois) and Seneca Clayton Arnold, Olivia Lois, Madeline Jane and Alexander Grant Wideman. Cousins to Nancy Morrow, Rebecca Morrow (James) Petrie and James Duff (Nancy) Morrow III. Like a father to Dean (Melissa) Brindisi, T.C. Rice, Jesse (Frankie) Rice, and Papa to Teddy Rice. Grant was born October 23, 1945 in Rochester N.Y. and grew up and lived in Fairport, N.Y for the majority of his life. Around the age of 11, Grant started shooting archery. He was well known for his natural gift, and was awarded the title of New York State champion while in his teens. After graduating from Fairport High School in 1963, Grant took classes at Monroe Community College before enlisting in the United States Army in 1966. Grant was in the 4th Armored Division headquarter battery artillery serving in Germany from June 1966 through May 1968. In July 1968, he was deployed to Cu Chi Vietnam as part of HHB 25th Infantry Artillery

division, as an Artillery Surveyor. After returning stateside in 1969, he married and began working at various golf courses in the Greater Rochester area; Green Hills, Thunder Ridge/ Wildwood and Marvin's /Crooked Pines. He attended night school at Monroe Community College and Rochester Institute of Technology, receiving his bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In 1986 he started working for Monroe County at Genesee Valley park, then as Park Supervisor at Powder Mills Park until retiring from that position in 2002. From there, Grant started his own Deep Tine Aeration business where he specialized in Verti-Drain turf aeration of greens, tees, and athletic fields throughout New York State. He returned working for Monroe County, at Highland Park as head of Historical Parks in the 2000s on a part-time basis until retiring in the late 2000s. Grant was a *Life Member* of the **Genesee Valley (Rochester) Chapter #20 of the Vietnam Veterans of America** and marched in many of the Greater Rochester parades and rode with other Vietnam Veterans to Washington DC as part of "Rolling Thunder" many Memorial Days in the 1990s and 2000s. He was proud of children Lori and T, being "Grandpa Grant" and "Papa" to his grandchildren. He loved riding his Harley with Estelle, and having his friends laugh at his jokes. He loved his family and friends and was proud of them all. His wit, generosity and kind nature will live on in all of the lives he touched. Grant's family would like to thank the URMHC Hospice team for his care during his illness as well as the staff and residents of The Woodlands for the kindness they extended to Grant, Estelle and their family. A celebration of Grant's life was held on Thursday, November 18th at The Grand View Lodge at Powder Mills Park, 49 Wollston Road, Pittsford, NY starting at 1:00 PM. A memorial tribute began around 2:00 PM. The tribute will be casual, and are encouraging friends and family to share a memory or story about Grant during the tribute. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a donation to the Rochester, NY Veterans Administration in memory of Grant.

GORDON H. WILLIAMS – Died Wednesday, December 22, 2021 in Rochester, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester on January 15, 1946 to the late Gordon and Helen Williams. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Dawn Rooker. He is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years, Kathleen Williams; son, James (Bonnie) Wharmby; grandchildren, Kevin (Amber) Smith, Chelsea (Brian) Gazzetta and Dylan Wharmby; six great-grandchildren; siblings, Richard (Linda) Williams, Paula Payne and Douglas (Florence) Williams; many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Gordon retired from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and was active in most veteran's organizations, especially the Marine Corps League and DAV. The family received friends on Monday, January 3rd from 4:00-7:00 PM, at New Comer Cremations and Funerals, 2636 Ridgeway Avenue. Interment at White Haven Memorial Park at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to any veteran's organization of your choice in Gordon's memory.



ROY L. WILLIAMS - Died Thursday, January 13, 2022 in Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital at Dover, Ohio at the age of 74, following a brief illness. He was a resident of New Philadelphia,

Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio on May 16, 1947 to the late Raymond C. and Marlene (née Ebert) Williams. He was an honorably discharged veteran having served with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857*. Roy was a retired heavy equipment operator working through Union Local 18, District 6. A family man first, Roy was devoted to his family and would always be there for them anytime he was needed. He loved hunting, being outdoors and being around heavy construction equipment. He was proud of being a veteran and loved his animals. Surviving is his wife of 24 years, Dianna K. (née Parks) Williams of the residence; his son, Chad Williams of Newark; step-daughters, Kim Shaw of New Philadelphia and April (Adam) Jones of Stone Creek; two grandsons, Logan Williams and Hank Williams; step grandchildren, Cody English, Ashley (Andy) Beitzel and Madison Jones; two step-great grandchildren, Waylon and Laiklynn Beitzel; a sister, Darla (James) Bachman and four brothers, Carl (Debie) Williams, Gary Williams, Kermit Williams and Ronald Williams. In addition to his parents, a son, Shawn Williams and an infant brother, Larry Williams also precede him in death. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home at New Philadelphia. A graveside service and burial with Military Honors was held on Friday, January 21, 2022.



ERIC J. "Rick" WINCEK - Died Wednesday, January 12, 2022 in South Bend, Indiana at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 21, 1946 in South Bend to the late John and Beverly (née Loutzenhiser) Wincek. On February 10, 1968 he married Mary Lou Mucha in Saint Adalbert Catholic Church. Eric is survived by two sons, Todd M. Wincek of South Bend, Indiana, Andrew J. Wincek of Indianapolis, Indiana, three sisters, Sheila (Gary) O'Dell of Mishawaka, Indiana, Peggy Flowers of Lawrence, Michigan, Nancy Shultz of Mishawaka, Indiana, brother and sister in law, Dennis and Roseann Janowiak, many nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces and nephews, one special great-great nephew, Cade, and his grand dog, Marcus. Rick attended grade school at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. He was a 1964 graduate of Washington High School. He then went on to study electronics and communication engineering at RETS Electronics. Rick was very dedicated and honored to serve in The United States Army in which he was a Sergeant. He was in the 101st Airborne Division, Army Ranger, and Green Beret with the 5th Special Forces Group. He was very proud to be a scoutmaster and mentor with Troop 432 with over 20 eagle scouts under his guidance. Rick coached baseball at Northwest Little League. Rick belonged to several organizations, former commander of VFW Post #9820, St. Joe young men's society, Military Order of the Cootie, M.R. Falcons, and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027*. He valued family above all, he was Santa Claus for many generations of children. Rick's kind and generous heart was known by all, he was always willing to help and never turned his back on anyone. Saint Michael the Archangel has a new commando in his army in heaven looking out for all of us. Love you forever and a day. A visitation for Rick was held on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at the Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 North Bendix

Drive, South Bend, IN from 3:00 until 8:00 PM. A rosary was prayed at 3:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday January 17, 2022 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Full Military honors took place at the conclusion of Mass outside the church. Memorial Contributions may be made to Corpus Christi Catholic Church or The Wounded Warrior Project in Rick's honor. To leave online condolences please visit www.kaniewski.com.



BRUCE ALAN WITT (USAF, O3E-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 9, 2022 in West Bend, Wisconsin at the age of 71, after a long battle with multiple health complications. His loving wife and family were a comfort to him in his final days at Kathy's Hospice. Bruce was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 19, 1950 to the late George Witt, Jr. and Joyce M. (née Lawrence) Witt. After graduating from Washington High School in Milwaukee, WI in 1968, he joined the United States Navy and attended boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Base in IL. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War, being stationed in Vietnam. Upon returning stateside, Bruce left the Navy as a PO3 and a short time later enlisted in the United States Air Force. Bruce was stationed at Langley Air Force Base in VA, where he met his first wife, Donna Lee Drake, and they were married in 1974. Bruce was transferred to U.S. Upper Hayford in England. They welcomed a daughter, Martina, in February 1975. Two years later in August 1977, they welcomed a son, Christopher. That same year, he was assigned to Scott Air Force Base in MO. Bruce and Donna decided to part ways and Bruce became a loving and devoted single father. In 1979, Bruce was assigned to Randolph Air Force base in San Antonio, TX. In 1980, Bruce met Lynda (nee Wehmeyer) Linn at a Super Bowl party. They were married on April 25, 1981. In addition to accepting Lynda's two sons, Trevor and Devin Linn, like his own, a year later, they welcomed a daughter, Ginger. Bruce was transferred to Columbus Air Force base in MS in 1983, where he served 2 years. In 1985, he was then assigned to Lakenheath Air Force Base in England. His tour lasted until February 1987. The family returned to San Antonio, TX where Bruce was stationed at Kelly Air Force Base until his retirement in 1991 as an OE3. Since military retirement, he earned his master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling. Bruce was employed as a psychotherapist, specializing in drug/alcohol abuse and marriage/family counseling in Victoria, TX, Kettle Moraine Correctional Facility, Kettle Moraine Counseling Services, Rogers Behavioral Health, Community Memorial Hospital Outpatient Mental Health, and the VA in Milwaukee, WI until he was medically retired in 2008. All his life, Bruce took pride in being physically active. He enjoyed racquetball, jogging, hunting, yard work, and woodworking. He had a beautiful flower garden and grew healthy vegetables for his family to enjoy. His woodworking projects included toys, sewing cabinets, hope chests, signs, furniture, utility trailer and he refinished and rebuilt his back deck. He enjoyed going up north to hunt with his dad and uncles, as well as with his son, Chris. Bruce also had a close connection with the dogs in his life. Trixie, Buffy, Mutley, Missy, Halo, Dixie, Zelda, Scruffy, and Rayne all loved to play ball, go hunting, walk, rough house, and cuddle with their human. Bruce's life was made complete with the addition of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They looked forward to tickling time with their papa, woodworking projects,

ball practice, zoo trips, silly songs, and sayings, as well as looking out into the audience at special events and seeing Papaw as one of their biggest supporters! Bruce was an active member of the Lt. Ray Dickop Post #36 American Legion, to which he served as Historian. Other memberships include the Fred A. Schaefer VFW Post #1393, DAV, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburg Chapter #448**. He was honored to serve along with his fellow veterans during the Washington County Fair Pancake Breakfast, information booth representative, Brat Frys, and poppy distribution. Bruce looked incredibly sharp in any military uniform he wore. He was so humbled to have served his country. Bruce is survived by many people who loved him and will be comforted by precious memories. Lynda Witt, his loving wife of 41 years; two sisters, Charlene Jensen and Christie (John) Nummerdor; brother-in-law, Walter Wehmeyer; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Marek. his four children, Devin (Shannon) Linn, Martina (Shannon Zittlow) Ritger, Christopher (Emilie) Witt, and Ginger (Jeff Reimer) Witt will forever be grateful for the impact he has made in their lives. Cherished memories will live in the hearts of Bruce's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kory (Kristen) Witt and their children, Owen, Audrey, Emersynn, and Everleigh, Devin Linn, and his daughter, Kennedy, Phillip (Dana Schnabl) Ritger, Spencer Scheunemann, Dominik (Emma Clough) Linn, Alyson Ritger, and her son Jeremy, Rebecca Kempfer, Dominic Sharp, Madalynn Ritger, Aramie Ritger, Kaitlynn Sharp, Teddy Cakanic, Anna Ritger, and Elizabeth Ritger. Preceding Bruce in eternal life were his maternal grandparents, Frank and Muriel Lawrence; paternal grandparents, George, and Ella Witt; parents, George and Joyce Witt; father and mother-in-law, Walter and Durann Wehmeyer; stepson, Trevor M. Linn; grandson, Samuel J. Ritger; sister, Sherry L. Witt; nephew, George M. Hebert; two brothers-in-law, Ben Marek and Stephen A. Jensen; sister-in-law, Mary Wehmeyer; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family members. A celebration of life visitation in remembrance of Bruce was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home, 1315 West Washington Street, West Bend. Visitation was from 5:00 until 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial for Bruce was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3:00 PM at Saint Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, 1025 South 7th Avenue, West Bend. Visitation was also conducted at the church on Wednesday from 2:00 PM until this time of Mass. Reverend Father Carlos Londono was the celebrant. Military Honors took place after Mass. Those who desire to do so can make memorial donations in Bruce Witt's name to any of the organizations he was a member of. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses of Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonee Falls, WI, Bria Health Services Trinity Village in Brown Deer, WI, and Kathy's Hospice in West Bend, WI. The Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home of West Bend was in the planning of Bruce's arrangements. Additional information is found at www.myrhum-patten.com.



MARVIN EARL YORK - Died peacefully in his sleep Sunday, May 9, 2021 in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 75. The cause of death was dementia and related complications. Marvin was born in Paris, Illinois on April 20 1946 to the late Louis York and Pearl (née Pedigo) York. He graduated from Paris High School and continued on to join the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served with AVEL (Aviation Electronics) company in the North and Far North sections of Vietnam. Marvin was married to Gale M. (née Seiler) York on July 4, 1970; they were

married almost 51 years. Marvin worked as a machinist and business owner of York Machine Co. and Lanier Industries here in GA. He enjoyed playing golf and hunting, and pinball. He was also involved with and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**, American Legion and VFW. Marvin is survived by his wife and four children, Douglas; Christopher and his wife Olga; Eric and his wife Chrissy; Heidi and her husband Brendon Schwartz; his 2 brothers, (Twin) Melvin York and David York; his eight grandchildren, his numerous nieces and nephews. Marvin is preceded in death by his parents, Louis York and Pearl Pedigo York; as well as his brothers Dick, Thomas, Bill, Gary. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd at 11:00 AM at the Ingram Funeral Home Chapel.



OTIS ALBERT “Junior” YOUNG, JR. (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Friday, January 21, 2022 at Candler Hospital at the age of 83, after a long illness. He was a resident of Savannah, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ellabell, Georgia to the late Otis Albert Young Sr. and Veola Young. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Saint Leo College. He served in United States Navy, serving in the Vietnam War, retiring at the rank of, Chief Petty Officer E-7 after 22 years. He taught NJROTC at Herschel V. Jenkins High School and retired from Chatham County B.O.E. after 17 years. He worked as a H&R Block Tax Preparer and taught classes. He served as American Legion Post Commander of Post #36. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. Survived by his wife Adeline Young, his daughter Theresa Brehany and Cliff Brehany, his son Alan Young and Kelsea Young, his stepdaughters Renee Bohannon and Mike Bohannon, Stacey Graham and Stephanie Alford, his sister Joan Cahill and Doug Cahill, his sister Loretta Cornell, his brother Jackie Young and Shirley Young. Also surviving are several nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his sisters Frances Crowder and Virginia Smith. Otis was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. He will be sorely missed by all. Services for Otis Young, were held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Baker McCullough Funeral Home 7415 Hodgson Memorial Drive, Savannah, GA with Reverend Tim Brown officiating. Viewing was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.



JEROME C. “Jerry” ZIENTARA - Died Thursday, February 10, 2022 peacefully in Munster, Indiana at the age of 76, surrounded by his family. He was formerly of Mesa, Arizona and Lansing, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 17, 1945 in Lansing, Illinois to the late Jerome A. and Victoria (née Dziagwa) Zientara. He is survived by his devoted wife of 54 years, Peggy (née Briney); daughter, Cheryl (Alan) Pala; the apple of his eye grandson, Alexander; brothers, Thomas and Michael (Susan) Zientara; sister-in-law, Darlene Hallman, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Jerome is preceded in death by his parents, Jerome A. and Victoria (née Dziagwa) Zientara; sister-in-law, Mary Alice VanWey; and in-laws, John and

Margaret Briney. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesa (Arizona) Chapter #1011**. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the Kish Funeral Home, 10000 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN. The interment was private at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. Visitation hours were held on Monday, at the funeral home from 3:00 to 8:00 PM and again on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the 11:00 AM service. Jerry was a member of DAV, VVA, American Legion, VFW and the Hammond Mohawks. He adored his faithful and devoted seven Lab fur babies. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jerry's name to ASPCA or American Legion Post #35 Chandler, AZ.

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! Amen!