



MANUEL "Manny" ALMEIDA - Died Sunday, December 5, 2021, in Eatontown, New Jersey at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 6, 1929 in Fall River, Massachusetts to the late José and Maria Almeida. In Fall River, he attended B.M.C. Durfee High School before being drafted into the United States Army. During his time in the Korean War, Manny was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the United States, the United Nations, and the Korean Campaign Ribbons with two Battle Stars. Manny's service to his country did not end with the completion of his tour of duty. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army for 22 years, receiving numerous citations and awards. After his Army career, Manny worked for the CECOM Communications Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, NJ as a Logistics Maintenance Manager. Manny was well known for his advocacy for Veterans. He was the Past VFW Department of NJ Commander (2000-2001), Past Cootie Grand Commander of NJ (2004-2006), and Lifetime member of VFW Post #2226 Oakhurst, NJ. He raised awareness for Veterans through his work for a WWII Memorial in Trenton, NJ and raised funds for the Amphitheater that brings such joy to so many at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home, Menlo Park NJ. His commitment to his community was also expressed as an active member of Pat Joyce Association, (Pat's 30 Acres), Wall, NJ and a frequent volunteer for Monmouth County 4H Association. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. He is survived by his wife Estella (Stella), his daughters Marie Sierra and husband Herbert Sierra Jr, North East, MD., Diane Snell and husband Vance Snell, Elkton, MD., and Debra Almeida, Eatontown, NJ. Manny enjoyed traveling, gardening, boating, good food, and most of all, spending time with family and many friends. He lived a life of service, through service to others. A Celebration of Manny's Life was held on January 15, 2022 at the Middletown VFW Post #2179 located at 1 Veterans Lane (Route #36), Port Monmouth, NJ, from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM. Arrangements were made for the interment at Brigadier General William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



AURELIO ALVAREZ - Died Wednesday, October 13, 2021 in Miami, Florida at the age of 78. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Contramaestre, Cuba on February 27, 1943. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Patricia; two daughters, Patricia and Mariola; son-in-law, Chris; grandchildren, Joshua, Emily, Matthew, Christopher; sister, Alicia; and nephew and niece, Lucas and Maria Filena. He served in the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam War, and was a member of many military organizations. Upon his return from Vietnam, he worked for the United States Postal Service until his retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. If you would like

to honor him, please do so by donating to one of his favorite organizations: www.vfw.org, [https://, www.legion.org/](https://www.legion.org/) or www.alivingtribute.org.



CHARLES RICARDO “Chuy” ALVAREZ - Died Tuesday, December 7, 2021 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. Charles was born in El Paso on December 29, 1944 to the late Anita F. Alvarez. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and served a tour of duty there in 1964. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. Charles is survived by his spouse, Maria Luisa Alvarez; his sons Gerry Alvarez and John Alvarez; his brother Chito Alvarez and his sister Sophia Alvarez. Charles was preceded in death by his mother Anita F. Alvarez; his sisters Josefina Alvarez and Pola Alvarez and his brother Pinky Alvarez. Visitation for Charles was held on Monday, December 27, 2021 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM with a Vigil at 6:00 PM at the Funeraria del Angel Central, 3839 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas. The Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 11:30 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 3729 Hueco Avenue, El Paso, Texas. The final committal service was at 1:00 PM at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery, 5200 Fred Wilson Avenue, El Paso, Texas. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.FunerariaDelAngelCentral.com for the Alvarez family.



LEONARD ALBERT “Lenny” ANDERSON - Died Monday, October 25, 2021 in Hayward, Wisconsin at the age of 78. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Saint Joseph, Missouri on October 13, 1943 to the late Cleo “Bus” Anderson and Evelyn Marie Anderson. Lenny accepted all challenges and excelled at most anything thrown his way. He attended Neely Elementary School in St. Joe and Lafayette High School, where he was Student Body President in his senior year. He was a longtime Boy Scout participant, reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and served on the staff of Boy Scout Camp Geiger several years, where he earned the rank of Sachem in The Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He graduated from Saint Joseph Junior College, where he was President of his sophomore class and, during that time, was chosen alternate appointee to Annapolis by President Richard Nixon. He attended Missouri University in Columbia, Missouri, and Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville Lenny joined the United States Army in March 1965, attended Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia and spend one year in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for his service as Infantry Platoon Leader and, upon returning to the United States, earned the rank of Captain and served as a Brigade S2 (Intelligence) staff officer during the 1968 civil rights uprising in Chicago. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stone Lake Chapter #1130**. Subsequently, he earned Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of South Dakota and a Master of Fine Arts

degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Possibly the time he most enjoyed during his lifetime were the years as Managing Director of the Black Hills Playhouse in Custer State Park, South Dakota and then as Executive Director of The Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan, Illinois. He touched many young aspiring actors, actresses, musicians, and technical theater personnel and interacted with many professional artists during those years, urging all to aspire to achieve the best in their chosen fields of endeavor. And he worked hard to bring the greatest theater productions to the many audiences in the communities where he worked. He spent his early retirement years owning and managing Forest Moon Bed and Breakfast in Hayward, Wisconsin with his wife, Carol. Those that knew Lenny closely knew him (in spite of his "always in command" and sometimes gruff attitude) to be a kind, gentle and loving man. Lenny was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, William D. "Bill" Anderson. Survivors include his loving wife, Carol, Hayward, WI; stepdaughter, Michelle (Tony) Pals, Teutopolis, IL; sister, Betty Huston, Saint Joseph, MO; sister, Susan (Jim) Heidebrecht, Greenville, SC; brother, Mark (Penny) Anderson, Owasso, OK; several step-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. May his soul rest in peace forever! Farewell Services and Public Livestream was at 1:00 PM on Saturday at the Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory. The interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery. The family gathered with friends one hour prior to the service. The family suggested memorial donations to the Black Hills Playhouse, P.O. Box 2513, Rapid City, SD 57709. Online guest book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.



LEROY FRANCIS "Roy" ANTETOMASO, JR. - Died Sunday, October 16, 2021 in the Villages, Florida at the age of 77, after a brief illness. The cause of death was lung cancer and ischemic heart disease. He was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on September 27, 1944 to the late Leroy F. Antetomaso, Sr. and Frances (née Roberts) Antetomaso. He is survived by his wife Barbara, son Anthony, sister Gloria, brother James and sister-in-law Susan, as well as stepdaughters Dawn Crouch and husband Mark, and Kimberly Giusti and husband Richard. Roy had six grandchildren Logan, Aidan, Sydney, Mason, Taylor and Peyton, and one nephew, Jeffrey. Roy had a full and active life and was involved in many activities. He served honorably in the United States Army from 1966-1968 as an Artillery Surveyor and spent a year in Vietnam. After his discharge, Roy attended Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and earned a degree in Accounting in 1974. He worked with several companies, primarily as a computer and technology expert and retired from Hewlett-Packard as an executive in 2005. A few years later, he and his wife Barbara moved to The Villages, FL where Roy flourished and playing a lot of golf and Duplicate Bridge, and making many friends. He enjoyed dining out with friends and was always on the lookout for out-of-the-way places that were unique and different. When he found one, he could not wait to get others to share the experience. His lifetime interests included HO trains, where he worked to set-up intricate train gardens for everyone's pleasure. He was a member of The Villages Model Train Club and met for breakfast on Saturdays with "The Train Boyz". Roy also had a huge interest in music from the 50s and amassed a collection of 45-records that numbered into the thousands. He took great pride in making sure that each record was kept in perfect condition and properly catalogued. Roy was very proud of his status as a 32nd Degree

Mason and was a member of both the Scottish Rite and Shriners (Boumi) of Baltimore. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Oxford Chapter #1036**. Roy's wishes were to donate his body for scientific research to the University of Florida.



CARLOS ARGUELLES - Died Wednesday, December 8, 2021 peacefully at home in Miami Lakes, Florida at the age of 72, surrounded by family. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on May 17, 1949 in Havana Cuba to the late Jose M Arguelles and Eulalia (née Beguiristain) Arguelles. He moved to Miami, FL in 1960. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War where he was awarded the purple heart medal for injuries sustained during combat. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. He earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Miami Dade Community College and worked 36 years for the United States Postal Service. He was a dedicated and fun-loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. His greatest joy in life was being a grandfather. He is survived by five children, nine grandchildren and his brother and sister. He will be greatly missed, loved forever and never forgotten. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 14th at 11:00 AM in the Palm Beach National Chapel with the burial at the South Florida National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Bruce W Carter VA Medical Center in Miami Florida. Anyone wishing to send the family a message visit Carlos's page at www.vistafunerals.com.



CLAUDE FRANKLIN "Chip" BATES, JR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, January 23, 2022 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 74, in the arms of his loving wife of nearly 50 years at their home. The cause of death is unknown. Claude was born in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey on June 15, 1947 to the late Claude Franklin Bates, Sr. and Julia A. (née Groves) Bates. After graduating from high school, he enlisted into the United States Army and courageously served in the Vietnam War. He retired in 1989 as SFC Bates having proudly served his country. Claude married his wife, Sydia Cabrera, on June 12, 1972 in Panama City, Panama. From this union two children were born, a son, Claude Franklin "Chip" III, and a daughter, Tracy. He would continue to serve his country as a civil servant with DFAS until medical retirement after sustaining serious injuries in a 2012 car accident. Claude believed in the power of veterans helping veterans, youth, and community. He was a past Commander in the American Legion and a former *Vice-President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5263 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #56 as well as supported many other veteran organizations. Claude is preceded in death by both of his parents and one of two brothers, James Bates. Claude is survived by his wife Sydia Bates, a son, Claude F. "Chip" Bates III, a daughter, Tracy Lay, his brother Ron Baker, his grandchildren: Jonathan Reed

(Amanda), Rachel Reed (Tomi), Taryn Bates, Tyler Bates (Alexis), Kristin Bates, Jacob Nigh (Colby), Jaden Bates, his great grandchildren: Isabella, Jaxson, Stryker, Maverick, Maya, Allece, also many other aunts, brother and sisters in law, cousins, nieces and nephews. The funeral service was at 12:30 PM on Friday, January 28, 2022 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain (CPT) Justin Vogl officiating. The burial with full military honors was at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. The service may be viewed by following the livestream link at www.beckerfuneral.com or by visiting the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Facebook page.



JUAN MARIO BLANCO, JR. - Died Saturday, May 22, 2021 in Pflugerville, Texas at the age of 74, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was complications from a stroke. He was born in Monte Alto, Texas on October 15, 1946 to the late Maria and Juan Blanco, Sr. Juan married his best friend, Margarita Blanco, on June 27, 1970, while serving with the United States Army in South Vietnam. They were married for 48 years, and they had three children. He retired from employment in the computer industry with over 40 years of Information Technology leadership roles at Texas Instruments (GSI), Halliburton, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Del Valle Chapter #915**. Juan was preceded in death by his loving wife, Margarita Rendon Blanco.; parents, Maria and Juan Blanco, Sr. He is survived by his children, Irene Angelina Blanco, Ricardo Cruz Blanco (Sylvia), John Xavier Blanco (Erica); his sister Genoveva Villegas (Alberto), and brothers Victor Blanco, Bernardo Blanco (Jennifer), Armando Blanco (Carmen), Jose Blanco (Janie), Joel Blanco (Mary) and Javier Blanco (Dora). Also left to cherish his memory are his grandchildren, Angelica Garza, Isaac Garza, Fabian Garza, Isabella Sophia Blanco, Matthew Xavier Blanco, Ximena Margarita Blanco, and many nieces and nephews. Sincerest appreciation to Irene Blanco for the love, attention, and care she provided to her dad. The pallbearers were Fabian Garza, Johnny Rios, Rene Rendon, Rafael Blanco, Adrian Blanco, and Isaac Garza. The honorary pallbearers were grandson Matthew Xavier Blanco, granddaughters Isabella Sophia Blanco, Ximena Margarita Blanco, and nephew Arturo Rendon. A loving husband, father, grandfather, and soldier, Juan was a faithful servant leader and was devoted to taking care of others first and working tirelessly for Veterans. He was a true friend, thoughtful, generous, and inspiring; He had a way of bringing together families and friends with his humor and a direct way of thinking. Juan will leave a void in our lives; however, the special memories will never go away. Visitation Services were held from 5:00–8:00 PM on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, TX. The recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 27,

2021 at the Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 28, 2021 at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church, 1520 North Railroad Avenue, Pflugerville, TX 78660. The interment was at the Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery, 14501 North IH 35, Pflugerville, Texas.



JAMES A. "Jim" BRUMM - Died Sunday, August 1, 2021 in Wilmington North Carolina at the age of 82. He was taken to hospital on 1 July, diagnosed with B Cell Lymphoma and subsequently went into congestive heart failure, his daughter Catherine said. He was born in New York City, New York on August 23, 1938. He was a stalwart of the New York equities reporting team from 1979 to 2001. Former colleagues remembered him for his booming voice, big heart and love for his family. As a senior equities correspondent, Brumm wrote and reported on some of the biggest US company news. He focused on oil and other energy companies, drawing from his prior six years at the oil industry trade paper *The Oil Daily*. He also worked at *American Metal Market* and Dow Jones News Service. Brumm served in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1967, starting as a Naval Aviation Cadet in Florida and ending in Vietnam as Journalist First Class, a press liaison at the Da Nang Press Center. He wrote for The Baron on his 50 years of journalism experience - <https://thebaron.info/people/fifty-years-on-jim-brumm-journalist-first-class> - and also wrote lovingly to honour the passing of his wife - <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/ruthie-wife-mother-nurse-jim-brumm/> - in 2019. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885** in Wilmington, North Carolina. Many of his colleagues recalled his long-time marriage to Ruthie and their 10 birth, foster and/or adopted children. Brumm is survived by his sons James, Dave and Anthony, James' wife Kathleen, daughters Catherine and Leslie, grandchildren Christopher, Jamar and Harper, and great grandson Isaiah.

BOBBY L. BRYANT – Died Thursday, December 30, 2021 in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Forrest City, Arkansas on April 10, 1950. He served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1974 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**.

STEVEN L. BUCK – Died recently in 2022 in Hot Springs, Montana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 25, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Chapter #1087**.



TIMOTHY JAMES "Tim" CALDWELL - Died Monday, December 6, 2021 at his home in Xenia, Ohio at the age of 67, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on June 7, 1954 in Sandusky, Ohio to James and Patricia (née Piper) Caldwell. Tim was a Vietnam-era veteran of the United States Navy, serving on the USS Mount Whitney. He was a *Life Member* of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55. Following his military service, he was called to protect and serve as a law enforcement officer, serving with Police Departments in Hawaii and Milan, OH, Patrol Boat Captain with Florida Marine Patrol out of Pompano Beach, FL, and the Licking County Sheriff Department until his retirement in 2016. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Ellsworth and Helen Piper, and Walter and Ruby Caldwell. He is survived by his wife Barbara (née McConnell) Caldwell; parents James and Patricia (née Piper) Caldwell of Dayton, OH; brothers Jeff (Shari) Caldwell of Dayton, OH and Scott (Annika) Caldwell of Washoe Valley, NV; daughter Melanie (Jacob) Thomas, grandchildren Jordyn, Jenna, and Jacob Thomas of Xenia, OH; daughter Kaitlyn (Sean) McCullough, grandchildren Cora and Jack McCullough of Granville, OH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Licking County Vietnam Veterans #55 or Licking County FOP #127. Visitation was held on Friday December 10, 2021 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Brucker and Kishler Funeral Home, 985 North 21st, Newark, OH. A celebration of life followed with Pastor Wes Humble officiating. Military Honors were conducted by the Licking County Veterans Alliance. A wake was held on Friday, January 7, 2022 at the Licking County FOP #127. To sign an online guest book, please visit www.brucker-kishlerfuneralhome.com.



GEORGE A CARRELLI, SR. - Died suddenly Sunday, December 19, 2021 in Ewing, Virginia at the age of 72. He lived in Lynn, Massachusetts most of his life, and also spent his childhood years in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, where he was born on December 3, 1949 The cause of death is unknown. George was a recipient of many military decorations and awards. Having served three tours of duty with the United States Army in Vietnam, he was a member of a Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol in the 75th Ranger Regiment. He continued his service in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tewksbury Chapter #837**. He was a life member of the VFW and the American Legion. He was employed and served as a manager of the William P. Connery American Legion Post #6 of Lynn, MA for many years. He was also a proud member of the Rolling Thunder Tennessee Chapter #4. He was the beloved husband to Diane L (Freitag) Carrelli, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his seven children Angela Carrelli and her partner Ron Ross of Haverhill, MA, Genna Carrelli and her partner Eric Peereboom of Weare, NH, George Carrelli Jr of Ewing, VA, Rosemarie Carrelli and her partner Timothy Hamblin of Ewing, VA, Charles Carrelli and his partner Caitlyn Morley of Danvers, MA, Jay and his wife Samantha Carrelli of Knoxville, TN, and Jamie and her husband Juan Torres of Lynn, MA. As well as nine grandchildren Angelina, Abigail, Cloie, Madison, Ashley, Ryker, Antonio, Giovanni, and Carmelo. He is loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flower please make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project@ <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>. The family received friends on Friday from 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon at the Atchley Funeral Home Seymour. Family and friends met at 12:30 PM on Wednesday December 29th at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on John Sevier

Highway for graveside services and interment. Military honors provided by American Legion Post #104.



LAWRENCE W. "Larry" CARTER - Died Monday, December 20, 2021, at home in Susquehanna Township of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. He was born on October 26, 1948 in Lawrence, Massachusetts to the late Joe and Monica Carter. He was a United States Army Veteran and served with the 1st Cavalry Division, of the Vietnam War. Larry was a retired truck driver. He was a *Life Member* of the **Michael J. Novosel, MOH, Capital Area (Harrisburg) Chapter #542 Vietnam Veterans of America**, SFC Randall Shughart, MOH, Special Forces Memorial Chapter LXIV (64) and VFW Post #23, Lebanon. Larry was committed to honoring our Veterans and our POW/MIA's, making sure they would never be forgotten. He was the co-founder of the PA Concerned Citizens for POW/MIA's, and he founded the 1st Air Cavalry Division Field Cross Detail along with his wife, Carol. Together with many comrades, his wife writing the scripts, they performed the "Field Cross" ceremony for 30 years. Surviving is his wife, Carol J. (née Miller) Carter, son, Shane D. Burger of Waynesboro, daughter, Sloane M. Tucker and her husband, Michael of Marysville, son, Sean Carter and his wife, Kelsey R. Armstrong of Lebanon, five grandchildren, Kelsey J. Garman, Kali L. Nazay and her husband, Kris, Emily G. Shah, Shane D. Burger, II and his wife, Nikole, Sadie J.E. Burger, four great-grandchildren, McKenna M. Nazay, Macklin K. Nazay, Azariah Burger, and Mishael Burger. He was preceded in death by his brother, George Carter, three sisters, Mary Feoli, Monica Rogers and Rita Carter. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in the Jesse H. Geigle Funeral Home, 2100 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110, with Chaplain Colonel Douglas Etter officiating. Burial with Military Honors was at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Viewing was held from 9:33 until 11:00 AM on Wednesday in the funeral home. Memorial contributions in Larry's honor may be made to the Michael J. Novosel, MOH, Capital Area Chapter #542, Vietnam Veterans of America, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111, or to the SFC Randall Shughart, MOH, Special Forces Memorial Chapter LXIV, c/o Jack McFadden, 31 Lakeview Road, Downingtown, PA 19335.



RAVIN EUGENE CHILDRRESS - Died Monday January 10, 2022 at Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Linden, Tennessee. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in English, West Virginia on April 22, 1948 to the late Bozier Hatton Childress and Ida May Childress. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam. He served from April 8, 1969 to April 7, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from September 7, 1969 to June 19, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. He was owner/operator of Complete Automotive in Pineview for 47 years. Eugene went to work at Ford Motor Company in Michigan when he got out of the Service. He had also worked at Perry Chevrolet Body Shop for several years. He was a member of Leap of Faith Church in Parsons. Eugene working on the farm, fishing, hunting, working on cars

and trucks and enjoyed laughing and playing jokes. In addition to his parents he is also preceded in death by his brothers William Howard, Fred and Bobo and a nephew Joe Bowman. Survivors include his sister-in-law Louise Childress of Linden, a niece Gloria (Scott) Ashworth of Pella, Iowa, nephews Greg (Amanda) Childress of Linden, Michael (Kim) Childress of Manchester, Donald (Sylvia) Bowman of Lansing, Michigan and William (Alice) Bowman of Waterford, Michigan, 9 great nieces and nephews, 1 great-great-niece and a host of other loving family members and many, many friends.

ROBERT E. "Bob" CHISOLM – Died Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in Anthony, New Mexico at the age of 96. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dallas, Texas on June 23, 1925. He served in the United States Army for 28 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. The Martin Funeral Home of El Paso was in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT M. CLEAR – Died Sunday, October 10, 2021 in Rives Junction, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 16, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Linda. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109**.



MARCUS JOHNNY COOPER - Died Friday, November 19, 2021 at his residence in Clermont, Georgia at the age of 74, following an extended illness. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related leukemia. Mr. Cooper was born on November 2, 1942 in Gillsville, Georgia to the late Marcus Branson Cooper and Catherine (née Brewer) Cooper. He graduated high school and had three years of college, later serving in law enforcement in Gainesville. Marcus was retired from the HVAC business and served in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**. He was a member of Victory Baptist Church and was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Stanley Cooper. Mr. Cooper is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joann Harris Cooper of Clermont, his sons and daughters-in-law, Dewayne and Heather Cooper of Clermont and Kerry and Angela Cooper of Gainesville, his grandchildren, Kennedy Cooper and Kameron Cooper, his sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Jerry Gowder of Gainesville and Wanda and Larry Adams of Toccoa, his brother, Tony Cooper of Macon, Georgia. Several nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home with the interment in Memorial Park Cemetery. Reverend Scott Waters officiated. The family received friends on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 4:00–8:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial Park Funeral Home, 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, GA was in charge of the arrangements.



KENNETH R. "Ken" COPP - Died Saturday, August 28, 2021 peacefully at home in The Villages, Florida at the age of 74, from lung cancer. He was formerly of Rockford, Michigan. Ken was born on October 31, 1946 in Carson City, Michigan. Ken was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and served in the United States Navy, as well as the United States Naval Reserves for 21 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. Ken lived in Rockford, Michigan and worked at Steelcase in Grand Rapids for 33 years until he retired in 2005. Ken and Joyce moved to The Villages, FL after retiring, and have lived there since 2007. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joyce (née Buck) Copp, whom he married on August 20, 1966. Ken is also survived by their children: son, Lee (Nadine) Copp of Brighton, Michigan; daughter, Michelle Copp of Tavares, Florida; and honorary son, Craig (Kristee) Mitchell of Grand Blanc, MI. Ken will always be remembered as someone who strongly believed in his faith, loved his family, and honored the military. Entombment was in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers or gifts, a memorial contribution can be made to: Fort Custer Historical Society, 2501 26th Street, Augusta, Michigan 49012. www.fortcustermuseum.org.



THOMAS J. "Tom" COSTELLO - Died Saturday, January 15, 2022 in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 4, 1947 to the late Raymond and Evelyn (née Taylor) Costello. He was the cherished husband of Leonora (née Stabile) Costello; brother of Barbara D'Ambra and her husband Joseph and Dennis Costello and his wife Connie; and uncle of several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Marine Corps with the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam and was active in helping and supporting his fellow veterans. He was a mail carrier for the USPS in Warren before retiring in 1995. He was formerly a *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. Visitation was held Friday, December 21st at 11:00 AM in Saint Edward Church, 997 Branch Ave, Providence followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM. The burial with military honors will follow in the RI Veterans' Cemetery, Exeter. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Tom's memory may be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, www.t2t.org. For online condolences, pontarellimarinoofunerals.com.

BRYANT R. CURRIER – Died Wednesday, December 15, 2021 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in York, Maine on March 31, 1949. He served in the United States Army from February 26, 1969 to October 21, 1971 with two tours of duty in Vietnam from March 20, 1970 to October 21, 1971. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

EDDIE "Ed" DABNEY, SR. (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Monday, January 10, 2022 at the VA Medical Center in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 85. He was a resident of Cache, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Montgomery, Alabama on December 1, 1936 to the late General and Jeanette (née Goode) Dabney. Eddie married the love of his life, Theresia M. (née

Faerber) Dabney on January 18, 1965, in Tacoma, Washington. He enlisted in the United States Army in January of 1955 and served over twenty-two years before retiring in September of 1977 as a MSG. Eddie went on to work in the Lawton City Hall Mayor's Office and the United States Postal Service from 1980-2000, retiring after twenty years of service. Eddie was a member of the VFW Post #05273 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. His hobbies included, tinkering and refurbishing things, garage sales, camping, boating, R.V travel, and fishing. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, General and Jeanette (Goode) Dabney; four brothers, Fred Dabney, William Dabney, General Dabney, and Johnny Dabney; one sister, Ida Mae Dabney Byrd. Eddie is survived by five sons, Harold Col. (Retired) Dabney and wife Renate of Lantana, Texas, James Dabney of Flower Mound, Texas, Joe Dabney and wife LaRue of Cache, Eddie Dabney and wife Susan of Cache, and Fred Dabney and wife Dr. Inger of Venice, Florida; one daughter, Carolyn Böhme of Wiesbaden Germany; one brother, Glenn Dabney and wife Dorothy of Birmingham, Alabama; eleven grandchildren, Keri Dabney, Joseph Dabney, Katrin Brown, Andrea Pierce, Myshel Maupin, Chris Cox, Jerome Gisinger, Skyler Dabney, Dane Dabney, Tanner Dabney, and Teresa Böhme Pawlowski; thirteen great-grandchildren, Jaylyn, Alana, Damien, Trinity, Tristin, Craig, Cayden, Hudson, Carter, Opal, Lyla, Thea, and Dane Jr.; a special niece Deborah Thomas and his dear friend and caregiver, Marla Dodd- along with numerous other relatives and close friends.



JON AUGUST DAHLKE - Died Friday, January 14, 2022 in Rapid City, South Dakota at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Jon was born on October 7, 1944 in Mobridge, South Dakota to the late Elmer and Dorothy (née Lippert) Dahlke. The family resided in Mobridge, Aberdeen and Winner, SD before settling in Rapid City where Jon graduated from Rapid City High School in 1962. After high school, he joined the United States Navy and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1965. While stationed in San Diego, CA he met and married Linda Stuart. Jon and Linda returned to Rapid City in 1970 and raised their 3 children. While Jon and Linda divorced in 1982, they remained good friends. After his service in the Navy, Jon enjoyed a 35-year career with the United States Postal Service working in various positions from route carrier to Postmaster of Deadwood, SD. While working at the Rapid City Post Office Jon met Viola (Naiman) Barfoot and they shared many happy and exciting times together. Jon and Vi, traveled often and spent many winters escaping the cold in Welton, AZ where countless memories and lasting friendships were made. Throughout his life, Jon served his community in many ways including: Rapid City Police Reserve Officer from 1971-1980, on duty the night of the 1972 Rapid City flood, CASA volunteer, Community Theater performer, Hart Ranch rodeo volunteer, Harney Little League umpire, Journey Museum volunteer, member of the National Association of Postmasters, and as an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church, serving the church in various capacities over the years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rapid City Chapter #463**. Jon is remembered by many for his portrayal of

Santa Claus, bringing joy to countless children, families and events in the community. His zest for life and his positive outlook was infectious to everyone he met.



EDWARD C. "Ed" DAVIS (USA, 1SG-Ret.) – Died Thursday, May 20, 2021 in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1936. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria and daughter, Irene Strom. Edward proudly served in the United States Army and was a retired at the rank of First Sergeant and a Vietnam Veteran. He was a former member of the 11th and 101st Airborne Division. Edward was also a member of the American Legion Post #311, the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard since 2003 and ROTC Instructor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**. He is lovingly remembered by his son, Kurt Davis; son-in-law, Richard Strom; granddaughter, Rachel (Andrew) Kammer; and great-granddaughter, Ava. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, June 3rd at 2:30 PM at The Cathedral of Saint Andrew, 215 Sheldon Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI, with the Very Reverend Father Rene Constanza as celebrant. Memorial contributions in honor of Edward may be made to the Kent County Honor Guard.

JOHN HARRISON DAVIS, JR. – Died Thursday, January 20, 2022 in Grottoes, Virginia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Richmond, Virginia on March 12, 1947. He served in the United States Air Force from May 18, 1966 to March 17, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 22, 1966 to December 21, 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**.



PAUL EDWARD DAY - Died Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Prairie Lakes Hospital at the age of 78. He was a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Clark South Dakota on July 20, 1943 to the late Alvin and Leona (née Benike) Day in Clark, South Dakota at Mabel Stacey's house. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Willow Lake High School in 1961. He attended SDSU and graduated in 1965. Paul served

two years in the United States Army with one year in Vietnam and the other year at Walter Reed Hospital and also time in Texas and California. Paul married Sheila Matteson on June 26, 1970 in Watertown, South Dakota. Paul and Sheila enjoyed traveling and going to NASCAR races. They traveled to all 50 states and to several countries. Paul was employed at McCains potato processing in Clark for 24 years and then at Glacial Lakes Energy in Watertown for four and one half years. He belonged to the Genealogy Club at the Watertown Regional Library. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Grateful for having shared in his life are his wife, Sheila of Watertown; his two sons, Jon Day of Rapid City, SD and Jeremy (Daena) Day of Marshfield, WI; four grandchildren, Julia Taber, Abbey, Ezra and August Day; his sisters-in-law, Nelda Titus of Watertown, SD and Marlene Johnson of Clark, SD; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Jenny and Kevin Kranz of Kranzburg, SD, Laurie and Randy Resick of Guthrie, OK, Brenda and John Paulson of Watertown, SD; and many nephews and nieces. Paul was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert Johnson and Jack Titus. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 21, 2022 at Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown with Pastor Randy Bader officiating and Aris Schmidt as the organist. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 PM at Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel. The interment was in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Watertown with Military Honors conducted by NESD Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1054 and the South Dakota Army National Guard. The pallbearers were Jon Day, Jeremy Day, Chad Kranz, Jeff Kranz, Dillon Kranz and John Paulson. The Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangement. www.wightandcomes.com.

AUGUST A. “Augie” DE LA PENA – Died Sunday, December 5, 2021 in Schulenburg, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown but Agent Orange-related. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on March 30, 1946. He served in the United States Navy from February 27, 1969 to November 25, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**.



DANIEL ANTHONY “Dan” DENESEVICH - Died Friday, January 21, 2022 in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey at the age of 75 with his loving family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Dan was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania on June 11, 1946. He moved to South Jersey with his wife Deborah and raised four children. His passions included listening to Billy Joel, The Beatles and photographing experiences he shared with his family. After serving honorably as a medical corpsman in Vietnam with the United States Army, Dan established a career as a nurse anesthetist where he worked for many years at Shore Medical Center as a dedicated worker devoting his time to his family and career. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #825**. Dan was deeply loved by his family and friends. His sense of humor will never be forgotten and he will be truly missed. Dan is survived by his wife Debbie (née Montross) of 49 years, children Danielle (Dave), Elizabeth (Carmine), Aaron (Kirsten), and

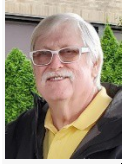
youngest son James and grandchildren Rocco, Gabrielle, and Danica. Dan is preceded by his parents Frank and Marie and siblings Richard, Fred, and Marion. Services were held on Friday, January 28th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Adam- Perfect Funeral Home, 1650 New Road, Northfield, NJ. The burial service was held on Saturday, January 29th at 11:00 AM at the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery.

MICHAEL D. DORMAN – Died recently in 2021 in Albert Lea, Minnesota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 9, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mason City (Iowa) Chapter #790**.



NEWTON WARREN "Newt" EARL, JR. – Died Wednesday, January 12, 2022 in Osakis, Minnesota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 3, 1948 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to the late Newton Warren Earl, Sr. and Laura (née Duin) Earl. He graduated from Eagle Bend High School in 1966 and attended Staples Technical School. Newt was drafted and served in the United States Navy for 4 years during the Vietnam War. He was a door gunner in the Seawolves Helicopter Attack Light Squadron (HAL-3). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235**. On June 6, 1970, Newt was united in marriage to Virginia "Ginny" Mostad at Sauk Valley Lutheran Church in rural Osakis. The couple lived at the San Jose Naval Base in California, where they started their family. They returned to Osakis after being honorably discharged. The couple was blessed with five children. Newt worked for Shrode Equipment and later at the Glenwood Fertilizer Loading Plant. He started farming with his father-in-law, Robert Mostad and brother-in-law, Dennis Mostad. Newt and Ginny later purchased the farm they have been living on for 50 years. He was a pilot for many years working for Alexandria Aviation. Newt loved music, playing guitar, singing and was active with the Gordon Men's Choir and sang in a quartet. He served as the Orange Township Treasurer for many years. Newt loved to be in his shop staying busy with all kinds of repairs and enjoyed helping his neighbors and friends with their fix-it projects. Most importantly he loved spending time with his family and friends. Many memories were made around the kitchen table at the lake or around the campfire in the backyard or camping with family and friends. In 2020, Newt was inducted into the U.S. Navy Combat Aircrew on the ship Yorktown stationed in Charleston, SC. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ginny; children, Audray (Steve) Maxwell of West Fargo, ND, Glenn (Glenda) Earl of Underwood, ND, Michael (Melissa) of Rowles, WY, Kenneth (Sue) Earl of Alexandria, and Kristie (Herb) Holmes of Phoenix, AZ; 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; sister, Gloria (Marlin) Hadden of Borup, MN and Carol Swanson of Walnut Grove, MN; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Newton and Laura; and brother, Leslie Earl. A Funeral Service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the Sauk Valley Lutheran Church in rural Osakis. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service at the church. Military Honors were provided by the Osakis VFW Post #7902 and the U.S. Navy Honor Guard. A live stream and recording of the service was made available at 11:00 AM

on Saturday, January 22, 2022 on the funeral home website. To protect the safety of all, masks were recommended.



JAMES WILLIAM EGAN – Died Tuesday, April 2, 2021 in Avon Lake, Ohio at age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 1, 1948. He was the beloved husband of Nancy Richardson (née McCoy); cherished father of Jodi Hayes and Jennifer Rogers (Todd) and step-father of Michael Richardson and Meredith Richardson; loving grandfather of Brendan Hayes, Neil Rogers, Benjamin Richardson and Madelyn Richardson; dear brother of William (deceased)(Sharon), Daniel (Debbie), Sandra Lane (Keith), Patricia Simpson, Sharon Armstrong, Cynthia Friedhoff (Gary), Kevin and Dr. Bonnie Jones (Dr. John), and; dear uncle and beloved coach to many throughout his career in the Westlake School System. He was a proud United States Navy Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249**. Friends visited the family at the McGorray-Hanna Funeral Home of Westlake, 25620 Center Ridge Road (west of Columbia Road) on Wednesday, May 5th from 3:00-7:00 PM. A private interment was at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.



ROBERT LUIS “Bob” ESQUIBEL – Died the morning of Tuesday, December 7, 2021 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 23, 1947 in Wagon Mound, New Mexico to the late Mike and Carolina Esquibel and was the 11th of 12 children. Robert moved with his parents to Rocky Ford, Colorado as a young child, and there he attended school and graduated from Rocky Ford High School. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1969, and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas where he served as a clerk typist. After serving 2 years, Bob moved back to Colorado where he settled in Colorado Springs, Colorado. That is where he met his wife Jackie in the early 70’s. They married on June 15, 1979, and together they had 4 children. He retired from his job at Wasson High School where he worked as a building manager in 2013. After retiring, Bob enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was happy to support our troops in whatever way he could and was a current member of a local Vietnam Veteran group. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado Springs Chapter #1075**. He treasured his grandchildren and would jump at the opportunity to spend time with them whenever he could. When he was not busy with grandkids, he enjoyed watching old westerns, True Crime, and catching up on politics by listening to radio talk shows. Bob also loved to visit his family ranch in New Mexico and was happy to go with his sister whenever he could to spend time there. He was an incredibly hard worker with an amazing work ethic. Bob was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was a man of true integrity, and loved and cherished his family

deeply, and he will be sorely missed. He is predeceased by his wife Jacqueline L. Esquibel, his parents Mike and Carolina Esquibel, his brothers Alfred and Juan Esquibel, and his sisters, Sally Esquibel, Flora Garcia, Lucienda Vallejos and Viola Erwin. He leaves behind his four children, Robert L. Esquibel II, Andreanna R. Esquibel, Alexis L. Govea (Esquibel), and Alexander J. Esquibel. His grandchildren, Serena R. Steele, Dean R. Wilbourn, Christian M. Esquibel, Ava R. Esquibel, Elias D. Govea, Enrique A. Govea, and Amiya S. Esquibel, as well as his sisters, Inez Cruz, Barbara DeJesus, Gloria Peluso, Mary Esquibel-Pagan, and Beatrice Florez and several nieces and nephews. His viewing was on December 22, 2021 at the Dove-Witt Mortuary, 6630 South US Highway 85/87, Fountain, Colorado and was from 4:00-7:00 PM. His celebration of life service was on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 11:00 AM and took place at Calvary Worship Center, 501 Castle Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

DONALD RAY “Don” FARLOW - Died Saturday evening, October 23, 2021 in Peyton House Hospice in Lewisburg, West Virginia at the age of 74. Don had suffered many months from multiple illnesses although the precise cause of death is unknown. Don was born in Greensboro, North Carolina on November 7, 1946 to the late Joseph and Ruth Farlow and was the youngest of three boys. His brothers, David and Bill, are also deceased. Don is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Donna (née Umfleet) Farlow, also born and raised in Greensboro, NC; and a precious dachshund, Yosef. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Nancy Farlow of Greensboro, NC; a sister and brother-in-law, Yvonne Darlene Hershberger and Roger Hershberger of Waynesboro, VA, one time residents of Lewisburg; a brother and sister-in-law, Brenda and Eddie Umfleet of Roanoke, VA; a sister-in-law, Pat Umfleet of Greensboro, NC; and a host of cousins and nieces and nephews. Don graduated from Walter Hines Page Senior High School and attended the University of North Carolina – Greensboro and Guilford College. Don proudly and faithfully served his country during the Vietnam Era in the United States Coast Guard and was a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – White Sulphur Springs Chapter #1072**. Don and Donna are members of Fairlea Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Fairlea, WV, where Don was a member of the choir. Don was associated with the Western Greenbrier Rotary Club, a community volunteer and a Charter Member of the Saturday Morning Coffee Group for twenty-five years, that still meets at The Wild Bean in downtown Lewisburg, and he worked at American Foam Technologies in Maxwelton for 18 years. Don is also survived by a very loving circle of friends that he loved dearly, that do and will continue to miss him. The family would like to extend their affection and appreciation to the Hospice Peyton House, in Lewisburg, WV, for their amazing gift of love and care that Don and the family received during Don’s short stay. The McCraw Funeral Home in Lewisburg was in charge of the arrangements.

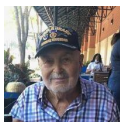


LARRY HERBERT FARMER – Died Monday, August 9, 2021 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 14, 1948 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina to the late William Benjamin Farmer and Beatrice “Bea” (née Batts) Farmer (Almond). Larry was a Rocky Mount Blackbird where he thrived in theater. He was a

career soldier in the United States Army, where he served as a medic in Vietnam, an E.R. Nurse, and a training and design writer. Larry was a member of Ogden Baptist Church, where he served and was loved by many. Larry was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons Prince Hall affiliated, being Past Master of Giblem No. 2 and Assistant Grand Chaplain of the State of North Carolina. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. Larry is preceded in death by his father, his brother Steve Farmer (Laura Sue), and his son Andrew Logan. Larry is survived by his childhood sweetheart wife Joyce Guzman Farmer, his mother, brother Bobby Farmer (Bonnie), sister Patricia Whitley (Perry), brother Danny McCoy (Nadine), daughter Lori Jackson (Jimmy), daughter Charity Miller (Michael), daughter Tiffany Mims (Ray), (Melody Guzman (Skyler), Keith Williams (Kristin), Jennifer Williams, grandchildren Micah Miller (Brittany), Jason Miller (Missy), Ambur Young (Joey), Cheyenne Mallett, Mackenzie Hatcher, Jenna Jackson, Diana Miller, Britteny Mallett, Ronald Mallett. Delaney Corneilson (Ben), Carly Williams, Caleb Williams, Samuel Williams, Hayden Williams, Lilly Williams, Eli Williams, and Noah Williams, and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral Services were held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 19th at the Andrews Mortuary Chapel, 1617 Market Street, Wilmington, where friends visited from 9:30 AM until time of services. The interment was at 2:00 PM at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Montford Point Road, Jacksonville, NC.



STEFAN FONOD – Died Saturday, May 22, 2021 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 27, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen “*Kathy*” (née Pisciotta) Fonod of 49 years; dearest father of Bridget (Joe) Scotino; dear grandpa of Joey and Nate Scotino; brother of Tony (Ann), Dennis (Laurie) and John (Joy) Fonod; our dear brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend of many. Stefan served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Stefan belonged to the Boy Scouts of America, was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**, the VFW Post #4223, DAV, the 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans Association. The funeral service was on Wednesday, June 2nd at 10:00 AM at the Kutis Affton Chapel, 10151 Gravois Road. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, June 1st from 4:00-8:00 PM. The interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #1028.



PAUL EUGENE FRANCOEUR (USA, CPT-Ret.) - Died Monday, October 25, 2021 at Saint Luke Hospital at the age of 83, with his loving wife by his side. He was a resident of Wharton, Texas. He was born on January 9, 1938 in Fall River, Massachusetts to the late Theresa and Napoleon Francoeur. Paul attended Saint Roch Parochial School and church where he was baptized and confirmed. Paul attended Diman Vocational High School and then entered the United States Army at the age of seventeen. In the Army he attained his GED and two years of college. Throughout his twenty-year military career Paul was stationed in Germany, France, Vietnam, Belgium and the United States. He was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, the Purple

Heart, two Commendation Medals for the US Armed Forces, five Good Conduct Medals. Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Unit Citation, Vietnamese Civic Action Honor Medal Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, the Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Wings and Combat Infantrymen Badge. Paul entered as an enlisted man and graduated from Infantry OCS at Fort Benning, Georgia in March 1966. Upon graduation he was sent to the 6th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, NC. He served two one-year tours with the 5th Special Forces at Camp Trabong in Vietnam. He helped procure elephants and logs to provide a saw mill for the village which was the basis for the Walt Disney movie "Dumbo Drop". During his second tour in Vietnam, he was serving in Bet Het Camp in 1969, which was the site of the tank battle between the US Army and the People's Army of Vietnam, where he was wounded. The military channel produced a one-hour program about this attack, one of the few such encounters in Vietnam, called Tank Battle Vietnam. After Vietnam, Paul commanded Headquarters and Headquarter Company 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, NC. Later he attended the Infantry Officers Career Course at Fort Benning, GA. His terminal assignment was Shape Headquarters in Casteau, Belgium, after which he retired as Captain. Upon retirement in February 1975, he moved to Marseille, France where he was an operations officer for a security company and also worked for the American Consulate General. While there he met and married his wife, Denise. In 1980 they moved to the United States where he began to work for Analysis and Computer Systems, Inc. where they were responsible for the software for AWACS and the MIX missile. In 1982, Denise and Paul moved to Wharton, which became their beloved lifelong home where they were welcomed by many new friends. Paul was employed by the Egg Farm Healthfocus and Gulf Coast Medical Center. He later joined Matagorda General Hospital in Bay City. Even after retiring in 2000, Paul continued to provide some consulting work for local businesses and began a driving service. In 2006 Matagorda General Hospital called him back to help out for a couple of months on a part time basis as a biomed tech and he stayed for five years, fully retiring in 2011 at the age of 74. Upon retirement you could find Paul enjoying rounds of golf at the Wharton Country Club golf course where he served on the board as well as on the board at the Wharton Chamber of Commerce. Paul belonged to the Special Forces (Green Beret) Association, Purple Heart Association and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veteran of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**. Paul E. Francoeur (Liberty of Congress). Paul was predeceased by his daughter Laurence and is survived by his loving wife, Denise Francoeur, daughter Corinne Kirschner of CA., son Christophe Francoeur and partner Penelope Babst of Portland, OR., granddaughter Christine and husband Kevin Simmons, grandsons, Daniel Kirschner and Dion Francoeur, two great-grandchildren, sister Vivan Elliot of Temple, sister-in-law Jannine Donjou of France, sister of the heart Ruby Hawes, nieces and nephews, family and friends. Visitation was held at the Wharton Funeral Home on Monday, November 1st from 5:00-8:00 PM. There was a service at the Wharton Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 2nd at 2:00 PM and after there was a Military Service at the Evergreen Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Jerry Salazar, Buck Boetcher, Toby Coats, Frank Cochran, Kent Hill, Jimmy Chambers, Dan Hopgood, Greg Learned, D'Gerald McKinney, Donnie Guess, Wharton Dinner Club, Vietnam Veteran Project. Special thanks to Greg Leonard, his nurse and to all of our family and friends. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Wounded Warrior Project. The services were under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home, 515 East Wharton, TX.



DENNIS MICHAEL GEHLEY (USA, CPT-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, January 27, 2021 in Ashburn, Virginia at the of age 74, after several longtime illnesses. The causes of death were Diabetes Mellitus-Type II, Lung Cancer and Parkinson's disease. Dennis was born on November 16, 1946. As the only brown-haired, brown-eyed child of Lawrence Edward Gehley and Goldie Agnes Sedlacek Gehley, he always joked he was the prototype that was "rejected." He graduated from Bishop D. J. O'Connell High School (1964) and UVA (1968) and also earned a Masters from George Washington University. He passed at his home in Ashburn, Virginia in the presence of his son David Gehley and childhood friend Jim Murphy. Dennis is survived by his daughter Lisa Angerer (Jay) of New Orleans and son David Gehley (Becky) of Ashburn, Virginia; his grandchildren Renee and Cole Angerer and Matthew and Michael Gehley. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly thirty years, Nancy Jean Gehley, and will be interred with her at Arlington National Cemetery. He is also survived by his younger siblings Diana Trammell (Woody), Doug Gehley (Lane), Denise Carlson (David) and Darlene Brown (Craig). Dennis will be remembered as "Uncle Dennis" to his many nieces and nephews and "Pops" to his grandchildren. Dennis served in the United States Army in Vietnam and Germany and rose to the rank of Captain. He retired from the General Accounting Office (GAO) in 2006. He was a longtime communicant of Saint. Bernadette parish in Springfield, VA and rose to be a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodbridge Chapter #617**. He was a larger-than-life personality, funny and fun-loving. His charm was legendary. He laughed, loved, fathered, danced, curated, listened, organized, collected, created, traveled, landscaped, puttered, cursed, advised, joked, disc jockeyed, dined and dreamed. May our memories of him be everlasting.



DAVID ALLEN GOODROW - 79, of Lakeland, Died Saturday, December 25, 2021 in Lakeland, Florida at the age of 79. He was a former resident of Inman, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. David was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts on November 17, 1942 to the late John and Eleanor Anderson. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Landrum (South Carolina) Chapter #1049**.



THOMAS DUDLEY "Tom" GRAYBEAL - Died Monday October 4, 2021 in Cornerstone Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 71. He was a resident of Huntington. The cause of death is unknown. Tom was born on November 25, 1949 in Racine, Ohio to the late William Andrew and Bertha (née Husk) Graybeal. Tom was a *Life Member* of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #949, VFW Post #9738 and American Legion Post #16. Also preceding him in death was his wife Mary Alice Graybeal, son-in-law, Stephen Richardson, and four brothers. Survivors include: one daughter, Patricia Richardson of Huntington; one son, William Howard of Point Pleasant, WV; four grandchildren, Dakota and Alex Richardson and Kaden and Alexa Howard, three siblings, Frank Graybeal, Barbie (Randy) Preston and Kenneth Graybeal, all of Huntington; several nieces, nephews and a special friend, Ed Peckham. Visitation was from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday October 7, 2021 at the Chapman's Mortuary Huntington, with military honors conducted by Veterans Honor Guard Post #16 at 6:00 PM. Online condolences may be sent to www.chapmans-mortuary.com.



DOUGLAS P. HABIB - Died Saturday, December 18, 2021 in Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, Massachusetts at the age of 74, after a brief fight with COVID-19. He was a resident of Westport, Massachusetts. He was born in Fall River on January 30, 1947 to the late Norman P. and Zelma (née Whitmore) Habib, he was a longtime resident of Westport. He was the husband of Carol Ann (née Bobrowiecki) Habib. Douglas was a Green Beret in the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam war. He graduated from BMC Durfee High School and from Roger William's University with a BA in Business Administration. Douglas loved his family dearly and they were the most important thing in his life. He enjoyed Trap and Skeet shooting, playing poker, working, spending time with his family and he loved his country. He was a proud member of the DAV, Fall River, VFW Post #486, Fall River and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. He truly loved participating in all the events he could with his fellow veterans. In addition to his loving wife Carol Ann, he is survived by his children, Christopher P. Habib and his wife Rochelle of Westport and Valerie M. Guillemette and her husband Mark E. of Dartmouth; a grandchild, Kahlan Lee Habib; three step grandchildren; his sister, Janet Thompson of Fall River. His funeral service was held on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02745. Relatives and friends were invited. Visitation was held on Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The burial was in Saint Patrick Cemetery, Fall River. To leave a note of condolence: www.rock-funeralhome.com.



WILLIAM H. "Sonny" HALL - Died Sunday, January 23, 2022 in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in White Bluff, Tennessee on January 18, 1932 to the late Leasy Harris and Vivian Estelle (née Gentry) Hall and was preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela Jean Hall and grandson, Christopher Ray Potter. Sonny retired from the United States Army with 24 years of service. After retiring from the Army, he worked for 30 years as a Contractor building Residential and Commercial. He was the first to build Office Condominiums in Dickson County. Sonny was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950** where he served as the Vice President and the American Legion Post #115.

He was a member of the Dickson First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Ruth (née Fowlkes) Hall of Dickson, TN; children, Donna Crafton of Dickson, TN, Shelia Hall of Dickson, TN, Vona Dean of Dickson, TN, Brenda Golden of Austin, TX, William H. Hall II (Elizabeth) of Huntsville, AL; 9 grandchildren, Justin Crafton, Heather Beneclif (Chris), Weston Hall, Elizabeth Redden, Tyler Redden (Jessica), Solomon Golden, William Leasy Hall (Jessica), Nicholas Hall, Houston Jones; 7 great grandchildren, Selena Crafton, Brody Beneclif, Aiden Redden, Dalton Redden, Noah Redden, Carson Redden, Chandler Redden. The funeral services were on Monday January 31, 2022 at 2:00 PM from the Chapel of Taylor Funeral Home with Pastor Wes Sesler officiating. The place of rest was in the Dickson Union Cemetery. Visitation with the family was held on Monday January 31st from 1:00 PM until time of the service. Those desiring memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund <http://www.vvmf.org/rotn/>



ARVOLD LEE "Arv" HARDIE - Died Sunday, January 16, 2022 in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. "Arv" as he wanted to be called, was born on January 23, 1941 in Redfield, South Dakota to his loving parents the late Edwin and Clara (née Lingeman) Hardie. He was baptized at Zell Catholic Church in Zell, South Dakota. He attended Zell Catholic Boarding School and then Redfield High School in Redfield, South Dakota. Arv joined the National Guard in 1959 and later joined the United States Air Force where he served for 20 and 1/2 years, retiring in December 1979. He served in the Philippines, Germany and other areas in Europe during the Vietnam conflict. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Arv married Sandy Meyer and together, they had three children, Cheryl Hardie, Richard Hardie and Daryl Hardie. Arv and Sandy were later divorced. Arv worked several different jobs after his discharge, mainly in California, until returning to South Dakota in 1984. He united in marriage with the love of his life, Roxanne Trenholm Rossow, in Watertown, South Dakota. To this union, one son was born, Shane Edwin Hardie. Arv went to work for Walmart when they opened its store in Watertown in 1990. He worked there for 13 years, retiring in 2003. He then went to work for the Watertown School District driving school bus. He always said this was his dream job as he loved the kids. It was not unusual for him to have one of his young riders run up to him in a store to hug him and say: "That's Mr. Bus Driver!" He retired from driving school bus in 2018 when the hard winters got to be too much for him to handle the bus on the country roads. Arv said he didn't want to put the little ones in any jeopardy. Arv then drove part-time for the Watertown City Transit, mostly transporting patients back and forth to Sanford and Avera in Sioux Falls for medical treatments until his health forced him to completely retire. Arv is survived by his wife, Roxanne Hardie of Watertown; his son, Shane Hardie of Watertown, SD; his daughter, Cheryl (Billy) Hindman of Yukon, OK; his son, Daryl Hardie of Montana; two stepdaughters, Noelle (Brian) Heuer of Summit, SD and Rochelle Rossow of Watertown, SD; his twelve grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren; his brother, Arthur Hardie of Faulkton, SD; his sister, Crystal Jungwirth of Redfield, SD; and his many nieces and

nephews. Arv was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Richard Hardie; and his sister and brother-in-law, Corrine and Joe Pfeiffer. There was a visitation held in Arv's honor on Sunday, January 23, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. This was the only service held here. There was a private family burial at a later date in the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls, SD. Honorary urn bearers were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all his friends and past co-workers from Walmart and the Watertown School System. The arrangements were made by the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel, www.wightandcomes.com.

DANIEL THOMAS HARTFIELD - Died Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Shenandoah Memorial Hospital at the age of 83. He was a resident of Mount Jackson, Virginia. The cause of death was a hip fracture and cardiac arrest. Mr. Hartfield was born on May 24, 1938 in White Haven, Pennsylvania to the late Carl Christoff Hartfield and Juliana Bertha (née Miller) Hartfield. Mr. Hartfield retired after 24 years of serving in the Military. He was in the United States Navy from 1957 to 1979 and served during the Vietnam War. He served as a Chaplain with the VFW and a member of the VFW and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodstock Chapter #936**. He is survived by his wife, Faye Edna (née Johnson) Hartfield whom he married on November 5, 1958; daughter, Sylvia Lynn Dickerson and husband, Paul of Melbourne, Florida; grandson, Aaron Stiff of Merritt Island, Florida; and two great granddaughters, Lillian Rose Stiff and Rita Abbelien Murray Stiff. A service will be held at a later date. Memorial Contributions may be made to the VFW, 100 Veterans Way, Edinburg, VA 22824. The arrangements were made by the Heishman Funeral Home, Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.



HARRY LYNN HAYES - Died Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at the Henderson County Hospital in Lexington, Tennessee at the age of 72. He was a resident of Linden, Tennessee. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in Parsons, Tennessee on August 15, 1949 to the late Harry and Kathleen Hayes. He is survived by his wife, Janet Hayes of Linden, TN; his son, Dusty (Heather) Hayes, of Sardis, TN; his daughter, Tiffany (Darrin) Cooley, of Decaturville, TN; his stepson, Shane (Katrina) Copeland, of Linden, TN; his stepdaughter, Shelly (Billy Gene) Sharp, of Linden, TN; his sisters, Libby (Jr) Brawley, of Beacon, TN, Orlanda Davis, of Parsons, TN and Beverly (Jimmy Pat) Adams, of Sardis, TN; his grandchildren, Dakota (Katie) Hayes, Blayne Hayes, Hallie Beecham, Anna Beecham, Drake Cooley, Gracie Cooley, Sawyer Copeland, Deidre McCaig, Hunter McCaig, Victoria McCaig, Claudia Coble, Justin Copeland, and Lukas Copeland, Great Grandchildren; Ellie Mae, Azura, Aurora, Atticus, Special Friend; Tom Turnbow. He is preceded in death by his Parents; Harry and Kathleen Hayes, Sister; Gail Hayes. He served in the United States Army from June 26, 1969 to June 25, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from November 18, 1969 to October 30, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. Visitation for Mr. Hayes was held on Thursday, December 30, 2021 from 3:00 until 8:00 PM. Visitation continued on Friday, December 31, 2021 from 9:00 AM until time of funeral service. The funeral service was held on Friday, December 31, 2021 at 11:00

AM in the Parsons Mortuary Chapel. The burial was in the Dukes Cemetery in Darden, TN with Brothers Jimmy Burroughs and Jacob Eaton, co-officiating.



ARTURO MIRANDA HERRERA - Died Thursday, May 6, 2021 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. Arturo was born in El Paso on January 9, 1947. He served in the United States for four years during the Vietnam War and served a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1964. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. A visitation for Arturo was held on Monday, May 24, 2021 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Hillcrest Funeral Home, 1060 North Carolina Drive, El Paso, Texas. A vigil occurred on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 3:00 PM, 1060 North Carolina Drive, El Paso, Texas. A funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 12:00 Noon at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 10970 Bywood Drive, El Paso, Texas. A graveside service was on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 1:30 PM at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, 5200 Fred Wilson Avenue, El Paso, Texas. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.hillcrestfuneralhomeeast.com for the Herrera family.



WESLEY G. HERWECK – Died Friday December 25, 2020 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Saint James, Missouri at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 28, 1944 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late Everett Herweck and Marion (née Janssen) Herweck. Wesley served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969. He was united in marriage to Linda Harris August 24, 1968. The couple made their home in Saint Louis County, then moved to Licking, MO before settling in Union, MO. After his time in the Marine Corps, Wesley was employed at Bell Telephone. He spent the majority of his career as a stone mason. After his retirement he worked at Wal-Mart until his health required him to quit. Wesley was an active member of the Ridge Baptist church in Villa Ridge, MO. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles and woodworking. He was a member of the American Legion at the Missouri Veterans Home in Saint James, MO, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028** in Fenton, MO and the Marine Corps League. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Christian Andrus; one brother, Gerald Herweck and one sister, Debbie Heisler. He is survived by his wife, Linda Herweck; one son, John Herweck of Portland, OR; one daughter, Sarah Andrus and her husband John of Rolla, MO; four grandchildren, Jacob, Chase, Jimmy and Grace; one sister-in-law, Leona Herweck of St. Peters, MO; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Burial with full military honors was held Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 11:30 AM at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. The Herweck family was served by the Oltmann Funeral Home in Union, MO.



EDWARD JOSEPH "Ed" HESS, JR. - Died Thursday, December 16, 2021 at home in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 30, 1948 in Gardiner, New York. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, father, grandfather and loved by many. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. Ed always loved meeting new people and striking a good conversation. He was the kind of man that never met a stranger, friendly and witty and always had a great joke or story to tell. His favorite activities included karaoke, fishing, watching football, taking road trips, playing cards, and enjoying his retirement living by the beach. Aside from being survived by his fiancée Karen Leal, Ed also leaves behind two daughters, Kimberly Hess of Raleigh, NC, Tara Gonzalez and her husband Luis of Wilmington NC. and Kacey Breach who was like a son to him. Also, granddaughters Kaylee Robbins, Mia Gonzalez and brother William Hess and wife Kayo of Gardiner, NY. Nephew William Hess and niece Tina Hess. And nephews Michael and Robert Pole. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Wilmington Funeral Chapel with military honors at 2:00 PM. Wilmington Funeral and Cremation, 155 South 41st Street, Wilmington, NC were in charge of the arrangements.



ALEXANDER ALAN HILL - Died Wednesday, January 19, 2022 in a local hospital at the age of 76. He was a resident of Kerrville, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 10, 1945 in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois to the late Wayne Wilder Hill and Edna (née Browning) Hill. He married Shirley (née Adams) Hill on September 1, 1973 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Alan entered into the United States Army in 1966. He went to Vietnam as an artillery man and a medic for several tours of duty. His military career ended in 1979. After his military service, he went into law enforcement, and then nursing in the early 90's to mid-2000's. He started the **TJ Stem Memorial Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863** in 2000 and was a *Life Member*. Shortly after, Alan became a nationally accredited Veteran Service Officer, until his passing. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Wayne Wilder Hill, Jr. and Douglas Hill; his parents; and his in-laws, William Edward and Bertha Jean Adams. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Shirley Hill; son from a previous marriage, James Hill and his two daughters, Delanie and Elizabeth Hill; daughter, Sarah (Hill) Kocurek and spouse, Kristopher and their two daughters, Emilie and Kimberlie. A memorial service was held at the Hill Country Vet Center, 411 Meadowview Lane in Kerrville, on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Military Honors were accorded by the Hill Country Honor Guard. A reception followed. The Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville were in charge of the arrangements.

FREDRIC DOUGLAS "Fred" HILLMANN – Died Wednesday, December 8, 2021 in his home in Pleasantville, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. He was born in Flushing, Queens, New York on June 27, 1946 to the late Frederick and Saima (née

Nordbloom) Hillmann, and raised in Mineola, Long Island. Fred proudly served in the United States Marine Corps – 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, known as “The Walking Dead,” during the Vietnam War, and was awarded the Purple Heart. After returning home, Fred joined IBM where worked for 30 years, and more importantly met his wife Bea. Fred and Bea were happily married for 41 years, living and raising their daughter Erica in Pleasantville. Fred loved his two “bossy women,” and filled their home with laughter and happy memories. Fred loved anything with an engine – vintage cars (he owned 4!), motorcycles, planes – and he even held a private pilot’s license. He collected any spare part, nut or bolt he could find, and always had a project ready - including building his own BD5 plane. Sadly, he was unable to own the “junkyard” of his dreams for all his treasures, much to the relief of his family. While he lost friends in Vietnam, he gained brothers for life through the many Veterans' and Military organizations in which he was an honored member: a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**, Military Order of the Purple Heart, 1/9 Association and Marine Corps League. His love of motorcycles and pride in service lead him to becoming a charter member of the Nam Knights of America MC, where he held multiple offices and was awarded a lifetime membership by the Hudson Valley chapter. Fred is predeceased by his parents and sister Ruth Cleary. He is survived by his beloved wife Bea (Roach), cherished daughter Erica, nieces, nephews, cousins and many lifelong friends. The family received friends on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the Beecher Flocks Funeral Home, 418 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, New York. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Ferncliff Cemetery, 280 Secor Road, Hartsdale, New York. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the following organizations: Hudson Valley Chapter of the Nam Knights of America 501(c)(3) via mail to NK George Kelly President Nam Knights Hudson Valley Chapter #5, Polhemus Street, Nyack N.Y. 10960; Chapter #49 Vietnam Veterans of America - <https://www.vietnamvets49.org/>; Parkinson’s Foundation-<https://www.parkinson.org/>.



FRANKLIN R. HISE (USA, CPT-Ret.) - Died Saturday, January 8, 2022 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 19, 1940 in Pittsburg, Oklahoma to the late Jack and Flora (née Woody) Hise, the sixth of seven children. At an early age, he moved with his family to Kentucky where his father found work in a coal mine. His father was killed in a mine accident when he was four and they returned to Oklahoma and settled in Fillmore and Milburn. Franklin attended elementary school in Fillmore and graduated from Milburn High School in 1958. He attended Murray State College in Tishomingo for one year and in 1982 graduated from Cameron University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He entered the United States Army in January 1960 in Fort Carson, Colorado. Stateside tours included Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Gordon, Georgia, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Overseas tours included three tours in Germany and two tours in Vietnam. He received many awards including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**

Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751. After his retirement from the Army in December 1982, he worked for Civil Service at Fort Sill as an instructor and writer in CED (Communication Electronics Department) and later in Communication Security. He retired from Civil Service in 2002. Franklin enjoyed the outdoors and traveling but was passionate about family, singing, and music. He entertained with his karaoke, his “band in a box” in most Lawton nursing homes, retirement centers, in church, the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center and special events. He liked a variety of music, secular and religious, and various artists and styles, but his all-time favorite was Elvis and country gospel. He was a member of the Lawton Heights Church of the Nazarene for 25 years and was currently a member of Cache Creek Cowboy Church. He met Maria Loeffler in Aschaffenburg, Germany in September 1961. They got engaged in January 1962 and were married on July 7, 1962. They were married for 59 years and were blessed with two wonderful children, Katharina Ann and Franklin, Jr. Franklin is survived by his wife, Maria, of the home, two children, Katharina Ann Allison and her husband, Patrick of Deer Creek, Oklahoma and Franklin R. Hise, Jr. and his wife, Judy of Lucas, Texas, ten grandchildren, Christopher, Samuel, Michaela, John Eliana, Abigail and Elijah Allison, Samantha, Franklin R. Hise, III and his wife, Alexa and Rachel Hise, sister, Eleanor Kirkley and her husband, George of Wagoner, Oklahoma, sister-in-law, Sylvia Hise of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Andrea Rueckel, Josef and Ella Kunkel and Michael and Renate Kunkel, all of Germany and very special nieces and nephews. Franklin was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Flora Hise, three brothers, Robert, Leo and Leon Hise, two sisters, Deedie Austin and Alberta Walker and an Aunt, Jackie Harris. A graveside service was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at Fort Sill National Cemetery with Reverend Jack Darnell, pastor of Cache Creek Cowboy Church officiating. The burial with full military honors was under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. You will be missed, rest in peace.



WILLIAM JAMES HOAG - Died Saturday, July 10, 2021 at the Huntington Woods Health and Rehabilitation Center in Westlake, Ohio at the age of 78. He was a resident of Olmsted Falls, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on September 1, 1942 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late William Ralph Hoag and Ann Marie (née Schmitz) Hoag. William was a United States Army veteran, who served in Vietnam from 1968-1969. He was a member of Saint Peregrine Chapel in Richfield, Knights of Columbus Council #14416 in Olmsted Falls, American Legion Post #888, a *Life Member* of **Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249** (serving in their color guard at Cleveland Browns football games), and a former member of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in Mentor. He was an avid supporter of Cleveland sports teams and a big Michigan football fan, “Go Blue!” His grandsons and many friends called him “Big Hoag.” He was the loving father of William Christopher (Irene) Hoag and Timothy Michael (Jacqueline) Hoag; cherished grandfather of Patrick Hoag and Seamus Hoag; and brother of Marilyn (Darrell) Hill. William was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Alice (nee Meyers); and his parents, William Ralph and Ann Marie (née Schmitz) Hoag. The family received friends from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 18th at the McMahon-Coyne-Vitantonio Funeral Home, 38001 Euclid

Avenue, Willoughby, where the Rosary was recited at 5:30 PM. The Funeral Mass was a Latin Requiem Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 19th at Immaculate Conception Church, 37940 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby. Reverend Father Michael Troha officiated. The burial was at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon Township. To leave condolences for the family or order flowers, visit www.MCVfuneralhomes.com.

THOMAS HOLMES, JR. – Died Monday, April 5, 2021 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wilmington on April 19, 1949. He served in the United States Navy from July 6, 1967 to January 13, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**.



ROGER FRANKLIN HOUCK (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Sunday, June 6, 2021 in Gallipolis, Ohio at the age of 71, after a brief illness. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on March 6, 1950 in Gallia County, Ohio to the late Denver Harvey and Wilma Maxine (née Rice) Houck. In addition to his parents, he was preceded by two Brothers, Denver W. Houck and Charles R. Houck, two sisters-in-law, Ellen Houck and Polly Houck, two nieces, Patricia Marie Simpkins and Dorothy Carol Simpkins, and by a great-niece, Katie Ireland and a great-nephew, John Daniel Simpkins. Roger graduated from Gallia Academy High School. He enlisted in the United States Army in September of 1968. He served with distinction in the Vietnam War earning several significant medals including a Purple Heart. He retired from the United States Army after 22 years of service. After retiring he went to work for the Gallia County Veterans Services, where he continued assisting many local Veterans with Military compensation and benefits, work he would continue for the next 26 years. In addition to his service with the Gallia County Veterans Services, he also served as a Gallia County Deputy Sheriff for several years. Roger was a member of numerous organizations including, Morning Dawn Lodge #7, Gallipolis Shrine Club, AMVETS Post #23, DAV Chapter #141, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #709**, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Order of the Cooties #Oh048, Kentucky Colonels, and was a life member of the VFW Post #4464 and American Legion Post #27. He is survived by a Son, Roger (Lynn) Houck II of Springfield, Daughter, Mary (Kevin) Nance of Gallipolis, Grandchildren, Madison and Ethan Houck, Sisters, Anna Marie Camp of Crown City, Teresa (Earl) Ireland of Gallipolis, and Lisa (Jack) Parsons of Crown City, 2 Brothers, Vernon (Bev Hardin) Houck of Gallipolis and Stanley (Debra) Houck of Gallipolis, his Fiancé', Amber Jayjohn and by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at the Providence Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Jack Parsons officiating. The burial was in the Providence Cemetery. Friends visited the family at the Waugh-Halley-Wood Funeral Home on Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 PM. Visitation concluded with Masonic Services at 8:00 PM by Morning Dawn Lodge #7. Full Military Honors were presented at the cemetery by the VFW #4464 Honor Guard. The pallbearers were: Jason Danforth, Justin Ireland, Jeremiah Garey, Kevin Nance, Todd Houck, James McCarty and Ethan Houck. The Honorary Pallbearers were: Travis Houck, Earl Ireland, Roger Houck II, Vernon Houck, Stanley Houck, David Simpkins, William Houck, Michael Haney and Ashton McCarty. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Shriners Hospitals

or to the VFW #4464 Honor Guard. An online guest registry is available at waugh-halley-wood.com.



LOUIS "Pop" JAMPETRO, SR. (USAF, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at home in Browns Mills, New Jersey at the age of 82, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania on December 29, 1938 to the late Anna and Samuel R. Jampetro, Sr. Louis honorably served in the United States Navy for four years, and twenty-one years in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant, in 1979. He was awarded a bronze star in Vietnam. After retirement, he worked for the Department of Defense as an electronics supervisor at Fort Dix, retiring in 2004. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Township Chapter #899*. He was an avid Steelers fan, loved to travel, and enjoyed country line dancing. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. Louis was a parishioner of Saint Ann's Church in Browns Mills, where he served as an usher. He was also on the board of directors at McGuire Federal Credit Union. He was predeceased by his son, Louis "Buddy" Jampetro, Jr.; his grandson, Corey Jampetro; and his brother, Samuel R. Jampetro, Jr. Louis is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Janet L. Jampetro; his children, Kenneth Jampetro of Florida, Lori Burke (Denver) of Hamilton, NJ; and Jill Jampetro of Browns Mills, NJ; his grandchildren, Staci Mendez (Nick) of Staten Island, NY, Ross Jampetro (Demea) of Browns Mills, Victoria Jampetro-Parler (Devan) of Browns Mills, Brandon Atkinson of Browns Mills, Brian Atkinson (Brittney) of Browns Mills, Joshua Reed (Taylor) of Egg Harbor City, NJ, David Jampetro of Florida, and Danielle Jampetro of Florida; 17 great-grandchildren; his brother John (Jan) Jampetro of Pennsylvania; his sisters, Nancy (Douglas) Turner and Sandy (Dave) Searfoss both of Pennsylvania; and his brother-in-law, Lee (Patti) Kunkle of Pennsylvania. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 AM on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Saint Ann's Church, 22 Trenton Road, Browns Mills, NJ. The inurnment was at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations in Louis' memory may be made to Saint Ann's Church. The arrangements were under the direction and care of the Moore Funeral Home, Browns Mills, NJ. Condolences for the family may be left at www.moorefuneralhome.com.



DONALD E. "Johnny" JOHNSTON (USAF, CMSgt-Ret.) - Died Friday, April 17, 2020 at home in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 88, leaving behind his beloved wife of 62 years, Betty (née Griner) Johnston. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 6, 1931 to the late George W. and Evelyn (née Moore) Johnston. In addition, he is survived by his children, Sabrina Sender, Kevin (Stephanie) Johnston, Day (Blair) Oberg, Allyson (Dan-deceased) Novak; grandchildren Nick (Kelli) Sender, Gregory Oberg, Krissy and Heather Johnston, and Madison Oberg; six great-grandchildren and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents George W. and Evelyn Johnston (Moore) and his brother Leroy. Johnny retired from the Air Force

as Chief Master Sergeant after 27 years of service with many military medals and a 26-year career in trucking as an executive. In addition, he was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028** and a longtime member of Friendship Force, spreading worldwide good will. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to a diabetic association or charity of choice. The interment was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. The Kutis-Affton Funeral Service was in charge of the arrangements.

BRENTON CHARLES KING – Died Saturday, December 25, 2021 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Glendale, California on March 24, 1949. He served in the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary from April 20, 1968 to April 2, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista Chapter #1093**.



JOHN W. KRAFT, JR. - Died Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Beebe Healthcare Center, Lewes, Delaware at the age of 75. He was a resident of Lewes and formerly of Red Hill, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was the husband of Beryl B. (Bierschenk) Kraft, of Red Hill. John was born in Sellersville, Pennsylvania on December 14, 1945 to the late John W. Kraft, Sr. and Sara M. (née Hauck) Kraft. He was a graduate of Boyertown High School and was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nassau Chapter #1105**. John worked as a self-employed carpenter. He is also survived by his daughters: Sandra Rementer and husband George, of Red Hill; Susan Mulvehill and husband Michael and Shawn Kraft and husband C.J. Smith, all of East Greenville. There are also grandchildren: Halie and Rylie Smith and Marissa and Christopher Rementer; and great-granddaughter, Hazel Rementer. A funeral service was held on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Mann-Slonaker Funeral Home, 222 Washington Street, East Greenville, PA. Calling time was from 10:00-11:00 AM. The burial was in Keelors Union Cemetery, Obelisk, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Red Hill VFW Post #5954, 401 Main Street, Red Hill, PA 18076. Online condolences may be offered at www.mannslonakerfuneralhome.com.

MELVIN BRUCE LANE – Died Saturday, January 8, 2022 in Matamoras, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 18, 1950. He served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1989 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton (New York) Chapter #140**.

WILLIAM C. LATTIN – Died Monday, December 6, 2021 in Pocatello, Idaho at the age of 73. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on March 5, 1948. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ucon Chapter #972**.

STEPHEN McCLEAN – Died recently in 2022 in the Montrose New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 28, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**.

WILLIAM M. McELROY – Died recently in 2022 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.

EARL G. McENTIRE – Died Sunday, December 11, 2021 in Cameron, Missouri at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 23, 1956 in Missouri. He served in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cameron Chapter #70**.

ANTHONY A. “Tony” MILANO – Died Friday morning, February 11, 2022, at 5:30 AM in Johnston, Rhode Island at the age of 77. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on July 26, 1944, to the late Albert Milano and Ethel M. (née Kender) Dundon. He is survived by his wife, Paula E. (née Burns) Milano. They would have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in July. He has lived in Johnston, Rhode Island for nine years and had previously lived in Chepachet, Rhode Island. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps right out of High School. He was assigned to Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He served a tour in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* and long-time Chairman of the Scholarship Fund for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. He was also a member of the Smithfield Lodge of the Elks. Lodge #2309. Anthony retired from the Providence School Department as Principal of Feinstein High School. He taught at Central High School and Alternate Learning Project and helped to plan and create Feinstein High. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees from Rhode Island College. He served his country, honorably. When he returned from Vietnam, he became a schoolteacher and High School Principal. He was a good kid, educator, proud Marine Veteran, and a true Patriot. Besides his wife, Paula, Anthony is survived by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Jane and Alan Johnson, of Cumberland, Kristen and Howard Turner, of Warwick, Kevin and Lynn Burns, of Cumberland, Mark and Sheila Burns, of Cumberland, his seventeen nieces and nephews and thirteen great-nieces and great-nephews. His funeral was held on Thursday, at 10:30 AM in the Anderson-Winfield Funeral Home, Route #44 at the Greenville Common, Greenville. The burial with full military honors was in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. The visitation was on Thursday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Tunnel to Towers, 2361 Hyman Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10306 or to the Rhode Island Food Bank, 200 Niantic Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907.

EDWARD RICHARD MILLER, SR. – Died Thursday, December 2, 2021 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia on February 17, 1951 to the late Richard Miller and Laura Miller. He served in the United States Navy from February 20, 1969 to August 17, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was predeceased by: his parents, Richard Miller and Laura Miller; and his sister Maryanne Balfe. He is survived by: his wife Linda Miller; his children, Jen Miller, Kimberly Berkery (Terrance), Edward R. Miller Jr. (Jen) and Heather Miller; his

grandchildren, Christopher (Ashley), Mckayla, Kasey, Paige, Jailyn, Zachary, Alyssa, Peyton and Erinrose; his great grandchildren, Dominic and Mia; and his siblings, Laura Stromgren (David), Richard Miller (Terry), John Miller (Sharon), Kathy Demas (Tony) and Linda Miller.

PASQUALE A. "Pat" MONTILLI – Died Friday, December 24, 2021 in Massapequa, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**.



FRANK AUBURN MULLIS - Died Saturday, July 3, 2021 Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 75, after a short illness. He was 75 years old. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ousley, Georgia on August 6, 1945 to the late Carl and

Juanita Mullis and hit the ground running. He graduated from Lowndes County High School, Valdosta State College with a degree in Chemistry and business administration and John A. Gupton College in Nashville, Tennessee. Frank was drafted into the United States Army on April 12, 1967 and arrived in Vietnam 60 days later where he was seriously injured and medically evacuated to Fort Lewis in Washington state. For the next 6 months he was in traction. He never forgot that time on Ward 8 and vowed to one-day help veterans in some way. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Frank went into the funeral business, owning two funeral homes in Tifton, Georgia and Brunswick, Georgia and serving as a funeral director. He was recruited by the Lions Club of Georgia to attend Emory University of Ophthalmology and became one of the first licensed embalmers to enucleate eyes for corneal transplants. He performed this procedure over 500un times. Changing gears, Frank went into the publishing business and established Savannah Scene Magazine, books, and tourist maps from Mount Dora, Florida up to Atlanta, Georgia. Frank was a member of White Bluff United Methodist Church, VFW Post #4392, the Veterans Council, a member on the Committee to raise funds for the WWII Memorial. He belonged to the DAV Chapter #8 and become Chairman of Boy Scout Troop #16, of which he was immensely proud. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. For over 15 years, Frank felt very fortunate and honored to become a Service Officer helping veterans receive their benefits, especially those veterans who had been denied their claim or simply getting a vet back into the VA system for medical assistance. It was not unusual for a veteran's organization to receive a late-night call from Frank seeking funds to help a veteran family with rent, an electric bill or housing. In 2019, Frank traveled back to Vietnam fulfilling a lifelong dream. He was shocked and overwhelmed by many Vietnamese people stopping him in the streets to talk and ask about America. Frank was honored to serve as the Marshall of the Veterans Day Parade in 2006 and was delighted to be named the Veteran-of-the-Year in 2014. Frank is survived by his wife of 32 years, Dee, three children Margo Maranto (Kip), Jennifer Wu, and Bradley Mullis and special daughter, Alea Stein. Also surviving are three sisters, Peggy Dobbs (David), Jackie Masters (Charlie) and Judy Binninger (Charlie), mother-in-law, Ginger Johnson and sisters-in-law, Rozalyn Johnson, April Harris and Shelley Clark (Paul), two grandchildren, Hannah TeVault, and Emma TeVault and one great-granddaughter, Elsie. He adored his four-legged best friend, Phoebe, who kept him active every day. Visitation was from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at the Fox and Weeks Funeral Directors, Hodgson Chapel. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the Fox and Weeks Funeral Directors, Hodgson Chapel officiated by Reverend Barry Giddens. The interment was in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frank's memory to the VFW Post #4392, 3003 Rowland Avenue, Thunderbolt, Georgia 31404. Please sign our online guestbook at www.foxandweeks.com. Savannah Morning News. Please sign our Obituary Guestbook at savannahnow.com/obituaries.



PAUL WILLIAM NIMCHICK, JR. – Died Friday, December 31, 2021 at home in Westfield, Massachusetts at the age of 77, surrounded by the love and comfort of his family. The

cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 15, 1944 in Holyoke, Massachusetts to the late Paul W. Nimchick, Sr. and Alice L. (née Germain) (Nimchick) Riley. He attended Holyoke Public Schools. Paul joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam, after the Army he drove 34 years for Warehouse Transport driving trucks for A&P and Stop & Shop. Paul is predeceased by his parents, his sisters Edna Nimchick, Esther Robillard, and his beloved wife Judith who he is now reunited with. He leaves behind his beloved children, Paul W Nimchick III, Stephanie Nimchick, Patrick Nimchick, and Matthew Nimchick. He was also the beloved Pepe to Virginia-Alice, Rylie, Tyler, Mars, and Paisley-James. He also leaves his only nephew Daniel Robillard of Cape Cod as well as his cousin Lorraine Thompson of Springfield. He was a member of the Westfield Sportsman club and a life member of the American Legion Post #124. He loved spending time with his legion family, he was the chaplain of the American Legion Post #124 until 2019 and was affectionately known as 'Padre'. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**. He was a fan of the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox and loved attending games at Fenway Park with his children. The family would like to thank his caretaker Valerie LaPlante and Baystate Hospice for helping the family care for him. Family and friends gathered for the visitation on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Westfield Funeral Home and Cremation, 4 Princeton Street, Westfield, MA. The funeral began from the Westfield Funeral Home on Friday, January 21, 2022, at 9:00 AM and processed to the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA for an 11:00 AM committal service with full military honors. A memorial luncheon was held immediately following the burial at American Legion Post #124, 38 Broad Street, Westfield, MA. To express condolences, share memories, or photos please visit Paul's memorial page at www.westfieldfuneralhome.com.

EUGENE A. OHNHEISER – Died Thursday, December 23, 2021 in Schulenburg, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Schulenburg on May 7, 1942. He served in the United States Army from August 9, 1965 to May 29, 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #970**.

ERIC JON "Ric" OLSON - Died Wednesday, November 24, 2021 in Sweet Home, Oregon at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on February 12, 1949. He served in the United States Army from March 25, 1969 to November 10, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 5, 1969 to November 9, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**. The Sweet Home Funeral Chapel handled all the arrangements.



WILLIAM DANDRIDGE "Bill" PASCHALL (USN, CDR-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 17, 2021 IN New Bern, North Carolina at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Warren County, North Carolina on October 4, 1930. He

graduated from New Hanover High School on June 10, 1949, and upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for 34 years. Promotions included the senior enlisted rating of Master Chief Yeoman, commissioned under the Navy's Limited Duty Officer Program, attaining the rank of Commander. He served on the following war ships during his career: USS Mathews (AKA96), USS Seminole (AKA104), USS Orleans Parish (LST1069), USS Intrepid (CVA11-Two tours), USS Saratoga (CVA60), USS Enterprise (CVAN65) and USS Nimitz (CVN68), plus numerous shore stations, including Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Center, Wilmington, NC, and an in-country tour in Vietnam in 68-69. During his early years in the Navy, he attended numerous universities while on shore duty, receiving a Bachelor of Sciences Degree through the Department of Defense Regents Program from the State University of New York at Albany. Commander Paschall holds the following decorations: Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy Commendation Medal w/ V device, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon w/ V device, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency "E", Good Conduct Medal (4 awards), Navy Expeditionary Medal, China Service Medal (Extended), Navy Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal (4 awards), United Nations Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnamese Social Welfare Medal, Vietnamese Meritorious Unit Citation-Gallantry Cross, Vietnamese Unit Citation-Civil Actions, and Republic of Vietnamese Campaign Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. Commander Paschall was preceded in death by his former wives, Sue Ellen Benton and Carolyn Marcia Kester. Commander Paschall is survived by wife Joyce Paschall, daughters Cynthia and husband Brad Carl, daughter Teresa and husband Tim Bartlow, daughter Kathy and husband Jack Hudson, stepchildren Victoria McFadyen, Samuel Joshua McFayden, Sandra Gail McFayden, grandchildren Gabriel and wife Aurelie Morales, Jared Morales, Megan and husband Rob Vail, Caitlin Sue Welter, Hannah Hudson, and Abby Lee Hudson, step grandchildren Jason Bailey, Danny Williams, Sarah Williams, and Alex and Drew Moore, great grandkids Jade Galiena and Milan Francisco William Morales and Maddie and Knox Vail. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel of Coble Funeral and Cremation Service at Greenlawn Memorial Park. The burial of his cremains was at Greenlawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1235 South Clark Street, Suite #910, Arlington, VA 22202. Your donation will be used to fund the Education Center at the Wall.



ROBERT A. "Bob" PETERMEYER - Died Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Saint John Hospital in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 74. He was a resident of Carlyle, Illinois. The cause of death was thyroid cancer. He was born in Breese, Illinois on October 6, 1947 to the late August J. and Leona (née Pollmann) Petermeyer. He married Carol Eilers on December 1, 1972, and she

survives in Carlyle. In addition to his wife Carol, Mr. Petermeyer is also survived by his children – Craig Petermeyer and wife Alicia of St. Rose, and Kelli Bland and fiancé Ryan LeGaspi of Louisville, Kentucky; his grandchildren – Marielle Bland, Landon and Isabella Petermeyer, and Veda and Maya LeGaspi; his siblings – Mary “Sis” Wilke of Edwardsville, Richard Petermeyer and wife Marabeth, Ralph Petermeyer and wife Ethel, and Ray Petermeyer, all of Carlyle; Betty Koopman and husband Leonard of Bartelso, and Rita Petermeyer of Carlyle; and his in-laws – Pat Henrichs and husband Vince of Roswell, Georgia, Betty Eilers of Breese, Elmer Eilers and wife Yevon of Highland, Don Eilers and wife Jane of Trenton, Ron Eilers and wife Janet of Highland, Tom Eilers and wife Laurie of Troy, Sharon Culbertson and husband Dan of Shobonier, Rose McKee of Star, Idaho, Laurie Eilers of Pocahontas, David Eilers and wife Doris of Pocahontas, and Jeff Eilers of Highland. Mr. Petermeyer was preceded in death by his parents – August and Leona Petermeyer; his mother-and father-in-law – Robert and Rita (Woltering) Eilers; and his in-laws – Nancy Floyd, and Richard, Jerry, and Frenchie Eilers. Bob proudly served in the United States Army both in Vietnam and Afghanistan. He also assisted with the recovery effort following Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana. He retired from the Army Reserve in 2007. Mr. Petermeyer worked at Granite City Steel for 14 years, then as a corrections officer for the State of Illinois for 20 years. Bob had many hobbies, including gardening, golfing, fishing, and woodworking projects for his grandkids. He also worked many Knights of Columbus bingos and enjoyed helping his son, Craig, at the shop. Mr. Petermeyer was a member of Saint Mary Church in Carlyle, where he served as an usher. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269**, the Knights of Columbus, and the VFW. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Mary Church in Carlyle at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. The interment with military honors was at Saint Mary Cemetery. Visitation was held at the Zieren Funeral Home on Monday, December 20th from 4:00 - 8:00 PM and on Tuesday morning from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. The Knights of Columbus will pray the rosary in his memory at Saint Mary Church on Monday evening at 7:00 PM. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Petermeyer were suggested to the Jared Burke Foundation, the Vietnam Veterans of America, or to Saint Mary Church. Memorial donations and condolence cards were received through the Zieren Funeral Home, 1111 Clinton Street, Carlyle, IL 62231.



CLARENCE R. "Butch" PETRYKOWSKI - Died Monday, January 10, 2022 in Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 17, 1944 to the late Clarence and Carolina Petrykowski. He was the beloved husband of Marianne; loving father of Cheri (Chris) Lasota, Tony (Stephanie) Petrykowski and Angela (Adam) Haffey; proud grandfather of John Paul, Sabrina, Nicholas, Nina, Lyndsey, Joseph and Addison; dearest brother of Carol Binkowski, the late James Petrykowski, Kathy (Rick) Kassube and Cindy David. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Clarence was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154** and worked at Ford Sterling Plant for 42 years. Visitation hours were held on Sunday from 3:00-9:00 PM with a 7:00 PM recitation of the Rosary at the Wujek-Calcaterra and Sons, 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). The Mass of Christian Burial was at 9:30 AM in Saint Blase Church after a half hour of laying-in-state. Saint Blase Church, 12151 15 Mile Road (btw Dodge Park and Schoenherr).

Donations were welcome to the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center or Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #154. The interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery on Friday, January 21st at 1:00 PM. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com. SEMPER FI!



LEONARD S. "Lennie" PITEK – Died Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in Dearborn, Michigan at the age of 81. The cause of death was pulmonary disease. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 11, 1940. He was the loving husband to Dianne, dad to Tony, Jennifer (Carlo), and Monica (Joe), and papa to Jack, Tyler, and Jacob. Known by his friends as Sweet Lenny P and Captain. Lenny served in the United States Army from April 18, 1967 to March 9, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #267**. Lenny was a veteran who remained involved with the American Legion. He was recently honored as Veteran-of-the-Year. Lenny could lighten any situation with his humor and quick wit. Champion of the underdog, Lenny could always be counted on to stand up for those who could not stand up for themselves. You always knew what you were getting within a few short words, as Lenny was as authentic as they come. We would like to make a special recognition to the VA, specifically the American Legion, Post 364, who took care of our dad throughout his time with them, but especially in the last few months. Their support meant the world not only to our dad, but to our whole family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Legion Post #364, 3001 South Telegraph Road, Dearborn, MI 48124. Visitation was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 from 3:00-8:00 PM at the Querfeld Funeral Home, 1200 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, MI. The recitation to the Holy Rosary was at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Roman Catholic Church, 16101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn, MI 48120. He laid-in-state from 10:30 AM until Mass time. There was a luncheon following the Mass at the American Legion Post #364, 3001 South Telegraph Road, Dearborn, MI. www.querfeldfh.com.



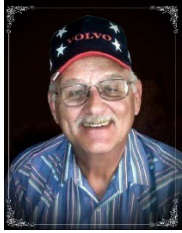
LEROY POE, JR. – Died Saturday, December 18, 2021 in Kinston, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 15, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892**. Visitation was held at the Robert Swinson, Jr. Memorial Chapel in Kinston on Thursday, December 30, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The Funeral Service was held on Friday, December 31, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Saint Peter Church of Christ in Kinston. The burial with full military honors was held on Monday January 3, 2022 at 12:00 Noon at the Eastern Carolina Veterans Cemetery in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

DANIEL HOUSTON “Dan” PRATT – Died Sunday, November 14, 2021 in North Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 76. He was formerly of East Liverpool, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Glendale, California on January 9, 1942. He served in the United States Army from February 2, 1967 to October 9, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from the end of 1967 to October 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**.



JOSEPH ANDREW PRUSH – Died Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in East Pointe, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 19, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Catherine; dear father of Joseph (Nancy), Steven (Megan), Butch (Jennifer), Dawn (Jeremy) Okopski and the late John; grandfather of thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and; brother of Mary Hammond. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. The visitation was held at Sterling Heights Chapel of the Bagnascoand& Calcaterra Funeral Home, 13650 East Fifteen Mile Road (at Schoenherr) on Monday from 3:00 to 9:00 PM and again on Tuesday from 2:00 to 9:00 PM with the Funeral Service on Wednesday at 10:30 AM at the Funeral Home.

DARRELL STACY RAMSDEN - Died Monday, December 20, 2021 in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Everett, Massachusetts on April 28, 1935 to the late Fred and Daisy Ramsden. He was the husband of Carolyn Ramsden since 1988. Darrell served 22 years in the United States Navy, for which he shared a lifelong love. He spent 17 years on submarines and 5 years as a Naval Recruiter. He also served in Korea and Vietnam and received numerous metals. He was a member of United States Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) and formed Barb Base in Cape Coral in 1996. He was a member of Moose Lodge 2199 for 31 years. He held an office for 16 years, 3 of which as Governor. He was also known for his chocolate cakes, which he baked for the WOTM bake sales for many years. He was also on the Honor Guard for Hope Hospice. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Fort Myers Chapter #594**. Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons, Paul S. Ramsden, and Jeff Ramsden, both of PA; daughter, Gail Radford (Willie) of Fort Myers, FL; stepchildren, Lisa Davis (Bob) of NC, and Jeffrey Solomon (Shaun) of NC; grandchildren, Michael, Joshua, Matthew, Nathan, and Jenna; great grandsons, Aiden, Jaxson, and Jayden; as well as step grandchildren, Josh, Will, Rachel, and Jaclyn. Memorial Services were held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Moose Lodge #2199, 155 Santa Barbara Boulevard North, Cape Coral, FL 33993. The interment with Military Honors took place 11:25 AM on January 11, 2022 at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241.



WILLIAM VICTOR "Bill" RATHGE - Died Sunday, January 16, 2022 at the Henry County Hospital, Napoleon, Ohio at the age of 71. He was a resident of Deshler, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. Bill was born in Henry County, Ohio on January 2, 1951 to the late Victor and Ruth (née Gore) Rathge. He has an older sister Jane (Harold) Nitschke and his niece, Kelly (Dave) Campbell. He was confirmed in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Deshler and is still a member. He was a member of the class of 1969 of Deshler High School from Kindergarten through his senior year. It was the last class to graduate from Deshler. Bill served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War for four years and was stationed not only in DaNang Vietnam, but later in Germany as well. After returning to Deshler, he enjoyed driving truck and traveling this great country for 36 years; working many years for William F. Hoops Trucking, Inc. of Deshler. He was a die-hard Republican his entire life and he greatly admired all things Ronald Reagan. He was a member of the Deshler American Legion Post #316, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Defiance Chapter #954**. He had recently received 100 percent disability and was looking forward to joining the Henry county chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. He was vice president of the Bartlow Township Historical Society. He enjoyed watching trains at the Crossroads Park in Deshler, his favorites were the steam trains and military trains. He enjoyed going to the Findlay Military show in May each year. Although never married, he enjoyed having coffee with friends throughout the area where they could swap stories of days gone by. He was a huge NASCAR fan and his favorite driver was Glenn "Fireball" Roberts. He is survived by his sister and niece, an aunt, Mrs. Delbert Prigge; his friend and caregiver, Sandra (Bill) Shaffer and her family; friend and neighbor, Greg Zoll and many community friends with fond memories of Bill. A memorial service for Bill was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 28, 2022 at the Feehan-Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler where military honors were accorded by the US Army and the Deshler American Legion Post #316. Visitation was held from 10:00-11:00 AM, prior to the service. Memorials in memory of Bill were suggested to any veteran organization. Messages and memories can be left at www.feehanrodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

GEORGE R. REAGAN – Died Monday, January 3, 2022 in Ormond Beach, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 13, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Ann. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048**.



RICHARD L. "Roby" ROBERTS (USA, CW3-Ret.) – Died Monday, December 20, 2021 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. Roby was born on November 16, 1934 in Atkinson, Nebraska to the late Fred and Marian Roberts. He enlisted in the United States Army in February of 1955. He retired in February of 1981 at Fort Sill and worked civil service at Fort Sill until his retirement in 1997. He married Estle "Betty" Templeton on July 27, 1962 in Bad Toelz, Germany. She had two children from a previous marriage, Tamma J. Brous and Harold R. Templeton both of Lawton. Two more children, Fred J. Roberts of Ponca City and Mary K. Otto of Burkburnett, Texas. They had six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. His hobby was wood working. Roby was stationed in Korea, Germany and Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service, Air Medal, Good Conduct, National Defense, Vietnam Service and the Vietnam Campaign Medals. He was a member of Mount Scott Masonic Lodge, The Guthrie Scottish Rites, The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and the Shriners. He was the Shrine clown "Happy" for twenty-five years. He was a Scout Leader (Webelos) and a kids' baseball coach. After his retirement in 1997, he started volunteering for the Fort Sill VA Clinic, in 2001 he started at the VA National Cemetery and in 2005 at the VA Center. He had over 13,000 hours of volunteer time. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Survivors include his wife of the home; four children; seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; three sisters, Patricia J. Butterfield of Kearney, Nebraska, Marian C. King of Lawton and Ramona J. Scott of Denver and one brother, Garrold Roberts of Denton, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.



CRUZ SANCHEZ - Died unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 80. The cause of death was cancer and a brain aneurysm. Cruz was born on May 3, 1941 in El Paso, Texas to the late Engracia Flores de Sanchez and Francisco Cardiel Sanchez. Cruz graduated from Bowie High School where he was an accomplished football player (#52). He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He retired from Safeway/Fleming Foods after 30+ years of service. In his spare time, Cruz loved going to UTEP athletic games and following his favorite football team, the Dallas Cowboys. Cruz was joyful, generous, and loving to others, not just to his family. He supported various charities and believed true generosity came from the heart. This is exactly how he chose to live his life. Aside from being survived by his three daughters (Ida, Isela, Irene) and two sons-in-law (Luis, Abelardo), Cruz also leaves behind his two brothers (Milton, David), a sister (Mary), two sisters-in-law (Carmen, Armida), a brother-in-law (Sergio), five nieces, five nephews, six grandchildren (Analia, Andrea,

Gilbert, Brianna, Britney, Caleb), and four great-grandchildren (Alyssa, Niah, Leelan, Evangeline). He was preceded in death by his parents Francisco and Engracia, brother Francisco, sister-in-law Lupe, and great-grandson Jace. A visitation for Cruz was held on Tuesday, December 28th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Funeraria Del Angel Central, 3839 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas, with Vigil at 6:30 PM. (Vigil will be livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/fdacentral/>) A funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, December 29th at 9:30 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 3729 Hueco Avenue, El Paso, Texas. A committal service was at 11:00 AM at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, 5200 Fred Wilson Avenue, Fort Bliss, Texas.

ROBERT LEONARD SAWYER - Died Tuesday, August 31, 2021 in Summerfield, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Robert was born on February 23, 1944. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter 1036**. The Neptune Society of Florida handled the arrangements for the family.

LAWRENCE G. SCHAEFER – Died recently in 2021 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 15, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado Springs Chapter #1075**.



ALLEN PAUL SCHAEGERES - Died Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the VA Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan, the city he loved at the age of 74. He was a resident of Detroit. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on May 18, 1946 to the late Robert and Betty Schaerges. He grew up in the suburbs of Royal Oak and Franklin, and graduated from Albion College in 1968. Allen served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army, where he was deployed as an Engineering Officer to Vietnam. He was honorably discharged with a Bronze Star Medal for his service in 1971. After Vietnam, Allen moved to Detroit to attend Wayne State University Law School, and he never left. Allen was a member of the State Bar of Michigan, served as a referee in Juvenile Court and was a strong advocate for juvenile justice. His law office was also located in the Cass Corridor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**. Allen loved and supported the local Detroit art community and re-established the Willis Gallery as an artists' co-op in the early 1970's. Affectionately known as the "Mayor of the Cass Corridor," Allen co-founded the North Cass Community Union and its Dally in the Alley street festival. He was a visionary who saw the promise of the Cass Corridor, helping to rebuild and restore the neighborhood. He was a guide to winter solstice parties, a patron of the arts, and whose many unsung acts of kindness illuminated others' lives. Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Betty. He is survived by Carol, the love of his life and wife of 40 years, his sister Jane (Lyle) Lopus, brother Tom Schaerges, and a loving extended family including

nieces and nephews Andrea, Sara, Robert, Kimberly, Amanda, Danielle, Karen, Chris and Vincent. The services were private at the Franklin Cemetery, with a celebration of Allen's life planned in Detroit at a later date. Donations in Allen's memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or to a Detroit organization of your choice.



CHARLES RALPH "Charlie" SCHIAVO, JR. - Died Monday, November 22, 2021 at Castle Point VA Medical Center at the age of 73. He was a resident of Red Hook, New York formerly of Brewster and Dobbs Ferry, New York. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Dobbs Ferry on August 2, 1948 to the late Charles Ralph and Anne (née Knop) Schiavo, Sr. He proudly served in the United States Army during Vietnam and was the recipient of the Purple Heart and Vietnam Service Medal with Four Bronze Stars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. He was a Mechanic at Vail Chevrolet in Rye, NY. Charlie always loved working on cars. In addition, he was an avid fisherman and enjoyed gardening and watching sports. Charlie is survived by his children, Alyssa Schiavo of Walden, NY, Jason Schiavo of Kerhonkson, NY, Jessica Schiavo of Danbury, CT and Elizabeth Distefano (Vincent) of Fishkill, NY; his grandchildren, Ethan and Lukas; his siblings Gerald Schiavo (Terry), Timothy Schiavo, Lorraine Schiavo Addorisio and David Schiavo (Lori); as well as many nieces and nephews. Calling hours were held on Sunday from 3:00-5:00 PM at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A Service followed at 5:00 PM in the funeral home. The burial took place on Wednesday at 1:30 PM at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill. Donations may be made in Charles' memory to The Disabled American Veteran's at Castle Point, Route 9D, Castle Point, NY 12511. Please visit Charlie's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.



MICHAEL J. SCHWARTZ, SR. - Died suddenly Thursday, November 11, 2021 in Rochester, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester on February 21, 1948 to the late Louis and Florence Schwartz. He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Linda Schwartz; children, Lisa (Robert) VanWinkle, Michael (Alicia) Schwartz, Jr., and Elizabeth (David) Gigliotti; grandchildren, Rachel, Sophia and Olivia; brother, James (Ilse) Schwartz, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Michael was predeceased by his parents, Louis and Florence Schwartz; brothers, Paul and Louis Schwartz, and sister, Marguerite Goodfriend. Michael had a successful career, retiring from the Eastman Kodak Company and Johnson & Johnson. He was a United States Vietnam Veteran and was actively involved in the American Legion Ferris Goodridge Post #330 in Spencerport, NY. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Michael was an avid hunter and fisherman, but

above all else he loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 18th at St. Pius X Church, 3010 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY. The interment was in Holy Ghost Cemetery with Military Honors. The arrangements were entrusted to Alvah Halloran and Son Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Ferris Goodridge American Legion Post #330, 691 Trimmer Road, Spencerport, NY 14559.



ARTHUR ESPARZA SEELIG – Died Saturday, December 4, 2021 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in El Paso on April 5, 1931 and was a lifelong resident after military retirement. He served in the United States Army for 21 years as a Paratrooper and was a graduate of the US Army Paraglider school. He retired in 1972. He served on the frontlines in the Korean and Vietnam wars as a combat infantryman. He was awarded numerous citations for valor that include the Bronze Star and four Purple Hearts. He served with distinction in the 11th, 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions and other combat infantry units. He was a survivor of the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, Korea. He also served briefly with the United States Marine Reserves, the Nineteenth Infantry Rifle Company. He was a life member of the local VFW, DAV and PVA. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. He was preceded in death by his mother, Esther Esparza Rodriguez, stepfather Felix Rodriguez who lovingly raised him, sister Alicia Seelig Vallejo, and brother Carlos Esparza Seelig. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Hortensia Lujan Seelig, children Arthur Seelig, Jr., Anthony Seelig, Albert Seelig, Alfred Seelig, and Monika Seelig Ruiz (Adrian Ruiz). He had 8 grandchildren: Danielle, Lauren, Robert, Beau, Anthony, Arthur, Alfred Jakob, and Mia Bella. He also had many cousins, nieces, and nephews. A visitation was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM and the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM at the Sunset Funeral Home located at 9521 North Loop Drive, El Paso. The Mass was held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 2709 Alabama Street, El Paso at 11:30 AM. The interment was at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery with full military honors. The services were entrusted to the Sunset Funeral Home-Americas.



GARY JON SEIFERT, SR. - Died Wednesday, December 29, 2021 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Haddonfield, New Jersey on June 5, 1938. He was the beloved husband of Maryann (née Moosbrugger); devoted father of Karen Longmore (Brian), and Gary Jon Seifert, Jr. (Robin); loving grandfather of Karyne, Carissa, Kelly, and Gary, III; and cherished brother of late Charles "Bud" Vanhorn. Gary proudly served our country as a guardsman in the 28th Infantry Division in the National Guard, and was a member of Post #810 of the American Legion in Philadelphia. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. For thirty years, Gary was a biology teacher at Frankford High School, and was a camp counselor for many years.

at Twin Oaks Day Camp. Gary was a devoted family man who enjoyed coaching his children in sports. He also collected Lionel Trains. Family and friends were invited to Gary's Life Celebration at the John F. Givnish Life Celebration, 10975 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, January 22nd from 9:00-11:00 AM. A memorial service for Gary will follow at 11:00 AM. Interment services were held at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gary's name to the Bustleton Memorial American Legion Post #810, 9151 Old Newtown Road, Philadelphia, PA 19115.



PAUL ZANE SHELTON - Died Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at home in Sandy Ridge, North Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Stokes, North Carolina on July 24, 1946 to the late Hamm and Minnie (née Ashby) Shelton. He was a North Stokes High School graduate, a United States Army Vietnam War veteran and a retired truck driver for Roadway. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis (Missouri) Chapter #1028**. Zane was preceded in death by his parents Hamm and Minnie Ashby Shelton; two brothers, Bobby Shelton, George Shelton, and two sisters, Magaline Bowman and Ruth Cartage. Zane was married to Kaylene Shelton and they had two children, Randy Shelton and Brandee Shemo. His pride and joy was his three grandsons, Taylor Shelton, Christian Shemo and Brandon Shemo. He is also survived by sister JoAnne Bailey and brother Roger Shelton. In his free time, he enjoyed working on projects around his home, reading old western novels, helping friends in his community and spending quality time with his family. His smile and laughter were infectious and his stories will be missed. The family received friends from 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at the Colonial Funeral Home Stokes Chapel followed by a Celebration of Life service at 3:00 PM. Otherwise friends were received at the home of his daughter Brandee Shemo. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to Disabled American Veterans or a local charity of your choice. The Colonial Funeral Home Stokes Chapel had the pleasure of serving the family.

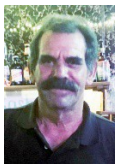


LINDA SUE (née Lehman) SHUMARD - Died Sunday, January 3, 2021 in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on December 7, 1936 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio to the late Walter Torrence Lehman and Angie Vivian (née Penrod) Lehman. Mrs. Shumard was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio and later received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the Bethesda School of Nursing. Until her two sons were in their teens, she was a stay-at-home mother. Later, she went to work with Richland County Home Health as a registered nurse. Mrs. Shumard would eventually retire after several decades of service. Like most nurses, Mrs. Shumard was known for her loving and caring demeanor. Throughout her life, she enjoyed traveling stateside, bowling, and square dancing. Most recently, she loved to regularly have breakfast with a special group of close friends. Mrs. Shumard was a previous member of the

National Society of Autistic Children and was involved in various veteran organizations. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**. She loved her dogs and considered them to be part of her family. Of all the roles she had in life, her favorite was that of “Grannie” to her grandchildren. Survivors include her sons, Brian C. Shumard and Russell W. Shumard (Leah); grandchildren, Russell A. Shumard and K. Olivia Shumard; longtime companion, Robert “Bob” Taylor; nephew, Jimmy Lehman; niece, Janet Wessel; as well as many other extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Russell E. Lehman and several well-loved dogs. A memorial service for Mrs. Shumard was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 9th at The Edge Church, 3220 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia, SC 29170 with Pastor John T. Lastinger, Jr. officiating. The family received friends prior to the memorial service at the church beginning at 1:00 PM. The Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC was in charge of the arrangements. Everyone is invited to attend but will be asked to abide by the state’s recommendations of wearing masks and social distancing to provide a safe environment for all. Memorials may be sent to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #303, PO Box 2001, Columbia, SC 29202.



THOMAS WILLIAM “Tom” SNIADACH (USA, SSG-Ret.) – Died Monday, January 3, 2022 in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 16, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Adam and Anna (née Gordy) Sniadach. Thomas retired from the United States Army after 21 years of service and was also a mechanic. He was a friendly person who enjoyed helping others and liked collecting coins. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Tommy and Joey. He is survived by his children: Shawn Dillard, Ryan Dillard, Jeffrey Goad, Brittini Goad, and Angela (Jason) Gross; siblings: Carol, Becky, Johnny, Connie, Fern, and Dale; grandchildren: Wendy, Moses, Sara, Alexander, China, Alana, Destiny, Bailee, Olivia, Teagan, Randall Jr., and Isaac; nieces, Amanda and Jessica; nephew, CJ; and many more loving family members and friends. A graveside service was on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY where full military honors were rendered. The family received friends at the Sykes Funeral Home on Monday from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM. Please visit Thomas’ guestbook at www.sykesfuneralhome.com and share a memory with the family.



FRANCESCO “Frank” SPREMULLI - Died Monday, June 7, 2021 in Bay Village, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Francesco was born on May 25, 1948 in Bovino, Italy. He was the dearly beloved husband of 42 years to Karen (née Henrikson), loving father of

Anthony (Cheryl) and Mario (Beth), dearest grandfather of AJ, dear brother of Josephine (Rico) Boccardi, Paul (Darla), the late Leo (Bobbi), Carmen Passick, and Alex, dearest uncle and friend of many. Longtime owner operator of Spremulli Tire and The Edgewater Cafe. Frank was a United States Army Veteran who served in the Vietnam War. Frank rose to the Rank of a Specialist 4. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249**. He was buried with full Military Honors provided by the Department of the United States Army Funeral Detail. Frank's brothers from VFW Post #2850 will provide the Rifle Volley, Taps and special recognition Services for Franks Services to our Country. The family received friends on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Corrigan Craciun Funeral Home, 23040 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 10:30 AM at Saint Raphael Catholic Church, 525 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, Ohio. The Committal Services with full Military Honors was held at Holy Cross Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.craciunfuneralhomes.com for the Spremulli family.



GARY WAYNE STRICKLAND - Died Friday, December 24, 2021 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 74, after a years-long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Gary was born at home, in rural Catron, Missouri on July 11, 1947 to the late Wesley Erwin and Ruby Aline (née Stallings) Strickland. He grew up and was educated in Lilborn, Missouri, graduating with the class of 1965. He was always a hard worker, starting at age 5, picking cotton alongside his mother. In high school, he welded picnic tables and barbecue grills for his ag teacher. As a member of FFA, he was Star Chapter Farmer in 1965. He was drafted shortly after his 18th birthday and completed basic training for the United States Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He served two years at Fort Hood, Texas, as a mechanic and was a motor pool record keeper. He achieved the rank of Specialist 5 before his discharge in September of 1967. While in the Army, he came to Ponca City with LeRoy Cartwright and met Lilly Cartwright. They married on July 30, 1970, in Lilborn, while in college. He attended NOC and later commuted to Oklahoma State University. He worked for Portor Post and Pole in Pleasant View. After graduation from Oklahoma State University, he worked for Don Bouldin Homes and also managed Bouldin Sod Farms. As a member of the American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**, Gary was instrumental in getting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial built. He enjoyed fishing and when he was young, piloting small airplanes. Gary was preceded in death by an older brother, Larry Strickland; his mother and father and his beloved dog, Zeus. He is survived by his wife, Lilly, of the home; daughter, Regan Beatty and her husband, Brian, of Edmond, Oklahoma; and his beloved grandchildren, Ryan Beatty, Gretchen Beatty and Betsy Beatty, all of Edmond; sisters, Betty Cagle, of New Madrid, Missouri; Debby Townly, of Lilbourn; and brother, Chuck Strickland, of Sikeston, Missouri. A Celebration of Life Ceremony was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 3, 2022 at Saint John Lutheran Church, 1998 North S Street, Ponca City. Those unable to attend the Funeral Ceremony, may attend virtually on the Trout Funeral Home website, www.troutfuneralhome.com and click on the live-stream or toolbar icon on the top right corner after 1:45 PM. The arrangements were under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home

and Crematory, 505 West Grand Avenue, Ponca City, OK. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint John Lutheran Church, 1998 North S Street, Ponca City, OK 74601.



PAUL W. SULLIVAN - Died peacefully Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Buffalo Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Buffalo, New York at the age of 72. He was a resident of Alexander, New York. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 22, 1949 in Buffalo to the late William and Estelle (née Benbenek) Sullivan. Paul was a proud Veteran having served his country with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed by Chapin Manufacturing in Batavia prior to his retirement. He was a very generous person and supported many charities. Paul enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. Surviving are his brother, William Sullivan, Jr. of Buffalo; daughters, Sonia (Daniel) Lombardo of Buffalo and Clarissa (Alexander) Baez of Raleigh, NC; grandson, Judah Baez and companion, Alice Kay Sullivan of Alexander. There was no prior visitation. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only family and close friends were invited to share in his Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, January 10th at 11:00 AM at Ascension Parish, 19 Sumner Street, Batavia. He was laid to rest in the Western New York National Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Paul's name may be made to Ascension Parish. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at: www.mcandrewfuneralhomes.net. The arrangements were entrusted to the J. Leonard McAndrew Funeral Home, LLC, 2 Bogue Avenue, Batavia, NY, Ronald Konieczny II, Director.



HOMER M. TACK, JR. - Died Friday, January 21, 2022, at the Butler Memorial Hospital in Butler, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was a resident of Butler. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1946 in Butler to the late Homer M. Tack, Sr. and the late Eleanor (née Garing) Tack. Homer graduated from Butler Area High School in 1964. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. Homer was self-employed and worked for Homer M. Tack Excavating Company. He also worked as an Inspector for Gibson Thomas Engineering Co. out of Latrobe, PA retiring in 2013. Homer was a Veteran of the United States Navy serving during Vietnam on the USS Power DD 839. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862** and of the Disabled American Veterans. Homer enjoyed hunting and being with his grandchildren. Homer is survived by his daughter, Rhonda Coroian and her husband, William Brian of Chicora, PA; two grandchildren, Chandler Tack, and Richard Greygor, III; one brother, Newton Tack and his wife, Mary Ellen of Butler, PA; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dianna Tack, who he married on June 7, 1968, and who passed away on February 7, 2019; two brothers, David Tack, and John Tack; one sister, Eleanor Tack; and his in-laws, Perle and Nellie Powell. Friends were received on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Thompson - Miller Funeral Home, Inc., 124 East North Street Butler, PA. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Thompson-Miller Funeral Home, Inc., 124 East North Street, Butler, PA, with Reverend Dennis R. Hindman, Sr., officiating. The burial took place in the Hempfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Troop D Camp Cadet, P.O. Box 1514, Butler, PA 16003.



HAROLD A. "Harry" THOM - Died Monday, January 17, 2022 at home in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was cancer. Harry was born on March 22, 1949 in Fort Atkinson to the late Marvin and Laura (née Bingham) Thom. He graduated from Fort Atkinson High School in 1967. Harry married Diana Maasz on September 23, 1967 in Watertown, Wisconsin. In 1969, Harry was drafted into the United States Army and was a Vietnam War Veteran. He was a life member and past Commander of VFW Post #1879, a *Charter Member and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409* and member of American Legion Post #166. Harry was well known in the area as a beer salesman for Benthimer, pizza salesman for Emil's Pizza and a shuttle driver for Fort Healthcare. He also owned Harry's CO2 and Rent-a-Tent. Harry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Diana Thom of Fort Atkinson; daughter, Kelly (Richard) Stine of Fort Atkinson; grandchildren, Abigail Stine of Jefferson and Madison Stine of Fort Atkinson; brothers, Ken (Terry) Thom of Eldorado, CA and Gary (Trudianne) Thom of Fort Atkinson; sister, Betty Fehly of Fort Atkinson and sisters-in-law, Doris Thom of Jefferson and Linda Bergin of Watertown. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Beverly Thom and Debbie Carlson; half-brothers, Earl Thom and Donald Thom and sister-in-law, Marvel Thom. Memorial services with Military Honors were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson. Visitation was from 9:00 AM on Tuesday at the church until the time of the service. A luncheon and celebration of life followed at the American Legion in Fort Atkinson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rainbow Hospice, Bethany Lutheran Church or VFW Post #1879. The Dunlap Memorial Home in Fort Atkinson assisted the family. www.DunlapMemorialHome.com.



GERALD PHILLIP THOMPSON - Died Monday, December 27, 2021, at Tennova Healthcare at the age of 84. He was a resident of Clarksville, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. Gerald was born on October 6, 1937 in Union Grove, Alabama to the late Lester Phillip and R.Z. (née Whitlock) Thompson. Gerald was the oldest of 11 children. He joined the United States Army in August 1953, a Vietnam Veteran, he traveled the world until he retired in February 1985. He was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY in 1974 where he settled with his family and called Clarksville, TN home. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cookouts, playing music, and spending time with his family and many friends. Gerald was a Past Master and fifty-year member of Queen City Masonic Lodge, a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Al Menah Shrine Temple, Eastern Star, and a member of Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Sango, TN. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee*. He is preceded in death by both parents,

brother Harold Thompson, and sisters Janet Casey and Sue Parrish. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Celia (née Octava) Camden Thompson of Clarksville, brothers Milton Thompson (Marie), Carter Thompson (Linda), Roger Thompson, and Randy Thompson; sisters Judy Fry, Wilma Ludwig, and Sherry Merritt. Children Ronald Barnett (Marcie) of Flintville, TN, Renee Quick (W.C.) of Flintville, TN, Gerald David Thompson (Jacqueline) of Clarksville, TN, and Anita Keatts (Tony) of Indian Mound, TN. Grand Children Brian Barnett, Anthony Holt, Travis Holt, John Holt, Tiffany Quick, Johnny Keatts, Brock Keatts, Phillip Keatts, Micheal Keller, Sara Engelhardt, Thomas Supulski, and Natalia Conrad, 19 Great Grand Children and 56 nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held at Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 31, 2021. The burial with full military honors was at the Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at McReynolds, Nave and Larson followed by a Masonic Service at 7:00 PM. Visitation was held again from 10:00 AM until the hour of service at the church on Friday. Military were pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers were Johnny Keatts, Brock Keatts, Phillip Keatts, Michael Keller, Tommy Supulski, James Conrad. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to Queen City Masonic Lodge. Online condolences may be made at www.Navefuneralhomes.com.



CLARENCE EUGENE “Gene” WAGLER - Died Thursday, January 13, 2022 at MercyOne in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 81. He was a resident of Clear Lake, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 5, 1940 in Ottumwa, Iowa to the late Scott and Ruth (née Dodd) Wagler. Through his youth, Gene's family followed his father in the military, traveling all over the United States, eventually graduating from Bloomfield High School. He continued his education at Northwest Teachers' College, now Truman College in Kirksville, MO before enlisting into the United States Air Force. On November 27, 1960 he married the love of his life, Patricia Guinn in Bloomfield. The couple moved to Maine as Gene honorably served in the Air Force in the Strategic Air Command. They were blessed with three children, Julie, Jane and Christian. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to college, graduating in 1966 with his teaching degree. Life took the family all over Iowa following his career, where he was lucky enough to impact countless children's lives. Gene and the family returned to Bloomfield, after graduating from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in 1970, to assist his family in running their funeral home, ambulance service and furniture store. In 1979, Gene and Pat settled in Clear Lake, where Gene would find his niche teaching middle school special education. He was a dedicated listener, and always found time for those who needed him. In Clear Lake he joined the National Guard and spent time in Minnesota teaching and training for them and the US Army. Gene looked forward to time spent on the lake, whether it was fishing or boating, and was one of the first people in the fishing club. The family took many camping trips over the years, traveling to Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Colorado. Gene took pride in his dedication to the Clear Lake VFW and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mason City Chapter #790**; selling poppies, doing fundraisers and assisting at pancake breakfasts. Most of all, he loved his family and taught them strength through dedication. Gene believed that if you were going to

do something, you should do it right and give 110%. One of his special traits was creating laughter. Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 61 years, Pat; his children, Julie (Mark) McGregor of Polo, MO, Jane (Brian) Barkema and Christian (Amy) Wagler all of Clear Lake; grandchildren, Joshua (Dawn) Speer, Melissa (Kelly) Ketch, Jennifer Speer, Michelle (Travis) Cummins, Tabitha (Jesse) Weiner, Nicholas (Dena Tatro) Wagler, Brieanna (Josh Phillips) Wagler and Addison Wagler; eleven great-grandchildren; siblings, Marsha Jarrett and Richard (Lisa) Wagler all of Des Moines; as well as numerous extended family and cherished friends. Preceding him in death are his parents, and a brother, Scott Wagler. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the Gene Wagler Memorial Scholarship to continue his love and commitment to students at Clear Lake Schools. Make checks payable to Gene Wagler Memorial Scholarship, 528 7th Avenue N, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428. Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 310 St. Ave North, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428. Colonialchapels.com.

DALE EVAN WALKER, SR. - Died Wednesday, December 22, 2021 in Linden, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was congenital heart failure. Mr. Walker was born on October 19, 1951 in Columbus, Ohio to the late Robert Dale Walker and Katheryn (née Ruhl) Walker. He attended church services at the Linden Church of God in Linden, TN. He served in the United States Army from April 26, 1977 to July 30, 1990. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. He was cremated at Richlawn Crematory in Waverly, TN. Survivors include his wife, Aileen Walker, Linden, TN; two sons, Dale Walker, Jr. (Angela), Linden, TN and Robert F. Walker (Danel), Japan; three sisters, Vivian Shaefer, Linden, TN, Elizabeth Lopez, Linden, TN and Kathy Vansant, Oregon; two brothers, Richard Walker, Chillicothe, OH and Daniel Walker, Jackson, TN; six grandchildren, Blake Walker, Evan Walker, Katie Walker, Emiley Walker, Sedona Walker, and Serenity Walker, and; one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Katheryn Walker and two brothers, Dana Walker and Robert Walker.



JAMES HAROLD “Jim” WATROUS (USAF, LTC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, August 25, 2021 unexpectedly at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 76. He was a resident of Athens, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on March 16, 1945 in Nashville to the late Harold Helms Watrous and Tommie (née Shoulder) Watrous. Jim was a graduate in 1963 of John Overton High School in Nashville, TN. He attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN and Tennessee Technical University in Cookeville, TN. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Cheryl (née Nichols) Watrous; son, 1SG David Watrous (Melissa) and daughter, Mary Catherine (SSG Matthew (retired)) Singleton; grandchildren, Tyler Nicholas Cline, Collin James Watrous, Cailyn June Watrous and Charles David Watrous; brother, Tom Watrous (Lucy); along with his much-loved extended family. Jim enlisted in the Tennessee Air National Guard in 1963 as an aircraft engine mechanic, attained the rank of Master Sergeant (E-7) before attending Officer Candidate School graduating as Captain and attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, retiring in 2002 as Squadron Commander for

Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance at Berry Field in Nashville, Tn. Jim had many deployments to foreign countries including Vietnam, Panama, Rwanda Relief Effort, and the Gulf War. He flew in the cockpit of C-130s as the Flight Engineer for 17 years, accumulating 7400 hours flying time. He completed 23 formal military schools, 12 correspondence courses and eight seminars. After military retirement he was project manager for the F-15 fighter jet in Warner Robbins, GA for three years, retiring in 2006. Jim was Scout Master for troop 86 in Brentwood, TN and led many scouts to the Eagle level, including David. He was a “band dad” for Mary Catherine when she was in Brentwood High School Color Guard. He was an amazing grandfather and enjoyed spending time with them. Jim was strong in his faith and was an active member of Central Church of Christ of Athens, AL. He was a Scottish Rite of the Freemasons Claiborne Lodge 293, Al Menah Shriners, Grand Lodge and Accepted masons of Tennessee, Air Force Association, National Guard Association of Tennessee, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. The loss of Jim will not only be felt by his family but his community as well. Jim was a faithful member of Central Church of Christ, Athens, Alabama. Jim and Cheryl were co-leaders of the Central Prime Trimmers and enjoyed many trips and activities with this group. A graveside service was held on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the Woodlawn-Roesch-Patton Funeral Home, 660 Thompson Lane, Nashville, TN in the Garden of Gethsemane. If you would like to celebrate Jim’s life with the family; please wear a mask, dress casually, and bring a lawn chair and bottle of water. Trent Watrous, Matt Singleton and Adam Brewer (Minister of Central Church of Christ) officiating. Active pallbearers were Jonathan Goode, John Myers, Sam Bryan, Nick Bryan, Mat Todd, and Daniel Todd. Honorary pallbearers were Tyler Cline, Collin Watrous, Allen Russell, Tommy Abernathy, Tennessee Air National Guard 118th Airlift Wing, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #511 (Athens, AL). A memorial service was held at a later date in Athens, AL. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Jim’s memory to Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives 114 West Pryor Street, Athens, AL 35611.



GEORGE MICHAEL WEISS - Died Saturday, December 25, 2021 at Virtua Hospital in Mount Holly, New Jersey at the age of 78. He was a resident of Southampton, New Jersey. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Long Branch, New Jersey on October 22, 1943 to the late Robert and Edith Weiss, but was raised in Rumson, New Jersey. George proudly served in the United States Navy from 1963-67 in Vietnam. He was a graduate of JFK College, and was a retired Environmental Engineer, serving as project manager for the State of New Jersey and PARS Environmental of Hamilton, NJ. After his retirement George was a very active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068** serving as both vice president and president. He was a member of the Somerdale VFW Post #7334 as well. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Edith Weiss. He is survived by his wife Jeanne (née Parkinson) Weiss; three children, Amy Strobel (Jerry), David Weiss, and Michael Weiss (Kelly); two stepsons, John Covert (Annmarie), and George Covert (Heather); a brother Richard Weiss; ten grandchildren Mason Evans, Braden Evans, Molly Weiss, Tommy Weiss, Christina Covert, Emily Covert, Jennifer Covert, Johnny Covert, Olivia Covert and Isobel Covert. US Navy Honors were held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial

Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ. The arrangements were under the care and direction of Mathis Funeral Home, Medford, NJ.



JUDY ANN WEIST - Died Saturday, January 8, 2022 in Mount Juliet, Tennessee at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 22, 1939 to Evelyn Langstaff and the late Merlin Beck. Judy attended Victory Baptist Church. She was retired from the Wilson County School System where she served in many capacities including as a bus driver, a dispatcher and in the cafeteria. Judy did volunteer work for many veteran organizations including holding a *Life Membership* with the **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004** and the American Legion. Judy was also a member of the Knit and Pearl Girls, a group of women that knitted hats, scarfs, etc. and distributed them throughout the community. She was preceded in death by her father, Merlin Beck; sister, Sally Ann Thompson and grandson, Corey. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Harold Weist; her Mother, Evelyn Langstaff; her children, Denise Payne, Leilani (Roshan Beekhoo) Weist and Dustin Weist; her brothers, Billy Beck and Jerry Beck; her grandchildren, Ricky, Raymond, Daniel, Michael and Jeremy, Matt and Kayla, and; her great-grandchildren, Madison and Corey. Family and friends gathered from 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, January 20, 2022 to celebrate Judy's life. The arrangements were made by the Bond Memorial Chapel, North Mount Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mount Juliet, TN. www.bondmemorial.com.

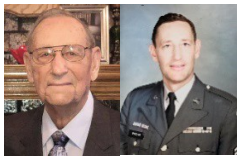


VERNON RICHARD “Vern” WHEELER - Died unexpectedly Tuesday, December 21, 2021, while peacefully napping at home in Whitefish, Montana at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Vern was born on August 27, 1943 in Kalispell, Montana, the youngest of 12 children born to the late James and Tabitha Wheeler. After graduating from Flathead High School, Vern joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam as a cryptographic repairman attaining the rank of Specialist Fifth Class (SP5). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Chapter #1087**. When Vern returned to the states, he married his pen pal Judy Elaine Rains in Libby on June 5, 1971, before settling in Denver where they had four children. While in Denver, Vern earned his associate degree in electrical engineering. In 1979, Vern and Judy returned to Kalispell where Vern worked for Plum Creek as an electrician until his retirement. Vern and Judy were together until Judy's death a few days past their 30th wedding anniversary in 2001. Vern once again found love with Sherry Me Spek. A neighbor and high school classmate, they were married Aug. 27, 2005. Together they embarked on the adventure of retirement, living their Montana dream. Vern stayed busy with his ham radio and singing with the Flathead Valleyaires. Vern was a jack-of-all-trades, a man of many talents and many tales. He lived a full life, and never let anything slow him down. His smile and bass laugh could light up a room. We will miss his laugh, his beautiful voice, his stories, his friendships, and his caring heart. Vern is

preceded in death by his first wife, Judy Wheeler. He is survived by his wife Sherry Wheeler; his children, David Wheeler, Dawn Roe, Dennis Wheeler, and Dana Harding; his stepchildren Tamara and Tony and 11 grandchildren, Christopher, Tabitha, Ian, Darian, Mason, Jasyn, Rodney, James, Kaelin, Alicia and Ava. The family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Flathead Valleyaires, Scholarships Fund, or to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1087. Graveside services with military honors were held at 1:00 PM on January 17, 2022 at the Fairview Cemetery. The Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish was in charge of the arrangements.



JACK DAVID WHIDDEN, JR. - Died Sunday, November 7, 2021 in Murrayville, Georgia at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fort Riley, Kansas on January 11, 1942 to the late Jack David Whitten, Sr. and Mary Ann (née Day) Whidden, of Tampa, Florida. He was also predeceased by his son, James Lee Whidden of Gainesville, Georgia. Jack proudly volunteered and served in the United States Army's 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam and obtained the rank of Sergeant. His life passion was helping other service men and women within the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) where he held several officer positions at the Local and District Level, including Judge Advocate and Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**. He retired in 1999 after 30 years with Volkswagen of America. During his retirement, Papa Jack enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends including his grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Jo Ann (Lee) Whidden; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Susan Whidden and their daughter Morgan Whidden; daughter-in-law Lucinda Whidden, son Alex Whidden and daughter Allison Whidden, all of Gainesville, Georgia; brother Roger Whidden (Wesley Chapel, Florida) and son Jack David Whidden III (Arden, North Carolina). The family received friends from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Memorial Park North Riverside Chapel. The inurnment was held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) or the American Cancer Society. The Memorial Park Funeral Home North Riverside Chapel, 989 Riverside Drive was in charge of the arrangements. Send online condolences to www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com.



NORMAN D. WINDSOR (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, December 11, 2021 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 17, 1932 in Cherokee, Kansas to the late Walter and Mary Isabelle "Belle" Windsor. Norman was the youngest of nine children. Norman enlisted in the United States Army on July 11, 1949 and served more than 26 years. He served four tours in Germany, one tour in Vietnam, and one tour

in Korea. His assignments included Chief of Firing Battery and Battalion S-2 in the 13th FA Battalion 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. Other assignments included Instructor for the Department of Gunnery, Fort Sill; Drill Sergeant, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; two years as a Reserve Advisor, Muskogee; and 1st Sergeant in Germany, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Fort Sill. He retired from the Army in August of 1975 at Fort Lewis, Washington. Among his awards were Bronze Star with one Oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal 60 Device, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal Eight Awards, Drill Sergeant Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Army Occupation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Norman married Elsa Jungermann of Klein-Umstadt, Germany on February 24, 1954. They were married for 67 years. Upon Norman's military retirement, he worked for a contractor building homes in Lawton and attended two years at Cameron University. He worked at Goodyear for 12 years, retiring in 1992. Norman was a member of Cameron Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Elsa of the home, two daughters: Karin McCarter of Lawton and Evelyn Spangler of Richardson, Texas; two sons-in-law: Larry McCarter and Jon Spangler; six grandchildren: David McCarter of Corinth, Texas; Stacia Silvers of Limestone, Tennessee; Ashley McCarter of Lawton; Jessica Vice and Steven Spangler of Richardson, Texas, and Alex Windsor of Seattle, Washington and eight great-grandchildren: Kaleb, Jaden, Nathan, Kaylee, Hayden, Kinsley, Jolene and Cash. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, three sisters and five brothers, and his son, Michael Windsor. The funeral service was at 12:30 PM on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at the Cameron Baptist Church with Reverend Mike Teel, pastor officiating. The burial with full military honors was at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cameron Baptist Church, <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/cameronbaptist> or Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, <https://www.vvmf.org/give-to-vvmf/>. An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at www.beckerfuneral.com.



JAMES JOSEPH "Chico" "Jim" WLODARCZYK - Died Friday, January 14, 2022 at the Clyde E. Lassen State Veteran Nursing Home in Fernandina Beach, Florida at the age of 72, with his family at his side. He was formerly of Saint Augustine, Florida. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 3, 1949 to the late Theodore and Adele Wlodarczyk. He grew up in the Port Richmond neighborhood with five brothers (Sonny, Ed, Fran (deceased), Ron, and Tom) and four sisters (Sis, Cecilia, Marie, and Rene). Chico loved baseball and basketball, playing as a youngster and later coaching, umpiring, and officiating. In his free time, he enjoyed word puzzles, spending time with family and friends, and especially vacationing at the beach. He was an occasional mischief-maker and light-hearted joker who loved laughing. As a young man, Chico served two years in the United States Army in Vietnam. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yulee Chapter #1088**. He continued his government service with the Department of Defense, where he worked as a rigger until his retirement in 2012. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Rosemary Cole Wlodarczyk, Saint

Augustine; daughter, Erin Kate Storey (Timothy), Ft. Worth, TX; son, Jason Cole Wlodarczyk, Jacksonville; three grandchildren, Ryan Elizabeth, Anna, and William. He was a loving uncle to his many nieces and nephews, the most loving father, and a friend to all. Chico had the biggest heart, and he will be greatly missed. Graveside memorial services with military honors were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Flowers were declined and those wishing may contribute in his memory to Friends of Lassen, c/o Sharon Buquo, 151 Straw Pond Way, Saint Augustine, FL 32092. The Saint Johns Family Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



DENNIS THEODORE WOLTERING - Died Thursday, January 13, 2022 at home in Aviston, Illinois at the age of 74, surrounded by his loved ones. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 8, 1947 at Saint Joseph Hospital in Breese, Illinois to the late Edward F. and Elizabeth "Alice" (née Sprehe) Woltering. Dennis married the love of his life, Diane Hawkins, on June 29, 1985. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children: Jeff (Nancy) Woltering, Shelly (Tom) Albers, Matt (Amy) Woltering, and stepson, Travis Hill; seven grandchildren: Kaitlyn (special friend Jaron Seiffert), Kaylee, and Shawn Albers, Brock Woltering, Hannah, Madisyn, and Austin Woltering, and one great granddaughter, Ava Seiffert. He is also survived by two sisters: Carol McKinney and Shirley (Gary) Detmer, and two sister-in laws: Judy Riggs and Leslie Hawkins along with many nieces and nephews. Dennis was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Alyssa Woltering, his father, mother, sister: Diane Kahrhoff, father and mother-in-law: Richard and Evelyn Hawkins, brothers-in-law: Stan McKinney, Herb Kahrhoff and Mike Hawkins, and sisters-in-law: Shirley Muggleston and Darla Hawkins. After attending Aviston Grade School and Aviston High School (class of 1965), Dennis worked as a carpenter for Bernard Huelsmann Construction. He volunteered for the draft with the United States Army, doing basic training and AIT at Fort Hood, Texas before being sent to Vietnam at Long Binh during the Tet Offensive of 1968. After returning to the states, Dennis joined his father at E.F. Woltering Welding Service. After his dad's retirement Dennis bought the welding business, known as Woltering Welding and Manufacturing Service, where he worked until his retirement in 2009. Upon his retirement he sold the business to his son Jeff, making it a 4 generation business. He currently was the owner of Aviston Self Storage. Dennis believed in volunteering to help wherever he could. He had served as an Aviston Volunteer Fireman for several years. He was a member of the Aviston Jaycees, serving as internal Vice-President. He spent many years coaching women's softball for Foodland and then Zobrist Market. He helped reorganize the Scouting program in Aviston where he served as Cub Scout Committee Chairman, Boy Scout Committee Chairman and Unit Commissioner. He went on to serve as Camp Joy Camp Master, helping build the lifeguard tower, floating dock, Joe Woltering Chapel, rifle range and much more. He served the Crooked Creek District as Advancement Chairman, Chartered Scot Representative, and Committee Member. And for Okaw Valley Council he was on the Council Properties Committee. Dennis was a member of the Aviston American Legion Post #1239 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**. He was also a member of the Patriot Guard, who escorts military members and veterans to their final resting place. Dennis has served as military Honor Guard for funerals representing the

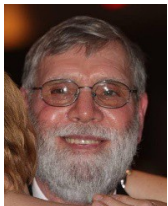
Legion, Vietnam Veterans Chapter, and the Clinton County Honor Guard. He served as co-chairperson for Aviston's Sesquicentennial to bring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to the event and then two years later he helped the Carlyle Corps of Engineers bring the wall to Carlyle Lake's 150-year celebration. Dennis spent his retired years babysitting, hunting and fishing with his grandkids, who he adored, doing maintenance jobs at the Legion, driving for his son's business, helping do jobs for his children, riding his Harley, riding his bike daily, and playing pool and golf with his friends. In 2015, he played the Nashville Municipal Golf Course for the first time and on the 2nd hole he scored a hole-in-one, it just so happened to also be his birthday that day. He was very proud of that shot and passed that challenge on to his children for them to top. He was known for his sense of humor. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 21, 2022 at Saint Francis Catholic Church with Deacon Charlie Litteken, officiating. The burial with full military honors was at Saint Francis Catholic Cemetery in Aviston. Visitation was held from 4:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 21, 2022 at the Nordike Funeral Home in Aviston and on Friday from 9:00 until 10:45 am at Nordike Funeral Home in Aviston. In lieu of flowers and other gifts, memorials in memory of Dennis are suggested to Aviston American Legion, Jared Burke Foundation, or the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #269 and will be received at Nordike Funeral Home, PO Box, 157, Aviston, IL 62216. Online condolences may be made to the Woltering family by visiting www.nordikefuneralhome.com.



GERARD J. "Gerry" WOODS - Died Tuesday, October 5, 2021 in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 17, 1948 in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph A. and Margaret (née Murray) Woods. Gerry was a proud graduate of Saint Thomas More High School in Philadelphia, where he continued to serve the Alumni Association until his passing. His Catholic faith remained important to him and he was an active parishioner of Saint Laurence Church for nearly 50 years. During the Vietnam War, Gerry served in the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. Sports was an important part of Gerry's life, particularly the Philadelphia Eagles, where he was a season ticket holder since 1973. Gerry would often be found (and heard) at a game with family and friends, either watching them play or attending with them. Most importantly, Gerry was a devoted family man-son, brother, cousin, uncle, dad and grandfather. Nothing brought him more pride than his grandchildren, the time he spent with them and looking forward to all that lay ahead. His parting words were "Everybody stay together." He is survived by his children Bernadette W. Placky (Matt Placky), Tim Woods (Rachel Woods), Annie Woods (Matt Fair) and Pat Woods (Liz Hoffmann), his grandchildren Tommy, Danny, Hadley and Alice and his brother Joseph Woods (Claire). Relatives and friends were invited to visit the family Monday, October 11, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 PM and on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 9:00-10:00 AM at The Donohue Funeral Home, 8401 West Chester Pike (corner of Lynn Boulevard), Upper Darby, PA and to his Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM in Saint Laurence Lower Church, 8245 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA. Masks are required for the visitation and Funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to your local youth sports team or association or to donate blood to #TeamGerryWoods.



MICHAEL JOSEPH "Mike" WOODS - Died Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Crystal Lake Rehabilitation and Care Center of Pascoag, Rhode Island at the age of 77. He was a resident of South Attleboro, Massachusetts. The cause of death was a brain tumor. He was born on August 7, 1944, in Providence, Rhode Island to the late John Bernard and Florence Alice (née Meehan) Woods. Michael was predeceased by his parents, his older brother John B Woods Jr., and his sister Gertrude A. Woods. He is survived by two brothers: George M. Woods and David J. Woods as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He graduated from Cumberland High School in 1964. Michael was an avid hockey player and boxer. Later, he joined the United States Navy and served in the Vietnam War aboard the USS Canberra (CAG-2). Michael was a dedicated member of many organizations including a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**, the Disabled American Veterans, Cumberland Veterans Council, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. After his stint in the Navy, Michael was employed with the Providence Journal, Stars and Stripes (Germany), and later was an employee at Verizon for over 20 years until retirement. Michael also painted houses as a side job. Relatives and friends were kindly invited to Michael's Life Celebration to be held with Visiting Hours on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and continue on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the J. J. Duffy Funeral Home, 757 Mendon Road, Route 122, Cumberland. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 AM in the Historic Saint Joseph Church, Cumberland. Military honors will follow the funeral mass. The burial took place privately, at a later date in Bourne National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts.



DALE R. WORLINE - Died peacefully Saturday, November 13, 2021 after a brief stay at Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death was the coronavirus COVID-19. He was born in Dupont, Ohio on March 18, 1946 to the late Floyd Worline, Sr. and Florence (née Swicker) Worline. On June 8, 1968, he married Colleen (née Duerk), who survives. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1963-1967, serving a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a life member of VFW Post #3360, AMVETS Post #1991, DAV, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**; and a member of the Marine Corps League, American Legion Post #841 Continental and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #372. Dale attended Saint John Lutheran Church, Defiance. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator at Indiana Briquetting (OmniSource), Defiance, until a work-related accident in 1982 left him permanently disabled. That didn't slow him down for long. He spent many hours volunteering at Camp Libbey, GSWO, and Camp Lakota, BSAC. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors, boating, tinkering in the garage, and spending time with family and friends. Surviving also are two children, Connie (Tim) McDonough and Dale (Kelly) Worline II of Defiance; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Janet Worline, Defiance; Hilda Cummings,

Lima; and Mary Duerk, Oregon, Wis. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Paul Cummings, Floyd Worline, and Eugene Worline; sisters Betty Bixby and Myrtle Jones; and a brother-in-law Marvin Duerk. Visitation was held at the Schaffer Funeral Home from 5:00-8:00 PM on Friday, December 3rd and from 10:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, December 4th with a service at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Due to CDC guidelines, if you are not fully vaccinated, a mask is required to enter the funeral home, and our lounge area will remain closed. The burial was at Riverview Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Elara Caring Hospice, Vietnam Veterans of America, or to a charity of donor's choice.



RICHARD “Richie Z” ZALINKANSKAS - Died Saturday, December 11, 2021 in Union, New Jersey at the age of 71. The cause of death was diabetes and Alzheimer's disease. Richard was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey to the late Edward and Beatrice Zalinkanskas and raised in Linden, New Jersey. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1969-1971. Following his military service, he returned to New Jersey and worked at NJ Bell and AT&T for 20 years. His other activities included being a proud member of American Legion Post #35 where he served in various positions, with his highest achievement becoming a state commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #688**. Richard was also a member of the USS Enterprise CVAN/CVN-65 Association and enjoyed attending reunions where he swapped “war stories”. In his spare time, he also enjoyed trips to the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City and the Wind Creek Bethlehem where he always had fun. Richard is predeceased by his parents Edward and Beatrice Zalinkanskas. He is survived by his loving bride of 46 years Katharine, his brother Edward, his sister Susan Kucharski, nephew Eric Zalinkanskas, and nieces Helene McMurray, Kari Francione, Faith Holmes as well as grandnephews, grandnieces, cousins and many friends, all of whom will truly miss him. Friends and family were invited to attend McCracken Funeral Home, 1500 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. A funeral mass was held at Saint Genevieve Roman Catholic Church, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, NJ on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM. The interment was in the Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's name can be made to the Diabetes Association, Alzheimer's Association or the American Legion Department of NJ.

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!