



**EUGENE R. "Butch" AARRESTAD** – Died Wednesday, January 27, 2021, in Victor, Montana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Los Angeles, California on February 27, 1946. Hello to all, thank you for taking some time to read this tribute in honor of my Grandfather. My name is Joshua, his grandson, and I will be telling you a little bit about what he's accomplished in his life. He went through school as any growing child would and at the age of 17 and a half he did the greatest thing that I think anyone could ever do, he joined the United States Marine Corps in June of 1964. My Papa served and fought in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. He didn't talk much about that part of his life but I respected him so much just for that. I know and understand what war can do to someone. He came home from the war and ended his time in the military. Shortly after he met the love his life, Janet Lechner, cupid struck these two with an arrow. They drove to Las Vegas three times and got married on the third time, April 27, 1969. They hit the ground running and started this amazing life together. They had three kids, Lisa, Sheri and Butch Aarrestad. His life in California didn't seem to be the life he wanted for his wife and kids so for Janet's birthday he gave her a check to move to the bitterroot valley in Montana. My Papa wasn't afraid of hard times or doing things the hard way. He built his house where his family would grow and love with his own two hands. All five of them dug the foundation to the house with shovels on April 9th 1980 and they moved in to a barely finished but livable home in July of 1980. Over the years he would come up with new projects to expand or improve their house. He raised his kids to be well mannered and respectful, he was a real drill instructor when it came to his kids. He taught each one of them the essentials to life in the best way he knew how. He wanted his girls to not be afraid of hard work or getting their hands dirty. So he made his girls do the same chores as he would make his son do. He made them camp in the woods, hike in the mountains with him but as the girls got older they became more and more girly no matter what my papa did. He told me this story where my mom, Lisa, wanted to bring a bag of make-up and a curling iron up in the mountains when he would take them in the back country. He asked her if she's planning on plugging the curling iron into a tree. My uncle though followed in his father's footsteps and grew to like everything that my grandfather liked and became more hooked on wanting to learn more and more things from his father. My Papa loved all of his kids very much. Through the years my Papa has done so many of the things he loved. He loved to hunt, fish and overall work on cars. He would always take his boy with him and as his son got older everything seemed to develop into a competition between them. Who would get the bigger elk? Who would get the biggest fish? Or who would even get the most fish. I remember we were all pike fishing and the whole time my Papa caught the biggest pike and he had a big smile on his face as if he knew he won. My uncle wasn't too happy about it so he started trolling as we were on our way to the dock to leave and sure enough he caught two of them both bigger than my papa's. The smile went from being on my papa's face to being on my uncle's face. I love that memory cause the look on both their faces showed how serious that competition really was. He also loved to fix things up, in fact he loved it so much that my aunt Sheri broke her foot a couple years back and my grandparents came to visit her. He saw she had to move around on a scooter. He didn't think

the scooter was much her style. So while visiting he took it from her and customized it in the coolest way, new wheels, shiny jewels on the side, handle bar tassels. This scooter was the coolest scooter on the block. He loved working on an engine as well. He was always working on his cars when he wasn't hunting or fishing. He knew if something was wrong with an engine just by the sound of it when it drives down the road. I would work on cars with him, he would stand off to the side and without even looking at what bolt we needed to take out next he would tell me what size socket I would need to get from the tool box throughout the course of the job. It was like he had the car manual memorized in his head. He had a tool for whatever the job was in that garage. Over the years, as my Papa got older I believe his drill instructor ways faded. The man who once may have intimidated us, showed us his sweet and funny ways. My Papa knew how to make everyone laugh whether it was a funny story or if he was playing an innocent joke on you. You almost never knew when he was being serious or not. It warmed my heart to hear the whole time in the hospital he made the nurses laugh and grow a liking to him. I couldn't help but think "That's my Papa". My Papa was an amazing man. I grew up looking up to him as if he was my very own father. All of his kids and grandkids have their very own story about how in some way my Papa has inspired them or taught them how to do something. We all miss him so much already. We all love him so dearly and know he is in a better place. He leaves behind a wife, three kids, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Papa, I want to end this by thanking you for all the sacrifices you've made for us in your lifetime and showing us all how to do something we didn't already know how to do. All of us could always go to you for answers when we didn't know something. I love you so much and I'll always hold my memories that I have with you close to my heart. As you said in your last Will and Testament in the military. "Let my death not be in vain". I want to let you know "Your death was not in vain".



**GARY LAWRENCE ABBATE** - Died Saturday, August 14, 2021 in Pearl River, New York at the age of 72, after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was formerly from River Vale, New Jersey. He was born in New York City, New York on September 7, 1948. He was a devoted husband to Catherine (née Rooney) Abbate, loving father to Meghan Rice (husband Robert Rice) and Kaitlin Piasecki (husband Jake Piasecki), adoring grandfather to Elizabeth, Lily, and Henry, and a beloved brother to John Abbate, Thomas Abbate, William Abbate, and Susan Tramontozzi. Gary served our country proudly in the United States Army in the Vietnam War with the Big Red #1 Infantry Division, receiving several medals including the Bronze Star. He was the Vice President of Steamfitters Local #638 and an avid Red Sox Fan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford (New Jersey) Chapter #800**. The family received friends at the Becker Funeral Home, 219 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood, NJ on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM. The Funeral Mass celebrating Gary's life and faith was at 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church, Harrington Park, NJ, followed by a burial service at Ascension Cemetery in Airmont NY.

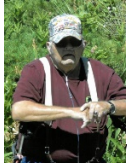
**GEORGE ARMANIACO, JR.** - Died peacefully Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in Cresskill, New Jersey at the age of 71, with his wife by his side. The cause of death is unknown. George was born in New York City, New York on October 19, 1950 to the late George Armaniaco, Sr. and Maria Armaniaco, and was raised in Cresskill. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and served as a sergeant with the Military Police. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. He dedicated over 20 years to Paramus Chevrolet and supported many animal rescues and veteran charities. He retired in 2020 and enjoyed hiking with his beloved rescue dog Apple. George was preceded in death by his father George Armaniaco Sr., mother Maria Armaniaco and sister Kathy Armaniaco. Surviving is his wife Susie Kang and daughter Kristin Armaniaco and her husband Zack Harnish. Also survived by his brother Robert Armaniaco and his wife Michele, son Robert and daughter Kayla of Closter, NJ. Victor Armaniaco and wife Elaine, daughters Nicole and Danielle and son Victor of Blauvelt, NY. George also leaves behind to cherish his memories with aunts, uncles and cousins. Relatives and friends were invited to celebrate his life on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Moritz Funeral Home in Closter, New Jersey.



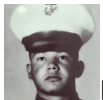
**CHRISTOPHER J. "Chris" BAIRD** - Died Saturday, September 25, 2021 in Greenville, South Carolina at the age of 73, after a brief illness with COVID-19. He was born on December 25, 1947. Chris was a proud United States Army Veteran and served his country in Vietnam and other posts. He was very active with the American Legion Post #214, an avid competition shooter and gun instructor. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**. His greatest gift was his ability to make friends from all walks of life. Chris is survived by sisters Carol Hitt, Nora Dodson, Thelma Gerdes (Siebelt), Sandra Linville (Rick), a brother Roland Baird (Karen), and many nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery, Greenville, SC. Please dress casually as you remember Chris. Visitation at the graveside began at 9:45 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials were requested to be made to the Cecil D. Buchanan Military History Museum, 3110 Wade Hampton Boulevard, Suite #20, Taylors, SC 29687.

**ENRIQUE BASSAS** – Died Sunday, March 13, 2022 in Doral, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Havana, Cuba on October 22, 1947. He served in the United States Army from May 5, 1969 to May 4, 1975 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 27, 1971 to January 11, 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**.

**TIMOTHY J. BECHTEL, Ph.D.** – Died Wednesday, May 4, 2022 in Port Saint Lucie, Florida at the age of 80. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Saint Lucie Chapter #566**.



**WILLIAM H. "Bill" BECKMAN** – Died Monday, March 7, 2022 in Corvallis, Montana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Moose Lake, Minnesota on December 11, 1946. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* and *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Hamilton Chapter #938**. He leaves behind his wife Donna Beckman; daughter, LaDonna (Jim) Harkins; sons, Ron (Jessica) Beckman and Shawn (Janet) Beckman; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A celebration of Bill's life with military honors was held in July 2022.



**ROBERTO DURAN "Bobi" BEJARANO** - Died Thursday, May 26, 2022 in Anthony, New Mexico at the age of 74. The causes of death were complications from diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on June 9, 1947 in Anthony to the late Vicenta and Cruz Bejarano. After graduating from Gadsden High School in May of 1966, Roberto (Bobi) volunteered to serve the Country he loved, during the Vietnam War, by joining the United States Marine Corps in October of 1966. After being Honorably discharged in 1968, Bobi eventually earned the title of Commander at VFW Post #4384. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. He worked at a few different places such as Darby Shire and Barron Supply. Bobi then continued to serve his community for several more years by working for Southern Union Gas Company. There he endured a couple of company name changes. After a long career he found joy in working at Berino Elementary for the Gadsden Independent School District. After about a decade, Bobi decided to retire and enjoy working on many small projects at his home. He spent the later years of his life surrounded by family and friends. And of course you could always catch him rooting on the Pittsburgh Steelers and watching his "westerns". Those left to mourn him include his son, Francisco R. Bejarano (Elena); daughter, Araceli M. Bejarano; stepson, Robert Calderon; stepdaughter, Estella Garcia (Rene); granddaughter, Isabella A. Bejarano; grandson, Francisco A. Bejarano; grandson, Mason J Barrios; granddaughter, Nidali A. Bejarano; granddaughter, Sarai Flores; granddaughter, Anahi Hernandez; granddaughter, Daniela Hernandez; great-granddaughter, Mavis H. Zavala; brothers, Ruben Bejarano (Maria), Jose Bejarano and Refugio Bejarano; sisters, Alicia Silva, Gloria Chavez (George), Mercy Arellano (Jose Luis, Sr.), Pola Ramirez (Juan), Cruzita Gomez and Anita Hernandez. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Consuelo Bejarano; sister, Rosa Maria Bejarano-Ruiz; his brothers. Genaro Bejarano, Felix Bejarano, Antonio Bejarano and Ricardo Bejarano. The funeral services were held on Friday June 10, 2022 at Saint Anthony Church, 324 Lincoln Street. Visitations began at 9:00 AM. The recitation of the Rosary was at 10:00 AM. The Mass was at 10:30 AM. The interment was in Saint Anthony Catholic Cemetery where Military Honors were rendered. The service arrangements were entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. Your exclusive provider for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to Baca's Funeral Chapels Las Cruces : Las Cruces, New Mexico (NM).



**EDDIE LEE BELL, SR.** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Monday, May 25, 2022 in Copperas Cove, Texas at the age of 74. Eddie Lee Bell, Sr. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 24, 1947 in Mobile, Alabama to the late Stella Mae Bell. On October 19, 1969, he married Loretta A. Brown and together they raised three children. After graduating from High School, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 to 1969 and again in 1974. Eddie serviced in Vietnam in 1968-1969. He served 27+ years in Signal Corps and retired as First Sergeant in 1995. Immediately he back to work for the Department of Defense (DoD) and retired as a GS-13 in 2014 after 19+ years in Stuttgart, Germany. Upon his death, he was the President of the Department of Texas Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) and National Director of the KWVA from 2017- 2022. Eddie and his wife have lived in the Copperas Cove area for over 20 years. He is affiliated with many organizations including Veterans of Foreign Wars (Post #8577), Military Order of the Cootie (DOOIT #13), National Home (Eaton Rapids Michigan), Korean War Veterans Association (Chapter #222), Disabled American Veterans (DAV Post #74), a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**, Veterans Helping Veterans (Star Group TX), VetFriends Veteran of America New, Association of the United States Army, AFCEA, Forty & Eight (Locale #266), Non-Commissioned Officers Association, American Legion (Post 582), Killeen Sister Cities (Osan Korean Committee), New Light Lodge #242, Consistory #306 (Killeen, TX), Shrine #191 (Killeen, TX). He was also a member of Bible Way Missionary Baptist Church. Preceding him in death is his mother, Stella Mae Bell, and sister, Barbara Jean Harris Rodgers. He leaves to cherish his memory: His wife, Loretta A. Bell of Copperas Cove, Texas; son, Eddie L. Bell, Jr. of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two daughters, Tamara Hill and Edrice A. Bell of Houston, Texas; three grandsons, Demetri Hill, Drew Al-Amin, and Thelonious Bell; one granddaughter, Amber Hill; and one great-grandson, August Williams. His departure is also greatly mourned by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and neighbors. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Bible Way Missionary Baptist Church in Copperas Cove, Texas. The burial with full military honors was at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, TX. The viewing was held two hours prior to the service from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the church.



**FRED QUAY "Freddie" BISHOP, JR.** - Died Sunday, 29, 2022 while he was in Hospice Care at Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 75. He was a resident of Indianapolis. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Beach Grove, Indiana on November 26, 1946 to the late Fred Quay Bishop, Sr. and Mabel G. (née Reuter) Allen. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Brenda (née Meyer) Bishop; daughters, Joanna (Marwen) Halek, Melinda (Joe) Schiltz, and Tiffany (Matthew) Johnston; grandchildren, Hannah and Allie Johnston and Lucas and Lilly Hess; sisters, Judy (Jim) Perry and Rose (Mike) Savini; and of course all his remaining earthly family and friends. Fred not only was welcomed to heaven by his Savior, Jesus, but also had several family members who were awaiting his arrival; his parents, Fred Quay Bishop, Sr. and Mabel G. (née Reuter) Allen; his oldest sister, Carolyn S. Kellar, her husband Bill,



and her daughter, “Becky” Cunningham; plus, his in-laws, “Jayne” and “Dutch” Meyer, and sister-in-law, Peggy (Meyer) and her husband, Sam Jeffries. Fred graduated from Southport High School, Indianapolis, in 1965. He and Brenda met as Sophomores in 1963 and were married in 1967. Fred served in the United States Army from 1966-1969, which included one year in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. He also answered God’s call to serve in His Army which began with Youth Work in 1969 at Brenda’s home church, Edgewood United Methodist, and led to a commitment to full time ministry in the United Methodist Church. After graduating from IUPUI, Indianapolis, in 1974, he went on to obtain his Master’s Degree in Divinity from United Theological Seminary in 1977. He began serving as a student pastor while attending seminary in 1974 and after receiving 7 more church appointments (1974-2006) as an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, he (and Brenda) decided he was ready to officially retire from church pastoring. But God wasn’t done with Fred’s ministering and Fred accepted the position of Director of Pastoral Care for Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Centers and continued to work there for 6 more years when he finally decided to fully retire from paid ministry. Everyone who ever knew Fred knows that he never stopped ministering to everyone he came in contact with. His compassion for all was his greatest attribute. His family and friends celebrated him on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The service took place at 1:00 PM at the Faith Community Church, 6801 South East Street, Indianapolis. Military Honors were accorded after the service. Fred was known for his love of vanilla ice cream. Therefore, all who attended were served cake and ice cream in the Church’s Fellowship Hall to share memories of “life with Fred”. In Lieu of flowers please choose to give a donation to one of the following: Samaritan’s Purse, [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) (this is Billy Graham’s son, Will Graham’s “ministering to the world’s disasters” organization); Mercy Ships, [mercyships.org](http://mercyships.org) (this is the group that travels around the world providing free life-saving surgeries and medical care); or Faith Community Church, [fccindianapolis.com](http://fccindianapolis.com).



**THOMAS R. “Tom” BLANDFORD** - Died Sunday, July 17, 2022 in Carmel, Indiana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 19, 1947 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Thomas S. Blandford and M. Jean (née Byers) Blandford. On June 20, 1970, he married Ann Feeney. Tom enjoyed a Parochial education at Little Flower Grade School and Secena Memorial High School from which he made the very best lifelong friendships of David Pickhardt, John Edson, and Jim Heffernan. He was a member of the “Indiana Rangers”, the Indiana National Guard unit that served in Vietnam in 1968-1969. He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, CIB, and Air Medal. He was a former President of the Co. D (Ranger), 151<sup>st</sup> Infantry Association and their Unit Representative to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association. He was a member of the Carmel VFW where he served as a three-time Post Commander, American Legion, and the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash and the 2021 VFW State Service Office of the Year. He was the Director of Purchasing for the Gene B. Click Co. for 25 years. He was happiest when he was with his family and close friends. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. He is survived by his loving

wife of 52 years, Ann Blandford; three beloved children, Eve (Ken) Smith, Martin Blandford, and Allyson Blandford; four grandchildren who adored their Papa, Andrew Smith, Jonah Smith, Addison Smith, and Jude Smith; and sister-in-law, Julianne Blandford. He was preceded in passing his brother, Timothy Blandford; sister, Nancy Blandford; and his stepmother, Karen Blandford. Although he desired a Viking Warrior's funeral at sea, that wasn't possible so the alternative plan was a memorial gathering from 1:00 until 3:00 PM on Friday, July 22, 2022, at Flanner Buchanan – Carmel, 325 East Carmel Drive. Military honors were rendered at 3:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home. A Celebration of Life followed at 3:30 PM on Friday, July 22, 2022, at the Ritz Charles, 12156 North Meridian Street. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be shared by visiting [www.flannerbuchanan.com](http://www.flannerbuchanan.com).



**KENT W. BOAM** (USAF, TSGT-Ret.) – Died Thursday, April 7, 2022 in Sun City West, Arizona at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Utah on February 4, 1947. He lived a very full and rich life. He enjoyed his early youth with his younger brother and parents growing up in Utah and later transferring to Sparks, Nevada. Kent participated in his early teenage years as a member of the Boy Scouts of America where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He went on further in scouting and also received his Order of the Arrow designation. Kent played competitive sports where he excelled and was able to letter in three different sports during his High School years. Kent participated in The American Legion Boys State Program after his junior year of High School and was selected as one of only two boys to represent the State of Nevada at Boys Nation in Washington D.C. 1964. To this day Kent enjoyed a lifelong friendship with many of his old classmates whom still reside in Sparks, NV. His family was transferred again his senior year and he graduated from Palo Verde High School in Tucson, AZ, in 1965. Kent enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966 and served honorably during a tumultuous time in our country's history. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he received many accommodations and awards. He served in the US Air Force for 20 years and was honorably discharged aspiring to the rank of TSGT in 1986. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield (Utah) Chapter #1079**. Kent returned to school where he obtained a B.S. Degree in Business Management from Northwestern State University in 1980 and subsequently went on and received additional training and an M.S.S. Degree in Human Resource Administration from Utah State University in 1986. He returned to Utah in 1981 to live and raise his young family. Kent loved sports and taught his girls how to play competitive fast pitch softball. He also coached their teams for many years in competitions held all over the Western US. Their summer family vacations growing up were mainly traveling to various competition softball sports tournaments. Kent was a huge fan of the "Runnin Utah Utes", some would call him their #1 Fan". He supported the athletics programs throughout his life right up until his untimely passing. Kent was a phenomenal fundraiser for several local charities in Davis County and raised thousands of dollars over the years to assist them in their mission to help those less fortunate. Kent is survived by his dear wife, Terri Boam; his brother and friend, Greg (Mo) Boam. Kent is the proud father of

sons, Jason and Matthew; and three beautiful daughters, Christine (Kirk) Foulger, Denise (Brian) McKinstry, and Michelle (Mark) Clanton. Kent was lovingly known as “PawPaw” to all his grandkids and great-grandkids. They loved their free lunches on Papaws dime as often as occasions permitted. Kent was preceded in death by his loving parents, Donald and Charlene Boam. Kent’s wife and children held a “Celebration of Life” on Friday, June 3, 2022 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at “The Kaysville Space”, 16 South Main Street, Kaysville, Utah. All friends and relatives were welcome to attend, share stories enjoy some food, drinks and reminisce about a life well lived. The interment was in Lindquist’s Washington Heights Memorial Park, 4500 Washington Boulevard.



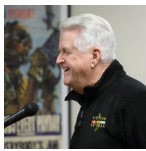
**ROBERT LEROY BONAR** - Died Saturday, April 23, 2022 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Robert was born on May 5, 1942 in Wheeling, West Virginia to the late John and Opal (née Fisher) Bonar. He married Mary V. (née Morack) Bonar on June 12, 1970 in Detroit, Michigan. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Robert is survived by his son; Michael (Jana) Bonar, his stepchildren; Susan (Ronald) Miller, Judy (Dan) Post, Tom (Diane) Byrum, Jim (Ruth) Byrum and Linda (Scott) McDermed, sister Beverly Hopson, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and his lifelong friend Barbara Burgess. Predeceased by his wife, parents and son, Robert Lee Bonar. Robert was a Collector, he enjoyed Classic Cars and he loved his Golden Retrievers. Cremation has taken place. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.kaul-fh.net](http://www.kaul-fh.net) for the Bonar family.



**DONALD ALAN “Don” BREESE, JR.** – Died Sunday, November 28, 2021 in Willow, Alaska at the age of 87, with his daughter, Anna M. Dressen at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1934 in Niagara Falls, New York to the late Donald Alan Breese, Sr. and Caroline B. Breese. Although his passing was not COVID-related, COVID restrictions prevented other family members from being with him. Don is now with his beloved wife of 66 years, Rose Constance Breese. They had four children, Donald N. Breese, Anna M. Dressen, Hazel C. Bennett, and Bernard W. Breese, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Don enlisted into the United States Army Reserve's and was ordered to active duty into the US Army and served in Vietnam earning the rank of CPT. After his service, Don and his family settled in Eastern Oklahoma learning how to ranch and farm. He was an *At-Large Life*



**Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alaska.** In 1981, Don, Rose, and longtime friend John Nugent moved to Dillingham, Alaska, then to Anchorage/Eagle River and finally to their property near Talkeetna, where they remained for the rest of their lives. His favorite pastimes were watching the birds coming to his bird feeders, growing vegetables, monitoring the weather on his weather station, and laying in the grass with the sun on his face. Dad loved his family, he enjoyed visiting with the staff at the VA and mingling with the other Veterans. Dad was proud to be an American. He was proud of his Country, and proud of our Flag. Don was the Founder of Don's Lock & Key. Dad and I would always say "I promise I will look after everyone and he would say, I know you will." Thank You Dad, we love you, Rest in Peace. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Patrick Catholic Church on Friday, December 10, 2021 a viewing at 10:00 AM followed by the Mass at 11:00 AM. The burial was at 1:00 PM in the Fort Richardson National Cemetery.



**RICHARD WILLIAM BRUNDAGE** - Died Friday, June 24, 2022 in Overland Park, Kansas at the age of 81. The cause of death was suicide. He was born on December 16, 1940 in Santa Cruz, California to the late Walter and Cristine (née Taylor) Brundage. Two of his greatest loves, piano and golf, began in California resulting in lifelong hobbies. Richard began his distinguished military career by enlisting in the Montana National Guard in 1962. Then in 1964 he went to Officer's Candidate School, graduated number one in his class, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. Richard then attended Armor School at Fort Knox, KY and was designated an Armor Officer. In 1966 Richard went on Active Duty with the United States Army as a First Lieutenant. He then attended Jungle Warfare training and after graduating received orders to Vietnam. In February 1967, he started his first tour with D Troop, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, ground reconnaissance. He oversaw four river patrol boats for riverine operational commitments that included night ambushes. After six months in Vietnam, Richard was promoted to Captain and reassigned as the Assistant S-4 for the Brigade. In 1969 Richard was assigned to the Army's Armor Officer Career Course at Fort Knox, KY. After completion of the course, Richard received his second set of orders to Vietnam. Upon arrival in Vietnam, Richard was put in charge of the I Corps MACV Press Center in Phu Bai. He ran the daily Five O'Clock briefings to the international correspondence corps. Later Richard wrote a book titled Five O'Clock Follies based on his experiences. He considered this one of his greatest achievements because of the impact on others as well as the cathartic writing process. In September 1970 Richard received orders again to Fort Knox where he was assigned as the Chief of Production, Fort Knox Television. A year and a half later Richard received orders to be the Officer in Charge of the U.S. Army News Team traveling the world with an open plane ticket covering news. In 1975 Richard was promoted to Major and left active duty in 1976. Richard then joined the Army Reserve in Kansas City and oversaw the Army's Hometown News Center. Richard retired from the Army on December 16, 2000. Richard's military awards were the Bronze Star Medal (3 awards), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with 4 Campaign Stars), Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (w/Palm & Frame). Following his heart, he graduated from Park University with a Master's in Television

Production. To list all of his accomplishments and adventures would quite literally take pages and pages. Just to name a few, Richard produced a PBS television show titled, "Small Business Journal," competed and earned the title of 1994 ABRA Reserve World Champion Cutting Horse; rode camels through the pyramids in Egypt; started his own business, American ProVideo; overnights in the United States Embassy in Prague; and swam with whales in Australia. His career and passions took him around the world. However, his greatest achievement was the number of lives he impacted. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75**. Richard most recently was honored to be a part of the Vietnam Veterans of America PTSD/Substance Abuse Committee. Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Christine; siblings, Walter "Lew" and Carol; and son, Kerry. Richard is survived by his wife, Susan; three daughters, Kelly (Kerry) Hensley, Tai (Rex) Shriner, and Tara (Jason) Abrams; grandchildren, Tim (Maryann) Scheiffele, Karissa (Nathan) Snead, Hanna (Todd) Hensley, Rachel Hensley, Hayden and Sloane Shriner, Zach and Zoey Abrams, and Nicholas Brundage; and six great-grandchildren. He always had hugs, words of wisdom, a melody to play on the piano, snacks from Costco, and a listening ear. Visitation was held from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at the Davis Funeral Chapel in Leavenworth, Kansas. Memorial service was at 1:00 PM with the burial at Leavenworth National Cemetery with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to <https://vva.org/donate/>.



**LEON WILSON BUGHMAN** - Died Tuesday, April 26, 2022 in Willow Street, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death was a brain tumor. He was born in Columbia, Pennsylvania on November 28, 1946 to the late Herbert and Dorothy Bughman. Leon graduated from Columbia High School in 1964. After serving in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam, Leon returned home to Lancaster and married his sweetheart, Audrey Smith, on April 6, 1968. During their blessed 54 years of marriage, the couple raised two sons, Eric and Marc. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. An avid outdoorsman, Leon enjoyed hunting the woods of Pennsylvania, fishing the lakes of Canada, and relaxing on the beaches of Mexico. He was a calm and judicious leader who worked most of his career at Bulova Technologies before retiring from Sechan Electronics. Leon was predeceased by father, Herbert, mother, Dorothy, and brother, Stewart. Cherishing his memory are wife, Audrey, son Eric and his wife Amanda and their son Logan, and son Marc and his husband Greg. Memorial donations to Penn State Health's Neurosurgery - Brain Tumor Research are appreciated: [engage.pennstatehealth.org/NeuroOncology](https://engage.pennstatehealth.org/NeuroOncology) or Brain Tumor Research, Office of Development Mail Code HS20, 1249 Cocoa Ave, Suite 115, PO Box 852, Hershey, PA 17033 0852. The arrangements were made by the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., Columbia/Landisville. [www.clydekraft.com](http://www.clydekraft.com).



**DANNY LYNN "Dan" BURCHFIELD** - Died at 2:00pm on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at the ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital where he had been in the Intensive Care Unit since Wednesday; June 29, 2022. He was 72 years of age and a resident of Ida, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Leatherwood, Kentucky on July 26, 1949 to the late Roy Burchfield and Allene (née Fannin) Woodward. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Donnie Woodward. He attended Monroe High School and graduated with the Class of 1968. Dan enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He obtained the rank of Specialist 4 while serving his country honorably from September 23, 1968, until October 15, 1971. Following his discharge from the Army, Dan returned home to Monroe taking a position with the Chrysler Corporation. He worked as a Machine Operator retiring in April of 2008 after a 37.5-year career. Dan married the love of his life the former, Connie Beth Carmon, on June 14, 1975, in Monroe, Michigan. As a young man he had a passion for woodworking, but the thing he valued most in this life was his relationships with family and friends. Dan and Connie were blessed with the birth of a son: Ryan. Dan's life was only enhanced if not complete when Ryan blessed the couple with a daughter-in-law: Angela and finally with a granddaughter: Chloe; also, many nieces and nephews. Dan was extremely proud of his military service. He stayed very active serving his fellow veterans and created many lifelong bonds. A life member of the Monroe Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1138, Dan served as Post Commander from 2010-2015 and as the 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander from 2017-2018. He was also a Life Member AMVETS Post #1942 and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142*. He was a member of the American Legion Post #40, Life Member National Home for Children, and Life Member Camp Trotter. To cherish his memory, he leaves his beloved wife of forty-seven years: Connie of Ida; one son: Ryan (Angela) Burchfield of Anaheim, California; two sisters: Judy Carmack of Tennessee and Maggie Sovey of Wisconsin; two brothers: Richard Woodward of Rockwood and Ronnie Woodward of Monroe; and one beloved granddaughter: Chloe Burchfield of Anaheim, California. Family and friends gathered from 4:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday; August 5, 2022 at the Monroe Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1138, 400 Jones Avenue, Monroe, Michigan. A Celebration of His Life took place at 4:30 PM with Pastor Roy Southerland officiating and the Post Ritual Team providing honors. A memorial dinner followed for all of those in attendance. The Merkle Funeral Service, South Monroe, 14567 South Dixie Highway, Monroe, Michigan has been entrusted with his care. Cremation has taken place through Covenant Cremation of Erie, Michigan. Private inurnment of his cremated remains were in the Butterfly Garden at Roselawn Memorial Park in LaSalle. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Monroe Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1138 or to the VFW Ritual Team. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort or share a photo by visiting [www.merklefs.com](http://www.merklefs.com).



**LUIS CANTU** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Thursday, June 9, 2022 in Bella Vista, Arkansas at the age of 90, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. CSM Cantu was born in Ben Bolt, Texas on August 2, 1931 to the late Ricardo and Sara Cantu. He volunteered and entered the United States Army on January 8, 1952 and retired on January 1, 1980. Three years into his service, he married his best friend for life, Virginia Hinojosa, on June 3, 1955. Virginia is from Alice, Texas. They spent 67 years together before his death. He spent his early years in the military as a Fire Direction Computer Specialist. He later served two tours in the Central Highlands of Vietnam as a First Sergeant. His decorations and awards were numerous. Upon his retirement from the military, he obtained a degree in accounting, and he worked for two corporations as a Director of Corporate Accounting and Cost Accounting. After retiring from his second career, he spent many hours as a volunteer. This included 21 years as a federal and state tax preparer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma helping active-duty military personnel, military retirees and widows. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton (Oklahoma) Chapter #751**, where he was the membership chairman. He built up the membership numbers to be the largest chapter in Oklahoma and the 11<sup>th</sup> largest of more than 630 Vietnam Chapters in the nation. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; daughter, Irma Cantu Holasek (Carl) of Bella Vista, Arkansas; sons Lionel (Paula) of Omaha, Arkansas; Norman (Jennifer) of Denison, Texas; Rene (Patricia) of Barstow, California; seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many beloved nieces, nephews and other members of his large extended family. Luis was preceded in death by his parents, Ricardo and Sara Cantu and three brothers, Noe, Carlos and Ricardo, Jr. The Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at Saint Bernard Catholic Church in Bella Vista, Arkansas with Father Barnabas Maria Susai officiated. The rosary service was at 8:30 AM prior to the funeral Mass. The burial, with full military honors, was held in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the National Cemetery, under the direction of the Bella Vista Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please have a Mass offered in his name or make a donation to a Veterans organization. On-line condolences may be made at [www.funeralmation.com](http://www.funeralmation.com).



**JOSEPH CARTER, SR.** - Died Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 76. He was a resident of Savannah. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 12, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. Public viewing will be held two hours prior to the start of funeral service. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Tremont Temple Missionary Baptist Church 1110 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Savannah. The interment was in Greenwich Cemetery in Savannah. Please sign our guestbook at [www.campbellandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.campbellandsonsfuneralhome.com).



**NESTOR C. CHAMBERLAND, JR.** - Died Friday, July 1, 2022 at the Northeast Vermont Nursing and Rehabilitation at the age of 74. He was a resident of East Rygate, Vermont. He was born in Bellingham, Massachusetts on December 10, 1947 to the late Nestor C. Chamberland, Sr. and Rhea (née Bernier) Chamberland. Nestor attended Bellingham Schools before receiving his BS in Business Management from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. He was the beloved husband of Linda (née Morin) Chamberland of East Rygate, VT. They were married on April 24, 1971 in Saint Ann's Church in Woonsocket and they shared more than 51 years together. Nestor was a United States Air Force veteran serving as a weapons specialist with the 366<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron at Da Nang Air Force Base achieving the rank of Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of both the **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818** and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #12. Nestor was a member of the Woonsocket Rotary Club for many years. Before retiring in 2014, he worked in the healthcare field primarily at the old Woonsocket Hospital and local nursing homes before joining Lowe's Home Improvement Stores as a second career. Besides his wife, Linda, he leaves two sons, Michael and his wife Ashley of VT and Mark and his wife Sherri of FL. He was the loving grandfather of six grandchildren, Christopher, Emma, Samantha, Joey, Matthew, and Emily, and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, two sisters, Balance Lamothe and Ella Powers. Services were held privately. The Ricker Funeral Home in Woodsville, New Hampshire was in charge of all the arrangements.



**ALBERT L. "Al" CHIOLA, SR.** - Died Sunday, January 2, 2022 at home in North Brunswick, New Jersey at the age of 72, with his loving family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Somerville, New Jersey on September 19, 1949. "Al" resided in Highland Park and Colonia, before moving to North Brunswick seven years ago. Prior to his retirement in 2006, Al worked for 20 years as a floor installer with Val Flooring in East Rutherford, and prior to that, he was a Baker at Thelma's Bakery in Avenel for 15 years. Al proudly served his country as a decorated combat veteran of 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division of the United States Army during the Vietnam War, earning numerous citations including the Combat Infantryman Medal, Air Medal with Valor, Bronze Star with Valor, and the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Al enjoyed going to Atlantic City, playing poker with family and friends, and he was an avid NY Yankee fan. Surviving are his mother Rachel (née Brown) Chiola; his wife Danene; sons Albert and Jeffrey Chiola; brothers Thomas and Louis Chiola; sisters Diane Carter, Lucille Chiola, and Geraldine Kraus; and grandsons Casey and Tyler. Visitation and services were held on Friday, January 7, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The interment with Military Honors was at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.





**JAMES ADDISON “Jim” CLARK, JR.** - Died Friday, April 15, 2022 in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 83. The cause of death was cancer. Jim was born in Charleston, South Carolina on September 29, 1938 on a day that Five Tornadoes at once slammed into the city destroying a lot of the town. The building where he was born was later turned into a famous restaurant called Henry’s. Jim was better known as Jim Clark, Jimmy, Bubba, Pop, Dad, or Grandpa. When Jim turned 17, he joined the United States Air Force where he served for 12 years. During that time, he fought in the Vietnam War twice. Not long after he joined the service, he came home to visit some friends when he was introduced to the love of his life, Ann Gorecki. They communicated for a year through letters and then married in 1957. They have 3 wonderful children together, Laura, Jimmy, and Michael. After Jim left the Air Force as a TSGT Tech Sergeant E-6, he went to college then joined the Federal Aviation Administration-FAA as an Air Traffic Controller where he retired after 25 years as a GS-15 Level 3 Control Center Shift Manager. Jim wasn’t ready to completely retire so he went to work for the State of Pennsylvania. We always joked that his next “retirement” job would be a greeter at Walmart. In 2004, Jim and his bride decided it was finally time to retire and move to Georgia to be close to their family and spend time being Grandpa and Grandma. During Jim’s life he served as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**, was in the Knights of Columbus as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight, worked closely with many charities, loved going to the shooting range with his son and grandkids, was always ready to go to Mexico and was ready to tell you one of his 1000 stories from his time in the service. Jim adored his beautiful bride, as he called her. In June this year would mark 65 beautiful years together. As a father he taught his children so much in life that even after his death a small memory of putting on a watch brought on a flood of emotions and now it makes sense that Pop would say, “remember this moment now as one day when I am gone you will then know how important it is to be a parent!” As a grandpa, he was always ready for family time. He taught the boys about life hacks, how to shoot a gun, how to make the best investments and decisions and to work hard. For his one and only granddaughter he told her to never settle and to make sure a man treats you like the princess you are. Jim is survived by his Wife, Ann Clark of Cumming, GA, Daughter-Laura Clark Gillean of Daytona Beach, FL, Son-Michael Clark of Gainesville, Daughter in Law-Christy Clark of Gainesville, GA, Sister-Linda Pugh of North East, MD, Grandson-Thomas Jennings of Dahlgonega, Grandson-Christian Clark of Hixson, TN and Granddaughter-Emili Clark of Gainesville. Jim is Preceded by his son, James Addison Clark III, Mother-Edith Mellichamp Hay and Sister Judy Hay. The Inurnment Mass took place on May 6 20-22, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Cumming, GA and proceeded to Sawnee View Gardens as his final resting place. Jim was very big on giving back to his community. He would always say if he could help, he would. We are asking in lieu of flowers to please send donations to support the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of James A. “KC Star” Clark, Jr. <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=10043>.

**LINDA SUE CONWAY** - Died Tuesday, May 10, 2022 in Greenwood, Indiana at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Linda was born on April 25, 1951. She was a long-time volunteer at Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam**

**Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295.** A visitation for Linda was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the Crown Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 700 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208, followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.crownhill.org](http://www.crownhill.org) for the Conway family.



**RONALD LEE COOPER** - Died Saturday, April 16, 2022 in Adel, Georgia at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 11, 1933 in Pavo, Georgia to Hurtice and Carrie (née Croft) Cooper. Mr. Cooper retired from the United States Navy, having served 23 years and being in the Vietnam and Korean Wars. After retiring from Montgomery Ward, he went on to follow his passion with antiques, by opening a store in Amarillo. He was an active member of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. He was also active with The Vietnam and Korean Veterans groups that met for coffee most mornings. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Adel Chapter #1090**. Survivors include his children, Denise Cooper (Philip) Salmon. of Adel, Jowaine LaFaye Gray, of Amarillo, Jeff Gray, of Tulsa, James Gray of Lubbock, TX, Skip (Terri) Gray, of Amarillo, Tim Gray, of Amarillo, Greg Winborne, of Amarillo, Johnjohn Young, of Amarillo, Joe Brown, of Amarillo, Lisa Marnel and Christy Reed; twenty grandchildren, and; numerous great-grandchildren. Mr. Cooper was preceded in death by his wife, Imogene Faye Gray; sons, Michael Lee Cooper, Jerry Gray, and Joel Gray. A casual visitation was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 from 3:00-7:00 PM at the Purvis Funeral Home. A flag folding was held at 6:30 PM with bell-ringing.



**THOMAS H. "Tom" COREY** - Died Monday, June 6, 2022 in Jupiter, Florida at the age of 77. The exact cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 24, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan, the second of twelve children to the late Patrick and Margaret Corey. Tom was drafted into the United States Army on December 7, 1966 as a squad leader with the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division. While in combat in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive, he was shot in the neck, permanently damaging his spinal cord. Beating all odds of survival, Tom returned to Michigan to rehabilitate to live as a quadriplegic. For his heroic service, Tom was decorated with a Bronze Star Medal with V device for Valor, two Purple Hearts, an Air Medal, an Army Commendation Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation, a Valorous Unit Citation, a Republic Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and a Combat Infantryman Badge. In 1972, Tom moved to Palm Beach County, Florida, most recently living in Jupiter for the past sixteen years. During his transition to Florida he became resolute in fighting for Veteran's issues. In the mid-1970s, Tom became active in Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and in 1980 joined Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). He was the *Founding President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Beach County (West Palm Beach) Chapter #25, renamed the Thomas H. Corey Chapter at its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary**. In 1985, Tom was elected to **VVAs National Board of Directors** and two years later elected as **VVAs national secretary**, and subsequently re-elected four times. In 1997, he was elected National Vice

**President and in 2001 became the National President of VVA, which he held until 2005.** To help heal the wounds of war, Tom made sixteen visits back to Vietnam, representing VVAs Veterans Initiative Task Force. It focused on locating POW/MIAs and Agent Orange issues with successful results. ***He was ultimately nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.*** Tom was also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Association, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Calvary Association, and the National Association of Uniformed Services. He served as an Ombudsman/Program Specialist from the West Palm Beach VA Healthcare System to continue his mission to serve as an advocate for all Veterans. Tom is pre-deceased by his parents, Patrick and Margaret, his first wife Mary Kern and second wife, Sharon Loree. He is survived by his son, Brian Corey (Nathan White), of Port Sainte Lucie, FL and daughter, Trang Corey, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; siblings, Rick (Karen) Corey of Annapolis, MD, Carol Maxwell of Hazel Park, MI, Diane (Dan) Pearsall of Sterling Heights, MI, Linda (Jerry) Clark of New Boston, MI, Jim Corey (Cathy Locke Ferraro) of Adrian, MI, Kathy Phillips (Alan Wood) of Brighton, MI, Jill Corey Hennick of Tucker, GA, Michelle (Mike) Panyard of Pleasant Ridge, MI, and Maureen Corey Smith of Wolverine Lake, MI; his long time dedicated caregiver and loving friend, Janet Alheit-Crane and her husband, Doug and daughter, Sierra, of Jupiter FL; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A visitation was held from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, FL. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Saint Peter Catholic Church, 1701 Indian Creek Parkway, Jupiter FL. The burial was at the South Florida VA National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL. A Celebration of Life followed from 1:30 to 4:30 PM at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL, 33134. For those unable to attend please join us by Zoom by following the instructions below: Zoom link for 6-22-22 Celebration of Life Topic: Tom Corey's Celebration of Life - Time: Jun 22, 2022 01:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada). Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5570540137?pwd=dXpNcW1jUTBsN0d4emdjcjEwUVhpUT09>. Meeting ID: 557 054 0137; Passcode: Corey. One tap mobile +16468769923,5570540137# US (New York); +13017158592,5570540137# US (Washington DC). In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to VVA Thomas H. Corey Chapter #25, 6436 Chasewood Drive, Unit E, Jupiter, FL 33458 in loving memory of Thomas Corey.



**PAMELA JEAN "Pam" COULBOURNE** - Died peacefully Friday, June 10, 2022 at her home in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 75, with her family by her side. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on December 28, 1946 in Mannington, West Virginia to the late Francis Fluharty and Edith Irene (née Kendall) Fluharty. Pamela was a loving wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was a graduate of Parkersburg High School and Mountain State College and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Princeton. From 1994 to 2015, Pam

ran a catering business called Special Touches Cakes and Catering. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #528**. Pam was the personal assistant to Dreama Denver for many years and was heavily involved with the Honor Flights Program, Little Buddy Radio and the Denver Foundation. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for over 50 years. In her spare time, Pam really enjoyed working in her flower garden and also loved oil painting landscapes. Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 52 years, Giff Coulbourne; One daughter, Anna Marie Lyon and husband Aaron; One grandson, who was the light of her eye, Kinsey; One brother, Dean Fluharty; One brother-in-law, William L. Coulbourne, Jr. and wife Marilyn; One niece; One nephew; Several cousins; Special friend who was like a sister, Dreama Denver. The family has honored Pam's request that she be cremated. Memorial services to celebrate the life of Pam Coulbourne, were held at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 17, 2022 from the Chapel of Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Tom McDowell officiating. Friends came to visit with the family from 4:00 PM until the service hour at the funeral home. Online condolences may be shared with the family via [www.memorialfd.com](http://www.memorialfd.com). The Coulbourne family was served by the Memorial Funeral Directory and Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.



**PERVIS BERRY CROWE** - Died Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 16, 1948. He was a retired assembly worker for Ford Motor Company, a proud United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, a member of the New Providence Masonic Lodge #237, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville (Kentucky) Chapter #454**, a life member of the DAV Salem Post #72, and a life member of the NRA. Pervis is survived by his wife of 27 years, Judith (née McGuffey) Crowe; children, Pervis “Berry” Crowe II, Lorie Ann McClure, and James F. Goodman; grandchildren Michael McClure (Chelsea), Briana, and others; and 9 great-grandchildren. His funeral service was held at 12:00 Noon on Monday at the Arch L. Heady and Son Funeral Home, 3601 Taylor Boulevard with the burial at the Louisville Memorial Gardens West. Visitation hours were from 2:00-8:00 PM on Sunday.



**KENNETH EDWARD CZARNECKI** - Died Sunday, May 1, 2022 in Killeen, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. Kenneth was born on December 5, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Edward and Lottie Czarnecki. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1984

with one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife Chun Czarnecki; sisters, Karen (Joseph) Mancini and Lorraine (Robert) Divico and his parents Edward and Lottie Czarnecki. A Visitation for Kenneth was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the Crawford Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen, Texas. A Rosary was recited on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Crawford Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen, Texas. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM, Harker Heights, Texas. A Committal Service with Full Military Honors was accorded on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, Texas. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.crawfordbowersfuneralhome.com](http://www.crawfordbowersfuneralhome.com) for the Czarnecki family.



**FRANK L. DAVIS** (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret.) - Died Monday, June 13, 2022 in Watkins Glen, New York at the age of 74, after a long illness. He was formerly of Burdett, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dundee, New York on July 21, 1947 to the late Minnie Marie Davis (died in 1991). He was also predeceased by his brother, Paul Davis who died in 2003. Frank spent his youth with his friends in Dundee on Edwina Street, playing with his menagerie of pets (there wasn't an animal he didn't love or adopt), climbing trees (and falling out of them), working on area farms and mastering a variety of sports – basketball, football, hockey and baseball. Frank attended Dundee Central School from Kindergarten through his senior year in high school, receiving an Academic Regents Scholarship. He moved on to attend State University of New York at Oswego, achieving a BS in Education. Upon graduation from college, Frank was selected for the United States Air Force Officer Training in 1969 fulfilling a lifelong dream of becoming a pilot. He flew OV-10s in during the Vietnam war, and spent most of his career at Travis Air Force Base, where he raised his family in Vacaville, CA. He ended his 22-year military career on the C-5 Galaxy after the first Gulf War in 1991, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Frank was also a pilot for United Airlines and retired as a Captain on the 747-400 in 2007 after a 29-year career. Frank was never content with just riding out his retirement years. He and his wife, Donna, moved to Watkins Glen, and opened "Sunset on Seneca Bed and Breakfast" on the shore of Seneca Lake, that garnered a loyal following with their guests. Frank was also a dedicated volunteer with the New York Guard and the American Red Cross. He deployed to numerous disasters across the country, always ready and willing to help where needed. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Frank was larger-than-life, never without a smile, even towards the end. His laugh was just as infectious as his sense of humor, and he had the most impressive cache of 'Dad jokes.' He possessed a desire to help others and was always available to lend a hand to those in need. This world has lost one of its best. Frank is survived by his wife of 29 years, Donna Davis, Burdett, NY; his former wife of 16 years, Julie Davis, Vacaville, CA; his children Brenée Ulman (spouse Trevor) San Diego, CA; Erika Driver, Soda Springs, CA; and Michael Melendez (spouse Rebecca), Roseville, CA; his grandchildren, Ella Driver, Lillian Ulman and Landon Ulman; his cousin Raymond Gary (Ernie) Granston (Jan), and his niece Tammie Flynn (Tom). We love you Frank, Papa, Grandpa. Although you will not be physically with



us, you will always be by our side. May your family continue to make you proud in everything we do. You will be missed more than anything, each and every day, and your memory will forever be a blessing to us all. The family received friends and relatives at the Royce-Chedzoy Funeral Home, 212 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Watkins Glen on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM; followed by a memorial service at the funeral home at 3:00 PM. A reception and military honors followed at the Burdett Fire Department at 4:15 PM. Memorial Donations in his memory may be made to Schuyler County Ambulance; Burdett Fire Department; Care First Hospice, or Southern Tier Chapter of the American Red Cross.



**WILLIAM R. "Billy" DEMENT, JR.** – Died the morning of Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the Silver Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bastrop, Texas at the age of 76. He was a resident of Weimar, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 12, 1945 in Houston, Texas to the late William R. Dement, Sr. and Clara (née Noack) Dement. He graduated from Sam Houston High School. Billy enlisted into the United States Army and achieved the rank of Sergeant. After receiving his discharge, he began his work in construction and spent many years installing sheetrock. To continue his love of his country, Billy was a *Life Member* and *Past-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. He was also a member of VFW, and Giddings American Legion. On May 24, 2006, he was married to Mary Maywald in Kerrville, Texas. He enjoyed being outdoors hunting, feeding the deer and fish, and working on the ranch making hay. Billy will be remembered as a performer and was known for singing Elvis, oldies, and various country artists. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends, and his beloved pet, Charlie. He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Clara Dement, and his son-in-law, Marty Stanfield. Billy is survived by his wife, Mary Dement of Weimar; three daughters, Shantel and Carl Cannon of Giddings, Angie Stanfield of Giddings, and Alicia Baker of Giddings; stepson, Joey Keys of Pearland; eight grandchildren, Will and Samantha Cannon of New York, Tess Cannon of Giddings, Jay Cannon of Giddings, Priscilla Stanfield of Giddings, Peyton Stanfield of Giddings, Mason and Monica Ingram of Giddings, Steven Ingram of Giddings, and Paetyn Keys of Weimar; three great-grandchildren, Tessa Ingram of Giddings, Landon Ingram of Giddings, and Ashton Ingram of Giddings; two sisters, Elaine Tarple of Willis and Virginia and George Hernandez of Paige, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. Graveside services with military honors provided by the VVA Chapter #870 in Schulenburg were held at the Weimar Masonic Cemetery in Weimar. Visitation hours were held on Sunday, March 13, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM and on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 7:00 to 10:00 AM at the funeral home. The family was present on Sunday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Memorials may be made to the American Legion or VFW of one's choice.

**LAWRENCE WALTER DERKACZ** – Died Sunday, June 12, 2022 in Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 17, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



**THOMAS LLOYD “Tom” DERRY, SR.** - Died Saturday, July 2, 2022 in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Greenville, Tennessee on March 11, 1935 to the late John Lloyd and Charlsie Derry. He was a member of Cherokee Hills Baptist Church for 42 years. He loved his church, loved westerns, and was an active in walking for over 40 years. He served in the United States Air Force, 52 years, a member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #59 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He received his honorary diploma Spring of 1951 at Morristown Hamblen High School. He worked as a Hamblen County bus driver for 16 years, and a bus driver for Girl’s, Inc. for 22 years. He was always helping others, people in his neighborhood, his church family, and made lifelong friends in the process. He visited nursing homes and shut-ins, called on his sisters Linda and Sue, as well as others to ensure their well-being. He was known for working on lawn mowers and small engines. He was meticulous and kept everything well maintained and everything had its place. He will be missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Lloyd and Charlsie Derry; son, Richard Derry; sister, Betty Cope; brother, Bobby Derry; and grandson, Nathan Derry. He is survived by his daughter, Gina (David) Shoemaker; sons, Thomas L. “Mickey” (Diana) Derry Jr., and Jimmy “Jim” (Joan) Derry; sisters, Sue Daniels, and Linda Russell; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at Cherokee Hills Baptist Church. The funeral services were at 7:00 PM on Wednesday with Brian Blair and Reverend Ken Cole co-officiating. Family and friends met for a 10:00 AM graveside service on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hamblen Memory Gardens. Arrangements by Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown.



**HAROLD E. “Spider” DRAVES** - Died Friday, June 10, 2022 at home in Mishawaka, Indiana at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Spider was born on December 29, 1948 in Mishawaka to the late Henry Draves, Sr. and Gowanga (née Harris) Draves. He was a graduate of Mishawaka High School. He served his country earning the rank of Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps in 1969 and 1970. Spider had a life-long love and fascination with fireworks. For 34 years he owned and operated Spiderworks Fireworks in Mishawaka. He was member of the Indiana Fireworks Association and Indiana Fireworks Dealer Association. Spider also belonged to the Pyrotechnics Guild International as well as numerous other fireworks associations throughout the country. Spider was a life member of Marine Corps League Detachment #095 and also a life member of VFW #360. He belonged to American Legion #161 in Mishawaka as well as DAV-Elkhart and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. Other memberships included the Mishawaka Alumni Association and the BK Club. Spider married the former Deborah Lema on January 8, 2002. Deb preceded him in death along with a stepdaughter, Samantha Lema; brothers, Dennis Draves and Henry Draves, Jr.; infant sister, Myrnia Marie Draves; and beloved dog, Bumpus. Spider is survived by a daughter, Vanessa (Jason DeLaurelle) Draves; grandchildren, Isabella, Griffin, Austen (Kourtney), Christopher, Javonte and

LaVonia; a great grandchild, Alaric; a brother, Fred Draves; as well as all the friends he has adopted as children and grandchildren over the years. A Celebration of Life Gathering was held from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the VFW #360 Hall, 1307 East Jefferson Boulevard, Mishawaka, with Military Honors at 6:00 PM. Memorial donations are suggested to Pet Refuge or Marine Corps League Detachment #095. The arrangements were under the care of the Goethals and Wells Funeral Home, Mishawaka.



**HARRY LLOYD DUGAN** - Died Friday, July 1, 2022 in Franklin, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Franklin on October 25, 1946 to the late J.P. and Nelda Dugan. Harry was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Walker Memorial Baptist Church and was the former Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop #131 and Troop #137. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #1140**. Harry was preceded in death by his twin brother, Larry Dugan. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carol Dugan, of Franklin; son, Keith Dugan, of Columbia; daughter, Nicole (Bryant) Grantham, of Franklin; sisters, Charlene (Hugh) Williams, of Franklin, Tennessee, and Darlene (James “Skippy”) Fiveash, of Franklin, Kentucky; grandsons, Matthew Dugan, of Columbia, and Riley (Rachel) Dugan, of Columbia; beloved dog, Bella; and grand-dogs, Rowdy and Murphy. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 8, 2022 at the Williamson Memorial Funeral Home. Andy Wolverton officiated. The burial was at the Williamson Memorial Gardens. Visitation hours were from 4:00-8:00 PM on Thursday and one hour prior to the service at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home and Cremation Services. The pallbearers were Keith Dugan, Matthew Dugan, Riley Dugan, Bryant Grantham, Ronnie Robbins and Brian Hope. Memorials may be made to the Friends of Williamson County Animal Center. [www.williamsonmemorial.com](http://www.williamsonmemorial.com).



**LOWELL ROSCOE DUFF** - Died Monday, May 16, 2022 in Mason, Illinois at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Harlan, Illinois on March 25, 1945 to the late Roscoe and Mollie (née Sizemore) Duff. He was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston (Wisconsin) Chapter #729**. Mr. Duff is survived by his Loving Wife, Devorah Duff; Son, Jason Thomas; Brothers, Lawrence Duff, Rex Duff and Don Duff; Sisters, Lorraine Burkhart and Roxie Klawinski. Visitation was held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM in the Chapel of Mount Pleasant Funeral Home. Funeral Services were at 6:00 PM. The burial was held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 12:00 Noon at the Duff Family Cemetery with Family and Friends serving as pallbearers. The Harlan County Honor Guard performed Military Honors. Mount Pleasant Funeral Home was honored to serve the family of Mr. Lowell Roscoe Duff.



**RICHARD STEPHEN EARLEY** - Died Sunday, June 5, 2022 at home in Coventry, Rhode Island at the age of 79, surrounded by his loving family. He was formerly of Leominster, Massachusetts. The cause of death was lung cancer. Richard was born on January 23, 1943 in Bellingham, Washington to the late Victor R. and Audrey (née Gwinnett) Earley. He was fortunate to have many wonderful childhood memories of competitive roller skating, swimming and working on and driving so many Model A's. He was also an accomplished drummer. Richard received his undergraduate degree from Humboldt State University where he was a successful high diver, becoming the first ever four-year letterman in diving at Humboldt. He continued his education at Assumption College receiving a Master's Degree in Special Education. Richard enlisted in the Army and served in the Army Security Agency from 1967 until his Honorable Discharge in 1971. He was stationed in Asmara, Eritrea. From his base in East Africa, he was sent on many special assignments to Jordan, Turkey and Vietnam. Following his Service, Richard served as Head of the Perkins School in Lancaster, MA. He later became the Veterans' Service Officer in Leominster from 1997 until 2004 before continuing his career with the Massachusetts State Veterans Services Office in Boston and Providence. He was a *Life Member* and long-time *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. Sailing was Richard's passion. He and his wife Mary, loved time spent aboard their boat "Sojourner Truth". He leaves his wife of 33 years, Mary (née Pratt) Earley; six children Sharron Albert, Linda Garneau, William Earley, Mary Ellen McGraw, Nancy Earley and Stephen Earley; seven grandchildren, Lisa (Albert) Bishop, Trisha (Garneau) Paquette, Danny McGraw, Matthew McGraw, Zachary McGraw, William Earley, Jr and Brandon Earley; three siblings Daniel Earley, David Earley of Bellingham, WA and Susan Griffith of Carson City, NV; many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Richard was predeceased by his sister, Mary Margaret Earley. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Leominster Veterans Center, 100 West Street, Leominster, MA. Committal services were held on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the MA National Cemetery, Connery Avenue, Bourne, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #116 Scholarship Fund, PO Box 294, Leominster, MA 01453.

**LESTER HENRY ELDRIDGE, SR.** – Died Wednesday, June 1, 2022 in Westfield, Massachusetts at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Westfield on April 3, 1941. He served in the United States Army from August 1962 to July 1991. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**,



**ROY ROBERT "Bob" ELLIOTT** - Died Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at The Waters of Martinsville, Martinsville, Indiana at the age of 77. He was a resident of Martinsville. The cause of death is unknown. Bob's life began on Friday, April 21, 1944 in Martinsville born to the late Robert Belsby Elliott and Flora Maxine (née Cramer) Elliott. At the age of ten, Bob's mother married Raymond Tackett, who raised him as his very own. Bob attended Martinsville schools throughout his sophomore year of high school and graduated from Monrovia High School with

the class of 1963. He was a naturally talented athlete and played many sports throughout middle and high school, though his greatest claim to fame was basketball. On September 4, 1964, Bob enlisted in the United States Army and served his country with bravery during the Vietnam War. He was stationed in various locations during his tenure including Georgia, Texas, Hawaii and one year in Vietnam, serving as a military policeman. He was honorably discharged from Fort Bliss, Texas, as a SP4 on September 1, 1967. Upon his return from the military, Bob gained employment at Chrysler Corporation in Indianapolis. He dedicated over thirty years of his life to Chrysler and retired on April 30, 1998. He was also a skilled carpenter and worked construction for several years during the 1970's and 1980's. A man of many talents and varied interests, Bob was an extraordinary fisherman, bowler, and golfer. He won the Indianapolis Big Fish Contest not once but three times, earned numerous awards over the years for bowling 300 games and 700 series and nailed three holes-in-one on the golf course, as well as several birdies and eagles. He was an active member of the Martinsville Bowling Association for countless years, serving as the association president, vice president and Sergeant of Arms. He also held memberships in the Martinsville American Legion Post #230, as well as the Martinsville VFW Post #1257. He was a *Donor* for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**. Bob will be remembered for many acts of kindness over his life, especially his overwhelming charitable heart. He gave generously to numerous charities including, veteran's organizations, children's hospitals, animal rescues, political campaigns, Indian reservations, and many, many more. He was a 'happy go lucky' guy who lived life to the fullest and loved people. He is survived by a host of loving family and friends who will miss him deeply including his son, Robbie L. Elliott of Martinsville; daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Chris Helton of Martinsville; two brothers, Denny (wife, Linda) Tackett of Florida and Bud (wife, Donna) Tackett of Nashville, IN; his companion of thirteen years, Donna Lambert of Martinsville; six beloved grandchildren, Stephanie (husband, Eric) Beason, Haley (husband, Joey) Patrick, Jake Helton, Sophie Helton, Emme Helton, and Austin Elliott and three great grandchildren, Oliver, Sebastian and Ezra Patrick. Along with his parents, Raymond and Maxine Tackett, Bob was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Mariah Elliott on October 24, 1997. Family and friends were invited to visit on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 PM and from 10:00 – 11:00 AM on Wednesday at the Neal and Summers Funeral Home in Martinsville. There was a service celebrating Bob's life on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 am at the funeral home and he will be laid to rest following military honors in Nebo Memorial Park Cemetery in Martinsville. Memories and condolences are encouraged to be shared with the family online at [www.nealandsummers.com](http://www.nealandsummers.com).

**GARY L. EVANS** – Died Friday, May 6, 2022 in Crooksville, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death was a brain aneurysm. He was born Norristown, Pennsylvania on March 14, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps and served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**.

**HAROLD JOEL FEIBELMAN** - Died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in Hackensack, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Harold was born in Passaic, New Jersey on December 25, 1946. He served in the United States Navy from February 23, 1966 to December 1, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. Fond memories



and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.Becker-FuneralHome.com](http://www.Becker-FuneralHome.com) for the Feibelman family.



**RICHARD A. "Rich" FOLTZ** - Died Wednesday morning, June 15, 2022 at Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. He was a resident of Willow Street, Pennsylvania. The causes of death were cardiopulmonary arrest, pleural effusion, metastatic cancer and pulmonary embolism. He was born in Lancaster on July 24, 1947 to the late David H. and Mabel A. (née Sandoe) Foltz. He was the husband of M S "Mimi" (née Loeffler) Foltz. Rich served in the United States Army for 3 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburg (Wisconsin) Chapter #448**. He worked for Delta Airlines after serving in the military. He was a bakery assistant thru the years for Giant, Weis and Wegman's. He worked for UPS Store in Willow Street and for Y& S Candies. Rich really enjoyed working. He liked to do genealogy for his family. Rich attended Lampeter United Methodist Church. He was very patriotic and a humanitarian. He would always supply his church with food to provide to others. Rich was a caring and loving husband and will be missed by his wife, Mimi; sons, Richard Adam Foltz of Wisconsin and Richard Foltz of Mansfield, TX; sister, Joan E., wife of Thomas Alexander of New Providence; brother, John E. Foltz of Virginia and grandchildren, Hannah, Harmony and Andrielle. He is also survived by his step daughter, Andrea Nettke of Willow Street and Nicholas A. Nettke of Lancaster. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Dorothy Turner and Anna Foltz and brothers, Donald E. and David H. Foltz. Family and friends were invited to attend Richard's graveside services on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 11:30 AM from Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. A memorial service was held at a later date at the Lampeter United Methodist Church.



**DONALD LEE FORCE** - Died Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at his home in Bloomsbury, Holland Township, New Jersey at the age of 76, with his family by his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 2, 1945 in Somerville, New Jersey to the late Wilbur A. and Elsie Mae (née McPherson) Force. Donald lived in Alexandria Township, NJ for many years before moving to Holland Township in 1971, when he married his high school sweetheart Joan. He attended Delaware Valley Regional High School before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1964. Donald was a veteran of the Vietnam War and received the National Defense medal, Vietnam Service medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal. He worked as a truck driver for the New Jersey Department of Transportation in Clinton, NJ for 13 years. Prior to that, he worked for Magnesium Electron Co. in Kingwood Township, NJ and Rexham Corp. in Flemington, NJ for 26 years. For many years Donald was an avid collector of John Deere toy tractors and memorabilia. He enjoyed going to the races, especially the dirt tracks where he was part of the pit crew for his brother, nephew, and his friends. Donald was an active member of Frenchtown-

Milford VFW Post #7857 where he served as the Service Officer for many years. He was also involved and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**, Manville, NJ and the Bernardine May American Legion Post #457 in Phillipsburg, NJ. Son of the late Wilbur A. and Elsie Mae (née McPherson) Force, Donald is survived by his beloved wife Joan (née Edmonds) Force, with whom they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August 2021. His two daughters Kim Marie Force of Palmer Township, PA and Kelly L. Force of Holland Township, NJ, his brother Wilbur Force, Jr. of Milford, NJ, his two precious granddaughters Nicole and Courtney Cihanowyz, and his favorite cat Tito. The family received relatives and friends for a visitation on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at the Johnson-Walton Funeral Home, 24 Church Road, Holland Township, NJ. Funeral services were at Noon with Reverend William “Tex” Culton officiating. The interment with military honors was in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Alexandria Township, NJ. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #452, PO Box 508, Manville, NJ 08835.



**FLOYD EUGENE FRANKS** - Died Friday morning, April 29, 2022 at the Defiance Inpatient Hospice in Defiance, Ohio at the age of 73. He was a resident of Wauseon, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. Floyd was born in Bryan, Ohio on January 6, 1949 to the late Richard and June (née Chapman) Franks. A United States Army Vietnam Veteran, he proudly served his country as a helicopter door gunner from 1968 to 1970. During his time of service, he was awarded the Bronze Star, and in 2018 he was given the title of Fulton County Veteran of the Year. Floyd was a Fulton County Deputy Sheriff serving for over 20 years and then continued serving the County as a building maintenance man working for MRDD, as well as the Wauseon Police Dept. as an Auxiliary Officer. He was a life member of the Wauseon American Legion Post #265, Wauseon VFW Post #7424, the DAV, Helicopter Crewman's Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**, and a multitude of other veteran organizations. Floyd was dedicated to preserving the memory of his fallen and missing brothers-in- arms, as well as those who had returned with lasting effects. He looked forward to being with his comrades every year at the HCVVO reunion in Kokomo, Indiana. Floyd's lasting dedication can be seen in downtown Wauseon as he was an integral part of the Fulton County War Memorial. Floyd will be remembered most by his sense of humor and the countless jokes he was always willing to share. He met a lot of strangers in his career, but seldom did anyone stay that way. His family will remember most his dedication, loyalty, integrity, courage, and friendship. Floyd was indeed more than just a dad to his children. He was their best friend who always wanted the best for them and always gave his unwavering support. He was a larger-than-life role model. He lived his life as a testament to his good nature. The one lesson he could not teach his children, was how to live life without him. He will be missed beyond words by all who knew him and loved him. Left to cherish his memory is his very loving ex-wife, Sherryann Franks; children, Zachary (Molly) Franks; LacyAnn (Andres) Jimenez; grandchildren Stella and Waylon Franks. Grand dogs: Jezzabelle, Bonnie and Hazel along with his sweet Mimi who preceded him in death. Siblings; Tom (Marcia) Franks; Charlie (Linda) Franks; Sister, Pat Rose; In addition to his parents

he was preceded in death by brothers, Richard and Tim Franks; twin sister, Barb Franks and brothers-in-law, Dean Rose, and Wes Tanner. Friends and family were received at the Barnes Funeral Chapel and Crematory, 5825 State Highway 109, Delta, Ohio from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Funeral services for Floyd were held at the funeral home on Thursday, May 5, 2022 beginning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Maryann Reimund officiating. The burial was in the Pleasant View Union Cemetery, Fayette, Ohio. Those planning an expression of sympathy were asked to consider donations to any Veteran Charity of Donor's choice or the Fulton County Humane Society, 22450 County Road F, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

**DEBORAH LEE "Sam" FREBERG** – Died Saturday, January 8, 2022 in Hayward, Wisconsin at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. She was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota to the late George Okanesky and Lorraine (née Domler) Okanesky. She is survived by her partner of twenty years, Billie Two Feathers, her cats, her dogs and her many friends. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hayward Chapter #1139**.

**STEPHEN J. GALLAGHER** – Died Tuesday, May 3, 2022 in Healdsburg, California at the age of 65. The cause of death was self-inflicted, death resulting. He was born in Jamestown, Rhode Island on May 9, 1956. He served in the United States Coast Guard from June 26, 1973 to June 25, 1979. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**.



**ROBERT "Bob" GARCIA** - Died Thursday, May 19, 2022 at West Virginia University Ruby Memorial Hospital at the age of 85. He was a resident of Mannington, West Virginia. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on July 5, 1936 in Mannington to the late Jesse Garcia and Lillian (née Mata) Garcia. He is survived by his sister, Carmen Hays of Mannington, and his brother, Richard Garcia of Fairmont; his daughter, Misty Longstreth of Mannington; grandchildren, Zachary Elijah Rush, Olivia Rush and Nacoma Barr; and several close nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by first wife Sachiko Garcia, and his second wife Nancy Jo Garcia; his brother, Jesse Garcia Jr., and his sister, Mary Louise Garcia. Bob was a Graduate of Mannington High School. He was Chief Gunner in the United States Navy having lived in various places during his military service. He was a former Mayor of Mannington, the *President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannington Chapter #1055** of West Virginia, and was active in the Veterans Square in Mannington, WV. He was also a member of the American Legion Charles Milan Post #40. Friends visited the family the Masters Funeral Home in Mannington, WV on Monday, May 23, 2022 from 2:00-8:00 PM. The funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 in the funeral home beginning at 1:00 PM with Mike Hays officiating. Full Military Honors were accorded by the United States Navy and the Marion County Veterans Council in the funeral home parking lot immediately following funeral services. The interment was at the Whetstone Cemetery.



**FRED D. GERONDALE** - Died unexpectedly Friday, June 17, 2022 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 73. The cause of death was sudden cardiac arrest. Fred was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on March 2, 1949 to the late Fred J. Gerondale and Armella (née Lamers) Gerondale. He attended elementary school at Saint Mary's Grade School and later went on to graduate from Premontre High School. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly continued to serve his country for years to come in the Navy Reserve, SeaBees, and Marines. On January 17, 1970, he married Kathleen A. (née Berendsen) Gerondale and had two beautiful children. When he got out of the Navy he worked for WOS Optical for many years. He later decided to further his education while working for Wang Laboratories and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Lakeland College. Consequently, he worked in Brown County's IT Department where he was able to contribute to the setup of the 911 center, which Fred considered one of his greatest achievements. In his free time, he was a proud member of the American Legion Post #11, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**, and the Moose Club. Additionally, Fred loved spending time at the cottage. He took joy in being on the water, whether it be sailing, fishing, or swimming in the lake with his family. In more recent years he could be found playing Bocce Ball with friends at The Bar. Fred or "The Papa", as his grandchildren like to call him, was a charismatic, caring, and extremely generous man that was loved and will continue to be loved by so many. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Gerondale; his children, Fred (Jessika) Gerondale and Stacy (Robert) Allaire; his grandchildren, Elizabeth (Ross Kinate) Gerondale, Allison Gerondale, Phillip Blink, Gavin (Brianna) Blink; his great-grandchildren, RJ, Rowan, Abel, Lily, and Emmett; and some of his very close friends who he considered to be like family. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, his in-laws, Ray and Dorothy Berendsen, as well as close friends, Niles Delfosse and Tony Le Comte. Visitation was held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 East Mason Street, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The funeral service was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home with Deacon Bill Burkel officiating. The burial was at Nicolet Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com).



**TEDDY "Roy" GIBSON** – Died Friday, April 29, 2022 in Mascot, Tennessee at the age of 76, after winning his long fight with cancer and entered his Heavenly home. He was born in Mascot on March 16, 1946 to the late Ernest and Lucile Gibson. He was a member of Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church and a 1964 graduate of Carter High School. In 1967, Roy was drafted into the United States Army and proudly served as a Staff Sergeant with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Combat Engineers during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #738 F&AM, where he served as Past Master and Chaplain. Roy was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Kerbela Shrine, and a founder of the Kerbela Motor Corp. He was a life member of VFW Post #1733 and American Legion Post #2. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. He was preceded in death by parents, Ernest and Lucile Gibson; sisters, Carolyn

Sue Gibson and Ada Mae Caldwell. Roy is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia (Pat); daughter, Shannon (Joe) Brewer; grandchildren, Jayke Buck, Caitlin (Gavin) Julian and Elli (Nic) Johnson; great-grandchildren, Gryffin and Baker Johnson; brother, Carl (Brenda) Gibson; his faithful dog, Jenny and a multitude of close family and friends. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 12:00 Noon-5:00 PM at the McCarty Evergreen Funeral Home, 7426 Asheville Highway. The family also received friends on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 4:00-8:00 PM with the service at 8:00 PM with Reverend Rocky Glenn officiating. Family and friends met at 7:30 AM on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at McCarty Evergreen Funeral Home and left in procession to the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery for an 8:30 AM interment. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to Mascot Masonic Lodge #738 or Kerbel Shriners, 315 Mimosa Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920. Condolences may be offered at [www.mccartyevergreen.com](http://www.mccartyevergreen.com).



**WENDELL H. GILBERT, JR.** (USA, BG-Ret.) - Died Friday, July 8, 2022 at the “Brigadier General Wendell H. Gilbert” Tennessee State Veterans Home, Clarksville Tennessee at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. General Gilbert was born in Clarksville on June 16, 1931 to Wendell H. Gilbert, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (née Sullivan) Gilbert. After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, in June of 1954, he proudly served 27 years in the United States Army. Some of his most memorable assignments during his military career were serving two tours in Vietnam, and commanding an artillery battery, battalion and brigade at Army posts in the United States and Germany. He served both as the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Artillery Commander and the Division’s Chief of Staff. General Gilbert’s military awards include among many others the Legion of Merit (w/Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (w/Oak Leaf Cluster), and Meritorious Service Medal (w/Oak Leaf Cluster). He was a proud artillery officer who was also the recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge among other U.S. and Vietnamese awards. Upon his retirement from the Army, Wendell served as Vice President for Development at Austin Peay State University. He helped to begin fundraising campaigns such as the APSU’s Candlelight Ball still held each year. After his time at APSU, he was called to state service as Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, the state’s first Commissioner of Homeland Security and finally to be the Chief of Staff for Governor Don Sundquist. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. Community service was also important to Wendell. He was a founding member of both the Customs House Museum’s fundraiser “Flying High” and Leadership Clarksville. He also served as President of both the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce and the Clarksville Rotary Club and served on numerous other boards and commissions. Wendell was a life-long member of the Madison Street United Methodist Church. Wendell is predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Eugenia (Jean) Meadows Gilbert, their son, Wendell H. Gilbert III, and his parents Wendell and Mary Gilbert. He is survived by his daughter, Ann Marie Crozier (Ted), and his two grandchildren, Caroline Sismanturk (Celik) and Martin Crozier. Visitation was held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM and on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00 AM at McReynolds, Nave and Larson Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at 10:30 AM on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Greenwood Cemetery with Reverend Harriet



Bryan officiating. Full U.S. Army Honors were rendered with Ed Groves, Ben Kimbrough, Ted Crozier, Jr., and Martin Crozier serving as honorary pallbearers. It was Wendell's wish that any memorials be donated to the APSU general scholarship fund. Condolences may also be made to Wendell's family by visiting [NaveFuneralHomes.com](http://NaveFuneralHomes.com).



**EDWARD JOSEPH "Ed" GRILLOT** - Died Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 72, following a brief illness. He was a resident of DeWitt, Iowa. He was born in Piqua, Ohio on July 6, 1949 to the late Forrest and Dorothy (née Wehrman) Grillot. He graduated from high school in Pleasant Valley, Iowa, and continued his education at Scott Community College. Ed enlisted into the United States Navy SeaBees, serving in Vietnam as a heavy-duty mechanic. He married Chris Murphy on June 21, 1975 at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church in Bettendorf. The couple resided in rural Wheatland where they raised their three sons. Ed worked as a maintenance welder at ALCOA until retiring in 2004. They later moved to DeWitt. Ed was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He was a man of strong faith in God, and was a member of Saints Philip and James Catholic Church in Grand Mound. He held lifetime memberships in the Iowa Trappers Association, National Trappers Association, and the N.R.A. He was also a member of Fur Takers of America, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**, Veterans Car Club of the Quad Cities, and the Knights of Columbus Council #959. Ed had an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior, trapping, and the outdoors. He was passionate about conservation and sharing his vast experience and skills with the next generation. Ed was a consummate "tinkerer", and loved creating beauty out of junk. Ed had a huge ornery streak evidenced by the unmistakable twinkle in his eye. He was a generous and caring person, the first to show up to help, and the last to leave. Ed was an avid collector of the unique, and had more than one of what you never knew you needed. He always listened more than he talked, but when he did speak, everyone listened. Ed was a real straight shooter, and there was never any question about where you stood with him. He is survived by his wife, Chris; sons, Matt of DeWitt, Tim (Patti) of Wears Valley, Tennessee, Steve (Jennifer) of Maxwell; grandsons, Andrew, Louis, Charles, and Henry; siblings, Patricia Grillot, John (Kay) Grillot, and Teresa (Harry Jr.) Hixson; sisters-in-law, Peggy Jurkowski and Miseon Grillot; nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Jerry and Dan. Visitation hours were from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022 at the Schultz Funeral Home, Grand Mound with a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 3:00 PM. The Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Saints Philip and James Catholic Church, Grand Mound Reverend Father James Vrba officiating. The burial and Military Rites were at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in DeWitt. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Quad Cities Veterans Outreach Center and Saints Philip and James Catholic Church. The arrangements were in the care of the Schultz Funeral Home, DeWitt. Condolences may be expressed at [www.schultzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schultzfuneralhomes.com).



**ROCKY J. GRINGER** - Died peacefully Monday, June 13, 2022 at Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, New York at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Batavia, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 28, 1946 in Batavia to the late Anthony and Catherine (née Pricola) Gringer. Rocky was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. He owned and operated a pizzeria Tip of the Boot with his cousin Gary Puccio in Colorado. Rocky was extremely athletic and enjoyed golf, tennis, skiing, cycling, baseball and going to the gym. Everyone loved his embracing personality. He is survived by his siblings, Patti (the late Alfred) Panepinto, Josie (James) Lambert both of Batavia, Anthony (Theresa) Gringer of Pittsford, along with many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. A 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at Ascension Parish, 15 Sumner Street, Batavia, NY. He was laid to rest in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Batavia, with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Springs, MD 20910; [www.pickupplease.org](http://www.pickupplease.org) or to Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073; [www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org). To leave a message of condolence please visit [www.gilmartinfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilmartinfuneralhome.com). The arrangements were completed by the Gilmartin Funeral Home and Cremation Company, Inc., 329-333 West Main Street, Batavia, New York.



**WAYNE EDWARD GUINN** (USA, MSG-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, June 29, 2022 in Russellville, Tennessee at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Canton, Michigan on February 28, 1944 to the late Hobert Wayne Guinn and Nancy Kate (née Cox) Guinn. Wayne spread his contagious smile across the world for over 78 years. He never met a stranger and left a path of laughter everywhere he went. Without warning and in his well-known tradition of avoiding emotional goodbyes, he slipped away from this life peacefully on June 29th. He always left a place happier than he found it, so there is no surprise that he left thousands of lives brighter because of the joy, kindness, generosity, and entertainment that filled his spirit. Wayne began his journey through life in Morristown, Tennessee. After graduation from Marion High School in Indiana, he joined the United States Army and served his country with excellence in skill and dedication. As a Vietnam Veteran, he was highly decorated, receiving the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, National Police Honor Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Commendation Medal. After his retirement as a Master Sargent, he used his skills as a master craftsman to continue his civilian service at Lackland Air Force Base and as the owner of The Alley Woodsmith in San Antonio, Texas. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. With a wise appreciation for the value of every moment, Wayne

filled his days with new experiences, fascinating people, beautiful views, and inspiring music. He knew the worth of small connections and cherishing every moment we are gifted – whether by listening to Bluegrass, experimenting with a new recipe, anonymously helping someone in need, sharing his knowledge with a new learner, traveling through West Texas, watching an Atlanta Braves Ballgame, spoiling his dogs, playing his harmonica and banjo, spending time with friends, or reminiscing with family. Though he had many interests and talents, Wayne's greatest skill was making the people around him feel like the most important thing in his world. Wayne was preceded in death by his loving parents, Hobert Wayne Guinn and Nancy Kate Cox, and his brother Charles Franklin (Frank) Guinn. His sister Katherine Guinn Bilbee and brother David Michael Guinn will continue to enjoy their decades of priceless memories together. Wayne's greatest honor was being the father of Steven Wade Guinn. He was proud to call Belinda Smith Guinn his daughter-in-love and was delighted by his granddaughters, Vanessa Peoples and Coral Guinn. His many nieces and nephews are flooded with memories of being his "favorite" and they, along with scores of other relatives and friends, will continue to embrace and share "Uncle Wayne's" legacy of a joyful spirit, a vibrant life, and a heart filled with love. At Wayne's request, a celebration of life was held at a later time.



**OWEN STANFORD HADDOCK** - Died Sunday, July 17, 2022 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wilsonville, Alabama on September 25, 1941 to the late Thestel and Mary Lynn Haddock before the family came to Tennessee. Owen graduated from Oak Ridge High School, Class of 1959 where he was a Cadet Member of the Oak Ridge Squadron Civil Air Patrol. As a part of that program, he went to Chile as an exchange cadet in 1957. He then went on to graduate with his Bachelor of Science in Education and as the Distinguished Military Student from the University of Tennessee. He received a Post Graduate Certificate in Behavioral Management of Troubled Teenagers from the University of California Berkeley. As a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Air Force, Owen served proudly during Vietnam and in the reserves. He was a lifetime member of Distinguished Flying Cross Society, Air Commando Association, American Legion, Air Force Association, Counterparts and as an Advisor to MG James Livingston USMC Ret. Medal of Honor. He also was a Perpetual Member of Military Order of World Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Owen was a certified financial planner, a published artist and writer, and past President of Foster Parent Association of Marin County Child and Youth Mental Health Committee. He continued to work with action committees throughout his life to form ways to support school systems and ROTC programs within. In 1962 he married his best friend Faye Elizabeth Patterson at Central Baptist Bearden Church. Owen dedicated his life to family, country and service. Although humble, his legacy speaks for itself. Owen is survived and will be dearly missed by his beloved wife of nearly 60 years, Faye Elizabeth; brother, Thomas David Haddock and wife Peggy; niece, Lindsay Haddock Casey; and other extended family and friends. A Memorial Service was held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at the Rose Funeral and Cremation, 6200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN. The family received friends from 5:30-7:00 PM preceding the service. The Interment service

took place at East Tennessee State Veteran Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requested a donation in Owen's memory to Smoky Mountain Service Dogs at [smokymountainservicedogs.org](http://smokymountainservicedogs.org) or 110 Tooweka Drive, Loudon, TN 37774. Online condolences may be made at [rosefuneraltn.com](http://rosefuneraltn.com).

**THOMAS ALLEN "Tom" HADDOX** – Died Thursday, May 5, 2022 in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Torrance, California on March 28, 1937 to the late Roy and Alice Haddox. He is survived by his wife, Lana; his sister Patricia "Trish" Haddox; his stepdaughter, Bobbi Davis (John Vispoel); his brother-in-law and wife, Ronnie and Catherine Hinshaw; his stepson, Matthew Haddox, and; many other relatives. He enlisted in the United States Navy and stayed for 11 years serving on three ships. As a Navy Corpsman, Tom served two tours of duty in Vietnam with the Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**, and was a member of the Marine Corps League, the American Legion Post #7 and the VFW. He had a burial at sea with the dispersal of his ashes.



**ROBERT D. "Bob" HAMMER** - Died Tuesday, June 14, 2022 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 76, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 17, 1946 to the late Thore and Virginia Hammer. Bob is survived by his loving wife Diane, of 53 years, his daughters Laura (Tim) Brown of Lebanon, Ohio and Lisa (Jason) Miriello of Ponte Vedra, Florida. He will be dearly missed by his four grandchildren, Kaylyn and Allyson Brown and Evan and Nate Miriello. He is also survived by brother Don (Shari) Hammer of Brunswick, Georgia and sister-in-laws Corliss (deceased – Jerry) Manuel of Hilton Head, South Carolina and Karen (deceased – Gary) Rieman of Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon graduation from Xavier University, Bob was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. He was awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. Bob was a paper and packaging salesman in the Dayton/Cincinnati area for over forty years. During that time, he made many special relationships with customers and business associates. His wit and humor contributed to his successful career. He was a great family man, always enjoying his daughters and their activities. He also enjoyed the many hours that he spent coaching and refereeing soccer. Later in life, he discovered the game of Pickleball. In his years of playing in Ohio and the Villages he met many special friends. He would often joke about his pickleball addiction as he could be found at the courts playing, officiating, or teaching others the game every day. Bob was always willing to help others. His favorite volunteer job was being a Guardian on the Villages Honor Flight. He just completed his eighth flight as a Guardian in April. It was a joy for him to be with other veterans and being able to honor their service to our country. A funeral mass was celebrated on July 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Saint Henry Church in Dayton, Ohio. All were invited to a Celebration of Bob's Life immediately following at Yankee Trace Golf Club, 10000 Yankee Street, Centerville, OH. The burial was at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Bob's name to, PO Box 490, Lady Lake, FL 32158-0490.



**ELWOOD JAMES “Jim” HAMMOND, JR.** - Died Monday, May 9, 2022 in the Town of Tonawanda, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania on February 22, 1947 to the late Elwood, James Hammond, Sr. and Catherine Hammond. He was the husband of 53 years to Diane R. (née Brewer) Hammond; father of Jennifer (Clifford Forney) Hayes, Jade (Michael) Wilkins and the late Tonia Hammond; grandfather of Sebastian, Emily, Mason, Caelob, Makayla and Aubrey; son of the late Elwood J. Sr. and Catherine Hammond; brother of William (Christine) Hammond, Linda (Richard) Lent and the late Barbara Satter; and his special brother-in-law Michael Thomas, and; was also survived by nieces and nephews. Jim was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Calling hours were held on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM at the John O. Roth Funeral Home, Inc., 25 William Street (between Morgan and Broad Streets), in Tonawanda, where the Funeral Service was conducted on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Everyone was welcome to attend. The burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at [www.rothfuneral.com](http://www.rothfuneral.com).



**CARL ELGIN “Pete” HARRIS** (USMC, MSG-Ret.) - Died Monday, June 6, 2022 in Plant City, Florida at the age of 86, after a period of failing health. The cause of death is unknown. Carl was born on December 28, 1935 and grew up in Lyndonville, Vermont to the late Carl Edwin and Walteena (née Andross) Harris. Carl graduated from Lyndon Institute in 1955, where he participated in Cross Country Skiing and Football. Soon after he enlisted in and began a long career in the United States Marine Corps, marrying Elizabeth Calderwood that same year. They lived in many parts of the United States during his career while raising four children and they later divorced. He was a proud Marine throughout his life, serving in the Vietnam War while rising to the rank of Master Sergeant, before retiring in 1975 as a recruiter in Claremont, NH. “Pete” then worked for Sturm Ruger until 1983, when he moved to Florida, and then worked for Borter Glass until again retiring in 1997. In 1975, he married Joyce Gibson and they shared 23 years together, raising a son and making their home in Florida, until she passed in 1998. In 2000, he married Elaine Jewell, who predeceased him in 2021. Throughout his life, he made and enjoyed many friendships and was known for his broad smile, frequent laughter, and support of his beloved Marine Corps and the United States he proudly served. He was a third generation member of the Masons and the Shriners. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverview Chapter #787**. He is survived by three sons, Carl Ernest Harris (Marilyn) of Claremont, NH and Naples, FL, Carlton Harris (Renee) of Willimantic, CT, and Mark Gader (Angel) of Plant City; two daughters, Betty Pierce (Michael) of Charlestown, NH, and Beverly Chartier (Chris) of Lyndonville; 11 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews including a very special niece, Vicki Sheffield; a brother-in-law, Art Jewel and family; and many dear friends. He was predeceased by his parents, and two sisters, Amaryllis Crowell



and Carlene Fusco. A funeral service was held at the Wells Funeral Home in Plant City on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The burial was in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Thonotosassa, FL with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Vietnam Veterans of America. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.WellsMemorial.com](http://www.WellsMemorial.com) for the Harris family.



**WILLIAM McKINLEY "Bill" HARRISON** (USMC, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, May 7, 2022 in New Bern, North Carolina at the age of 89. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born and raised in Swannanoa, North Carolina on February 15, 1933 to the Nellie 'Nanny' Lucy (née Cooper) Harrison and William 'Papaw' Garfield Harrison. William ('Bill') was a true patriot who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1950-1970. Master Sergeant Harrison, a decorated war Veteran also served the country he loved overseas during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars—even surviving his helicopter being shot down while in Vietnam. After retiring from the service Bill opened a TV repair shop called H&H Electronics with his brother-in-law in Havelock N.C. However, it didn't take long before Bill felt the need to once again serve our nation. He got a Civil Service job at the Naval Air Rework Facility (NARF) at Cherry Point. There Bill used the leadership and technical skills he learned as a Marine Aircraft Maintenance Chief to become NARF's Airframe Supervisor. His expertise greatly contributed to enhanced aircraft readiness. Bill worked at NARF for over 20 years before finally retiring from government service. Later in life Bill decided he wanted to learn how to dance and became quite good at it. He enjoyed Beach Music. He had a love for BBQ, gardening, his dogs, Elvis, but most of all his family and friends. However, that wasn't it for his new, post-military life—Bill became interested in Martial Arts, and excelled by earning a Third Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. In 2002 he became N.C. State Champion and won second place in the World Championship. He went on to open a Dojo with his wife Mildred in Asheville N.C. There, along with Mildred and his youngest son Benny, they taught Taekwondo. Bill truly loved teaching, especially children. Bill was a man of great faith and a member of Faith United Methodist Church in New Bern, NC. He was also a member of many organizations including the VFW, Shriners, Masons and the GOP of NC. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886*. Bill was honored by the Third District GOP Janice Grubb Award as Volunteer of the Year. A loving Husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother, Bill was the son of the late Nellie 'Nanny' Lucy Cooper and William 'Papaw' Garfield Harrison. He is survived by his wife Mildred, daughters: Lucille 'Margie' Ellis and her husband Dave, Barbara Jackson and her husband John, Sherri Brander and her husband Jim, son William M. Harrison II, step-children: Brent Fulcher and his wife Cathy, Heath Fulcher, Gregory Fulcher, Susie Davenport, Jimmy Roach, brother Franklin 'Tiny' Harrison and his wife Jean, 19 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his youngest son Benjamin 'Benny' Harrison, step-son Jeffrey Fulcher, sister Ruby Wagner, brothers: Orville 'Sammy' Harrison, Robert 'J.R.' Harrison and former wives Frances Hudson Harrison and Mary Roach Harrison. A visitation was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Cotten Funeral Home. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Faith United Methodist Church, located at 4143 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, New Bern, NC. Officiating the service was the Reverend Mike Eubanks. Bill was laid to rest at Greenleaf



Memorial Park following the service. The Cotten Funeral Home was honored to serve the family of William "Bill" McKinley Harrison.



**GEORGE SCHULER "Skip" HASKELL** - Died peacefully on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 in the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center Passavant, McCandless, Pennsylvania at the age of 79. He was a resident of Conway, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania on July 21, 1942 to the late George Herbert and Hilda Haskell. He was a retired machinist with Eaton Corporation, a United States Army Veteran during the Vietnam War, and a member of the Unionville United Methodist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Skip is survived by his son, Chris Haskell, daughter-in-law, Grace Tan, and granddaughter, Calidon Haskell, of Los Angeles, CA, and by his sister, Judith A. Gill of Southampton, PA; two nieces, Michelle Ferrand of Punxsutawney, PA, and Brenda Ferrand of Woodstock, GA; three nephews, John T. Ferrand of Niles, OH, Stephen Ferrand of Nashville, TN, and Lance Ferrand of Sugar Grove, PA. Skip was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Karen Haskell, and by two brothers-in-law, John R. Gill and John C. Ferrand. Skip was very active in his community as a member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #862, where he served with the Honor Guard and Detail, a member of Freedom American Legion Post #348, and as a school bus driver, youth basketball referee, and Little League baseball coach. In his spare time, Skip enjoyed boating and fishing on the local rivers and lakes, taking cruises with family and friends, and traveling to far-off places such as his annual vacation to Sparrow Lake, Canada with his family. His quirky sense of humor led to the term "Skip Jokes" and always brought a smile to all. Skip was always there for his family, his friends, and his neighbors in time of need to lend a helping hand. Skip, know that you will be dearly missed and that we will never forget you. Friends were received on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM in the William Murphy Funeral Home, 349 Adams Street, Rochester, PA. Skip's brothers of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #862 provided a White Rose Ceremony on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Funeral Home. A funeral service was held in the Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Officiating was Reverend Doug Myers. The interment took place at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Freedom. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #862 provided full military honors for their fallen brother at Oak Grove Cemetery, Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Skip Haskell to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or the Unionville United Methodist Church, 1297 Route 68, Rochester, PA 15074. The family would like to thank the staff at Providence Care Center in Beaver Falls, Passavant Retirement Community in Zelienople, and UPMC Passavant Hospital in McCandless for their excellent care, love, and support for both Skip and Karen.



**REVEREND DOCTOR DAVID W. HELMKE** – Died Friday, January 14, 2022 in Sun City, Arizona, just prior to his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wausau, Wisconsin on January 16, 1945 to the late Wilmer and Elta Helmke and in addition to his parents was preceded in death by his older brother, Thomas. He grew up in Milwaukee where he graduated from Custer High School. Upon graduation, Dave went to work for Ozark Air Lines. He loved working on and being around aircraft. After President Kennedy's assassination, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and eventually became a crew chief on F-4C fighter jets during a tour in Vietnam. After his return from Vietnam, Dave was stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, AZ, where he met the love of his life, Lynn Derby. They married in February of 1968, four days after his honorable discharge from the service. Their son, Matthew, arrived in 1970. When arthritis ended Dave's aircraft mechanic dreams, he attended the University of Arizona, where his love for education began. It was here, prior to graduation, that he accepted Christ and began another life-long journey. Dave attended International Bible College in San Antonio, TX, where he became committed to ministry and missions. After graduation, the family moved to Phoenix. It was here where he became a Board Certified Chaplain and Fellow of the College of Chaplains with the Association of Professional Chaplains and was ordained with the Assemblies of God. He worked as a chaplain, first in nursing homes, and then for more than 20 years in prisons for the Arizona State Department of Corrections. He was eventually a senior chaplain for the Phoenix region. He also pastored several churches, including in New River and Gila Bend, Arizona and Cable, Wisconsin. Dave's interest in education and learning never waned. He earned a Masters of Theology degree from Fuller Theological Seminary as well as both a Masters of Ministry and a Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Education from Covington Theological Seminary. He taught several classes at Western Bible College in Phoenix. He was always a voracious reader, especially topics like theology and church history, and maintained this interest until the very end, even as his health declined. Dave enjoyed various arts and crafts, ham radio, watching documentaries, and a good, gentle tease. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**. Dave is survived by his forever-loving wife of 53 years, Lynn; his son, Matthew (Sandra); his four grandchildren, Sage, Sedona, Philip, and Evan; sisters-in-law MaryAnn Helmke and Violet Derby; nieces, Caroline Hafling (Deane), Laura Piland (Frankie), Ellen Lukert (Jared); nephew, Eric Helmke, and by Heather Helmke. A family memorial was held at the Wittmann Assembly of God with interment at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.menkefuneralhome.com](http://www.menkefuneralhome.com).



**JESSE M. HERNANDEZ** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, June 30, 2022 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. Jesse was born on March 16, 1932 in San Antonio, Texas to the late Roger and Maria (née Marmolejo) Hernandez. He married Irma Wintermeyer in 1955 in Wiesbaden, Germany. Irma passed away December 11, 2006 after 52

years of marriage. Jesse was a United States Army veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars serving two tours of duty in each and earned numerous medals, badges, and citations. Following retirement after a 30-year career in the Army, Jesse spent many years volunteering at the VA driving fellow veterans. He was volunteer of the year twice during that time. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. Jesse is survived by two sons, Gil Hernandez and wife Anita and Richard Hernandez and wife Karen all of Lawton, Oklahoma, six grandchildren, Sophia and husband Matt Mills, Roger Hernandez, Seqwn Ulloa and husband Anthony, Jessica Edwards and husband Darren, Faith Hernandez, and Kristie Warwick and husband Pearce, ten great-grandchildren, Adam, Braden, Dylan and Daisy Ulloa, Natalie, Emily, Noah, and Logan Edwards, Frank Wood, IV, and Cameron Ford, three sisters, Evangelina Bustamante, Elida Calonge, and Consuelo Campos and husband Tony, and many nieces and nephews. Jesse is preceded in death by his parents, wife, one brother, Billy Hernandez, and three sisters, Ernestine Huerta, Esperanza Tobar, and Esther Lopez. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Jim Coe of Holy Family Catholic Church, Lawton, Oklahoma officiating. The burial with full military honors was held in the Sunset Memorial Gardens. The service may be viewed by following the livestream link at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com) or by visiting the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Facebook page.



**LEONARD EUGENE HILTON** - Died Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lebanon, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. He was a resident of Stevens, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on March 17, 1950 to the late Robert Winfield Hilton and Sarah Helen (née Boldt) Hilton. He was the husband of Sharon L. (née Sweigart) Hilton with whom he shared 49 years of marriage. Leonard was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam War. He was a retired cabinet maker. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver, life member of Stevens Fire Company and member of Adamstown and Denver Fire Companies, *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008*, and life member of VFW and a member of the American Legion. He loved working with wood, camping, fighting fires, and was involved with Boy Scouts where he served as Assistant and Scout Master. In addition to his wife, Leonard is survived by son, Robert C Hilton, husband of Jody; son-in-law, Keith Schlegel; 8 grandchildren, Ally, Emily, Nathan, and Hailey Schlegel, Alexander, Jaydon, Jeweleona, and Dakota Hilton; 4 siblings, Robert Hilton, Joy Texter, Susan Devert, and James Hilton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by daughter, Tanya Schlegel in 2010; and twin brother, John Hilton in 2018. A viewing was held on Sunday, June 19, 2022, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Roseboro Stradling Funeral Home, 533 Walnut Street, Denver. An additional viewing was held on Monday, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main Street, Denver, followed by a funeral service at 10:00 AM with Pastor Michael Roney officiating. The interment was in the Fairview Cemetery Annex. Memorial contributions in Leonard's memory may be made to Stevens Fire Company. The arrangements were made by the Roseboro Stradling Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., Denver. Online condolences can be given at [roseborostradling.com](http://roseborostradling.com).

**HERMAN J. HINRICHS** – Died Monday, June 27, 2022 in Aurora, Indiana at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**.

**CHARLES EDWARD HOGG, JR.** - Died Sunday, January 23, 2022 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 24, 1948. He is survived by his wife Katherine; three children, Charles, Susan and Melonie; grandchildren, Savannah, Ysabel, Ashton, Aaron, Quade and Lauren; four great-grandchildren, Blake, Bennett, Kaylee and Aubree. Charles also left behind sisters Cheryl (deceased), Nancy (deceased), Dorothy and Elizabeth and nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Blount and Curry Funeral Home on MacDill Avenue, Tampa.

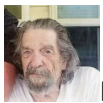


**ARNOLD H. "Arnie" HOKINS** - Died Wednesday, April 6, 2022 in Franklin, New Jersey at the age of 74, after succumbing to his injuries from serving in Vietnam. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey on August 6, 1947 to the late Albert and Matilda (née Anderson) Hokins. Arnie grew up in Clifton, New Jersey. Graduating from Clifton High School in 1966. He joined the United States Army, in which he served from 1967 to 1970. Arnie was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He later moved to Franklin, NJ in 1979. He graduated from Morris County Community College and worked various jobs throughout his career. Arnie was a very artistic man, who enjoyed photography, cars, ceramics, and gardening. He was proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**. Arnie was predeceased by his parents, Albert and Matilda, his sister Sandy, and his godson Jack. Arnie is survived by his friends Nicole Swank and her fiancé Kyle Bergman, Lenny Helmstetter and his wife Heidi, Lorraine Mills, Marylinn Lonie and her family, and his many friends from his Church group and VVA chapter. Visitation for Arnie was held on Monday, April 18, 2022 from 2:00-5:30 PM at the F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, One Main Street, Franklin, NJ 07416. The funeral service was at 5:30 PM. Cremation was private. The burial of the cremains was at the Northern NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations were requested to be made to the Market Street Mission ([marketstreet.org](http://marketstreet.org)).

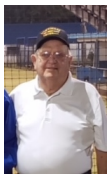


**MICHAEL LOWELL "Mike" HOLLENBECK** - Died Sunday, June 26, 2022 at the Chemung County Nursing Facility at the age of 75. He was a resident of Elmira, New York. The cause of death was dementia. Mike was born in Elmira on May 4, 1947 to the late Jesse and Theresa (née Palumbo) Hollenbeck. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Theresa A. Wheeler. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Vicki L. Hollenbeck of Horseheads; son Marcus Hollenbeck of Horseheads and daughter Cheryl Hollenbeck of Quebec, Canada; grandchildren,

Addyson, Preston and Charlie-Ann; brother and sister-in-law James and Margo Hollenbeck; sister and brother-in-law Marie and Dan Kniffen; special uncle Dick Hollenbeck; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mike attended Southside High School and then enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He was a union carpenter and retired from the New York State Department of Corrections. Mike enjoyed hunting and spending time with his family. Family and friends were invited to the McInerney Funeral Home, 502 West Water Street, Elmira on Sunday, July 24, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 5:15 p.m. Interment with military honors will be held at Woodlawn National Cemetery on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Mike's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester NY 14620 or the Chemung County Nursing Facility Activities, 103 Washington Street, Elmira NY 14901.



**MARVIN ALLEN "AJ" HOLMES** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Monday, March 28, 2022 in the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center at the age of 81. He was a resident of Elizabethton, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 12, 1940 in Keedysville, Maryland to the late Garfield S. and Katherine (née Smith) Holmes. He was retired from the United States Army after serving 20 years. He served during the Vietnam War. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Linda Burchett Holmes who passed away October 5, 2020 and by a granddaughter, Britney Holmes. He had attended the Cherokee Mountain Baptist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824**. Survivors include his children: Cynthia Rose Fuller, Clarksville, TN, Anthony A. Holmes, English, Kentucky, Sherlock A. Holmes, Logan, Ohio, and Danny G. Holmes, Clarksville, TN; seven grandchildren, Shellie Thompson, Emilie Holmes, Heather Holmes, Michael Holmes, Benjamin Fuller, Rigel Jennings and D'Anna Holmes; thirteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Sharon Dean, Elizabethton; a daughter-in-law, Robin Hornsby, and; his four legged buddy, Bear. Funeral Services were conducted at 2:30 PM on Friday, April 1, 2022 in Memorial Funeral Chapel. The interment was in the Garland Cemetery. The pallbearers were selected from family and friends. Military Honors were provided by the Veterans Honor Guard of DAV Chapter #39, Bluff City. The family received friends from 1:30 to 2:30 PM on Friday prior to the service. Condolences may be sent to the family at our web-site [www.memorialfcelizabethton.com](http://www.memorialfcelizabethton.com). The Memorial Funeral Chapel served the Holmes family.



**MYRON M. "Bud" HOLMES** (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Sunday, June 5, 2022 in Green Cove Springs, Florida at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. Bud was born in Orlando, Florida to the late Carson and Edith (née Reardon) Holmes. After 26 years of service, Bud retired from the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant E7 and continued working in Civil Service at NAS Jacksonville for 30 years as a computer expert. He also owned Steamatic, a restoration company, for several years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange**



**Park Chapter #1059.** Bud was a family man from the beginning, a golfer, little league coach and stats/scorekeeper, transporter, and chef for the grandchildren. He was a loving husband and father, Christian man who loved life and was always happy, sharing funny stories and a desire to make everyone laugh. Bud will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Mr. Holmes is survived by his wife, Mary (née Lossen) Holmes, children, Dru Holmes, Mike Holmes, Bryan (Cathy) Holmes, Brian (Alef) Lossen, Robbie (Barbara) Lossen, Laurie (Mike) Baker, and Teresa (Richard) Harvey, sister, Joyce "June" Wiggins, 14 grandchildren, Dylan, Carson, Cody, Kaelyn, Mia, Brian, Addison, Chelsay, Amelia, Michele, Mike, Rachael, Richie, and Melanie, several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 9, 2022 in the Chapel of Russell Haven of Rest Funeral Home with Pastor Joseph Brader officiating. A time of visitation with the family began at 10:00 AM until service time. The burial was in the Jacksonville National Cemetery at 2:30 PM on Thursday with Military Honors by the US Air Force. Because of the Jacksonville National Cemetery flower policy, the family is asking that memorials be made to a charity, the Community Bible Church of Orange Park, 505 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, FL 32073 or Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1059, PO Box 626, Orange Park, FL 32067-0626. The arrangements were under the care of the Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Family and friends may share their condolences at: [www.RHRFH.com](http://www.RHRFH.com).



**EDWARD STEPHEN HOUSTON** - Died Saturday, June 11, 2022 in Milbank, South Dakota at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in La Follette, South Dakota on July 31, 1956 to Betty Shepard and the late Jim Houston. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Curtis Houston, Miguel Houston and Ryan Lee Shepard, and; his grandson, Blaine Rideaux. Stephen received a BS and MS in Criminal Justice and was a former law enforcement officer and retired as a Naval Officer in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Before he retired, he worked at MACV where he worked fiercely to assist veterans with their benefits. He also loved to share the gospel of Jesus with friends and family on a daily basis. He is survived by his loving wife, Rita Houston; his daughters, Jalene (Terry), Christal, Jessica and Brooklyn (Tommy); his sons, Stephen (Shena) and Anthony (Cassidy); his stepsons, Christopher (Sherry) and Brian (Jody); his Mother, Betty Shepard; his brother, Andre Houston; his sisters, Kimberly (Tina), Ingrid (Lynn) and Millette (Archie); his half-siblings, Ruby, Jeannie, Valerie and Jimmy; a special brother-in-law, Erskine Hicks, and; a host of loving nephews, nieces, grandchildren that he adored; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law from North Dakota and a special Mother-In-Law, Lois Kady. The family received friends from 1:00-2:00 PM on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cross-Smith Funeral Home with funeral the service at 2:00 PM in the Cross-Smith Chapel with Reverend Archie Smart officiating. The interment was at the Campbell Memorial Gardens with Military Honors given by Campbell County Honor Guard. The family requested that masks be worn. Condolences may be given online at <http://www.cross-smithfuneralhome.com>. The arrangements were by the Cross-Smith Funeral Home.





**LELAND CARL HOVE** - Died Friday, (Good Friday) April 15, 2022 in Gillette, Wyoming at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 1, 1951 in Williston, North Dakota to the late Haakan and Evelyn Hove. The youngest of six, Leland grew up on the family farm near Tioga, North Dakota. On the farm, everyone was expected to work. This included feeding the chickens, milking the cows (morning and night), and making sure the farm ran well overall, despite the poor income and living conditions the family endured. Leland graduated from Tioga High School, enlisted in the United States Army, and was deployed to the Vietnam War all by the age of 18, turning 19 and 20 while still in country. He cheated death multiple times by courageously and repeatedly exposing himself to intense enemy fire, for more than a grueling year, as a point man. Distinguishing himself by his heroism and meritorious service, Leland was impressively decorated, with valorous medals, including a bronze star. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gillette Chapter #99*. Returning to North Dakota, he studied at Minot State University. Intelligent as he was, capable of achieving high honors in college, his drive for success led him to leave college and begin his venture as an accomplished salesman and entrepreneur. Building multiple successful companies in the energy industry and even raising cattle as his “hobby” – Some have even said everything he touched turned to gold. Leland was intelligent, beyond witty, full of wisdom, stubborn, business orientated, but most of all, a faithful and good servant to God. He loved to make people laugh and tell stories. People drew to Leland like a moth draws near to light; his good spirit was highly contagious. Leland Carl Hove was a beautiful illustration of strength and grit, as well as, soft hearted and sweet. He is preceded in death by his parents and four of his five siblings: Melvin Hove, Beatta Gilbertson, Lyle Hove, and Jeanette Ritterman. Leland is survived by his two children, Matthew Hove and Kaylee LaCroix (Dylan); four stepchildren, Heather Wilcox (Andy), Bobbie Pratt (Scott), Chuck and Alicia Lamasters; five step-grandchildren; as well as excitedly awaiting the upcoming birth of his first-born grandson. He is also survived by his loving sister and confidant, Luella Larson (Dennis), two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at [www.gillettememorialchapel.com](http://www.gillettememorialchapel.com).



**WILLIAM HARRY “Bill” HURIER** – Died Thursday, February 24, 2022 in Blaine, Washington at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 13, 1942 in Torrington, Connecticut. Bill is survived by his loving wife Estrella; daughter Autumn; and seven grandchildren Andrea, Sarah, Andy, René, Emma, Jack and Elliot. Bill was a proud retired Vietnam Veteran who served two tours as a Staff Sergeant Infantry Scout and marksmanship instructor in the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165*. After his service, Bill enjoyed time with his grandchildren,

loved fishing, traveling, and tending to his garden. His intelligence, humor, generosity, and bright spirit will be sorely missed. Please share memories of Bill at [molesfarewelltributes.com](http://molesfarewelltributes.com).



**TONY BENJAMIN JENKINS, JR.** – Died Saturday, June 18, 2022 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death was ALS – Lou Gehrig’s Disease. He was born in Philadelphia on June 17, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps from July 14, 1967 to February 4, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. The viewing was held on Monday, July 11, 2022 from 9:00-10:00 AM at the Rome Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1100 West Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia. The funeral service was immediately following at 10:00 AM at the church. The interment was at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road, Newtown, Pennsylvania. The Clarence Johnson, Jr. Funeral Home, Inc., 805 Longacre Boulevard, Yeadon, Pennsylvania was in charge of the arrangements.



**EDWARD WORLEY "Ed" JOHNSON** - Died Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at the Jenkins Living Center in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 72. He was a resident of Watertown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 12, 1949 in Watertown to the late Worley “Red” N. and Vera “Ann” (née Wells) Johnson. He grew up in Watertown where he attended school and graduated in 1968. Ed joined the United States Navy on July 3, 1968 where he served in Vietnam and Korea and then was honorably discharged on June 21, 1972. Ed worked at various lumber yards in Watertown. He then was employed at Fiberglass Unlimited in Watertown where he formed fiberglass buckets and booms for Telelect. Ed had a laid back, easy going attitude and loved his family amongst all others. He enjoyed helping out other people. He was an active member at First United Methodist Church operating the sound system. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Ed is survived by his siblings, Trudy (Richard) Mitchell-Bayne of Roseville, IL, David (Esther) Johnson of New London, IA, Alice (Wendell) Bruns of Watertown, SD, William (Freda) Johnson of Auburn, WA and Doria (Ron) Block of Watertown, SD; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Worley and Vera; his brother, Loren Batien; his sisters, Lona Johnson and Ora Kent; and nephew, Jeffrey Block. Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM with an hour visitation prior on June 16, 2022 at the First United Methodist Church in Watertown with Pastor Elmer Brinkman officiating. The interment was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown with the United States Navy Funeral Honors Team presenting the flag. The Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel served the family - [www.wightandcomes.com](http://www.wightandcomes.com).



**GARY NEAL JOHNSTON** - Died Saturday, April 30, 2022 in New Bern, North Carolina at the age of 76. The cause of death was heart disease. Gary was born in Dublin, Ohio on January 11, 1946 to the late Roland and Martha Johnston. He graduated from Dublin High School, Ohio State University and the University of Nebraska. He joined the United States Navy and served in Vietnam. He was employed by Continental Grain Company. He moved to Great Falls, Montana to join Montana Merchandising Co. where he took the position of Vice-President. After the company sold in 1990, he moved to Lima, Ohio and took a position as a commodities broker. In 1997, he moved to Oriental, NC where he took a position as a sailboat broker. He retired in 2008 and later moved to New Bern. He attended several **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886** meetings but died before he could become a member. He was an avid sailor, first on a sailboat and later on a trawler. He raced with the Oriental Dinghy Club. He sailed our sailboat as far north as Main and back. After switching to the trawler, he cruised the outer banks of NC, the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River. He cruised one half of the great Loop, sailing through the Erie Canal into Canada through the Trent Severn Canal to Lake Erie. Then cruised back home. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Alice Johnston; stepchildren, Robert (Claudia) Heisner, June (Mike) Carrasco, Laurie (David) Needham, and Cheryl Johnston; Grandchildren, Jeremy, Trevor, and Jake Needham, Paytyn and Cheyanne Johnston, Hayden and Kirsten Heisner; Great Grandchildren; Mia Jacobi, Jordan Johnston and Adrian Santiago; Brother David (Cheryl) Johnston and nieces Tarah, Hailey and Leeann Johnston. He is preceded in death by his parents Roland and Eileen (Shriver) Johnston and by granddaughter Jordan B. Johnston. He volunteered for the Jobs for Life Program and Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace program. He was past commodore of the Oriental Dinghy Club. A Celebration of Gary's Life was held at Temple Church, 1500 Kingdom Way, New Bern, NC. Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM. The visitation was at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, send donations to: Temple Church, 1500 Kingdom Way, New Bern, NC 28560, Community Care Hospice, 1423 Glenburnie Road, New Bern, NC 28562. The Cotten Funeral Home was honored to serve the family and friends of Gary Neal Johnston.



**DAVID DANIEL JURANEK** - Died Tuesday, June 28, 2022 in Hillje, Texas at the age of 71. He was formerly of El Campo, Texas. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in El Campo on September 27, 1950 to the late Louis and Betty (née Kotlar) Juranek. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion Post #251 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**. He is survived by his wife of 8 years, Karan (née Popp) Juranek; daughter Jennifer Juranek (Daniel Grady); son Kirk Juranek (Maureen Doyle); step-son Gary Mauch (Kim); grandchildren Genevieve Grady, Declan Grady, and Dean Grady; step-grandchild Mason Mauch; and sister Jean Princler. He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings Joyce Divin, Kenneth Juranek, and granddaughter Danielle Grady. Visitation was on Friday, July 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM at Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Hillje. A Rosary was recited at 9:30 AM and the Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM. The burial with

military honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post #251 was at Saint Andrew Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kirk Juranek, Michael Kacal, Glen Popp, Daryl Popp Edwin Juranek and Bubba Popp. Memorial donations in memory of David may be made to the American Legion Post #251. The Triska Funeral Home in El Campo was in charge of the arrangements.



**WILLIAM R. "Bill" KECK** – Died Friday, May 20, 2022 at the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home at the age of 77. He was a resident of Maryville, Tennessee. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on June 18, 1944 to the late Roy and Ellen Keck. He served in the United States Air Force from June 19, 1962 to June 13, 1966. He was a member of Zion's Chapel Baptist Church; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bill Robinson (Knoxville) Chapter #1078**; the Air Force Sergeants Association; and the American Legion Post #13. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Ellen Keck; brother, Mike Keck; sister, Joyce Keck; brothers-in-law, Herman Helton and Buddy Holder. Survivors: wife, Judy Keck of Maryville; daughter, Leah (Jerry) Bowling of Corryton; sons, William "Rusty" (Rachelle) Keck of Charleston, Tennessee, Junior (Betsy) Tillett and Jeff (Desiree) Tillett all of Maryville; grandchildren, Brittany, Daniel, Jared (Sara), Tyler (Davon), Bryce, Kaylee, Storm (Madison), Dane, Ryker, and Wyatt; great-grandchildren, Keyara, Brooklynn, and Sofia. Brother, Roy Otis Keck III; sister, Wanda (Carl) Sellers, and special niece, Angela Gerguis all of Statesboro, Georgia; mother-in-law, Betty Norton, sister-in-law, Janet Helton both of Knoxville; Brothers-in-law, Dale (Kay) Norton of Ringgold, Georgia and Neil Norton of Greenback; several cousins, nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday May 24, 2022 at Stevens Mortuary, Oglewood Avenue at North Broadway. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 in the Chapel of Stevens Mortuary with Reverends Pat Polis and Jim Malone co-officiating. The interment was in the Louisville Memorial Cemetery. Military honors were performed by the Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Stevens Cancer Care Fund at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, 2121 Medical Center Way, Suite #110, Knoxville, TN 37920, or, Vietnam Veterans of America - Bill Robinson Chapter #1078, PO Box 50054, Knoxville, TN 37950. Stevens Mortuary on Oglewood Avenue at North Broadway served the family of Mr. Keck. Mr. Keck's guestbook is available at [www.stevensmortuaryinc.com](http://www.stevensmortuaryinc.com).



**RAYMOND LEWIS KERNS** - Died Thursday, May 26, 2022 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 78. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on January 16, 1944 to the late Raymond and Evelyn (née Walker) Kerns. He was a member of the North Hixson Church of God. Raymond retired from the United States Navy after serving 24 years. He retired from Coca-Cola after 47 years and worked at Walden Security for 12 years. Raymond was also an insurance agent for Primerica. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. He enjoyed collecting military relics and Coca-Cola

memorabilia. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Evelyn Walker Kerns; brother-in-law, Lewis Barbee; sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Bill Barbee; brother and sister-in-law, John and MaryAnn Kerns; sister and brother-in-law, Jimmie Ruth and Buddy Barbee; sister, Faynette Kerns; sister-in-law, Gail Kerns; sister-in-law, Bonnie Burchard; father-in-law, W.H. Smith. Survivors are his wife of 48 years, Sharon (née Smith) Kerns; siblings, Dorothy Kerns Barbee, Alan Kerns, Amos "Wade" Kerns; mother-in-law, Inez Smith; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Marvin (Dorothy) Smith, Rick (Carolyn) Smith, Mike (Donna) Smith, Pat (Steve) Holdefer, Debbie (Steve) Smith, Stanton (Karen) Smith, Melinda (Jim) Bice, Steve Burchard, Amy (Mike) Walden; many nieces and nephews and extended family. Services were on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM at the North Hixson Church of God with Bishop Rick Smith officiating. The entombment was at the Hamilton Memorial Gardens. Visitation hours were held on Monday from 4:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home and on Tuesday from 12:00 Noon-2:00 PM at the church before the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation at [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org). Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.williamsonandsons.com](http://www.williamsonandsons.com). The arrangements were made by Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy Daisy, TN.



**ROBERT SCOTT KETTERER** – Died Friday morning, June 24, 2022 in Industry, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 23, 1956 to the late Richard and Lena Ketterer. Robert was a member of Chapel Presbyterian Church. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force where he served as an Aircraft Mechanic. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**, the NRA and the Midland Sportsman Club. Robert was also very proud of his accomplishment in starting a website: Travis Aircraft Maintenance at Travis AFB CA. In addition to his parents and grandparents, Robert was preceded in death by a brother, George Ketterer. He will be sadly missed by his daughter, Lisa Mae Ketterer of O'Fallon, Illinois; a brother, Joseph (Connie) Ketterer of Wampum, PA; a sister, Linda Marie Ketterer of Brighton Township, PA; grandchildren, Lily Mae Ketterer of O'Fallon, IL; Sister in law Judy Ketterer of Brighton Township; former wife, Vicki Ketterer; cherished friends, Keith and Suzanne Bowler, Tim and Amy Shank, Patrick and Jamie Shank, Tom Moore, Joe Jonas and family, Dennis Angelo and numerous additional close friends; and his four-legged companion, Coco. Friends and family were received in the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver PA 15009 on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be shared at [www.nollfuneral.com](http://www.nollfuneral.com). The interment was on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 2:00 PM with Full Military Rites at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

**ROBERT BENEDICT KIRLAND** - Died Monday, May 9, 2022 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. Robert was born in New York City, New York on July 29, 1935. He served in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**



**Veterans of America – Rapid City (South Dakota) Chapter #463.** Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.hardage-giddensrivermead.com](http://www.hardage-giddensrivermead.com) for the Kirland family.

**LUTHER CARL KOERNER** - Friday, October 1, 2021 in Surprise, Arizona at the age of 76. The cause of death was aspirated lungs from Parkinson's disease. Luther was born on July 18, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.surprisefuneralcare.com](http://www.surprisefuneralcare.com) for the Koerner family.



**FRANK "Bud" KORYWCHAK** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died peacefully Friday, April 15, 2022 at home in Bedford, Texas at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. The youngest of nine children, Frank was born in Grazier, Pennsylvania on December 11, 1932 to the late Metro and Kathryn Korywchak. He graduated from Conemaugh Township High School in 1951 and continued his education at Indiana State Teachers College (IUP) where he was a member of the ROTC program and earned his Bachelor's degree in Education. Upon graduating in 1955, he was commissioned to the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. Before reporting to his first duty assignment in Germany, he married the love of his life, Marlene (Ene) Stern of Coral, Pennsylvania. Together they had seven wonderful children while they traveled the world during his 23-year Army career. In 1975, while stationed in Hawaii, Frank obtained his Master's degree in Education from Pepperdine University. He retired from active duty in 1978 at Fort Hood, Texas. Later that year, the family moved to Bedford, Texas where Frank taught JROTC for the Birdville Independent School District for 16 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. Frank was known as a devoted family man, loving husband, caring father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Those outside the family would describe him as being the "most gracious host", welcoming, generous and kindhearted. Frank kept his wedding vow promise of "till death do us part" as he and Marlene recently celebrated 66 years of marriage! He will lovingly be remembered and sorely missed. Surviving are his wife, Marlene; daughters Corine Barberena (husband Peter Sime) and Carol Rivera (husband Ed); sons Kerry, Kevin, Peter, Paul (wife Kim) and Alan (wife Joanne); thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; sisters Judy Beisner and Kay Combs. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Michael, Joseph, John (Moxie), Mary Stopp, Ann Gaydosh and Rose Phelps. A memorial service was held for the family and invited guests on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM. The J. E. Foust and Son Funeral Home, 523 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas was in charge of the arrangements. A reception followed at same location. In remembering Frank, the family asked that donations be made to Saint Jude Children's Hospital or a veteran organization charity of choice.



**ROBERT A. "Bob" "Baby" KUHL** - Died Monday, April 18, 2022 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 74. He was a resident of Germantown, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 3, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Robert B. and



Valeria (née Endres) Kuhl. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Elaine Schroeder; brothers-in-law, Ron Schroeder and Mike Gebke; and a sister-in-law, Joyce Kuhl. Bob is survived by his children, Todd (Nikki) Kuhl of Germantown, Guy (Amy) Kuhl of Jacksonville Beach, FL, Brad Kuhl of Flint, MI, and Jamie (Mark) Campbell of Sandy, UT; step-children, Kim (Randy) Voss of Aviston and Jill (Phil) Beckmann of Breese; grandchildren, Taylor (Devon) Cook, Riley and Isabella Kuhl, Gavin, Emily, and Keegan Kuhl, Kelsey (Jack) Thomsen, Hannah Schulte, Alyson (Jared) Liljenquist, and Vincent Campbell; step-grandchildren, Drew, RaeAnne, and Ian Toennies, Karsyn, Kendyl, and Klay Voss, Jillian and Maryn Beckmann; great-grandchildren, Parker Cook, Rhett, Stella, and Cohen Thomsen, Payton and Boston Thorup; siblings, Richard (Rosemary) Kuhl of Atlanta, GA, Pat (Jack) Schlautman of Chesterfield, MO, Ken (Donna) Kuhl of Germantown, Dennis "Boomer" (Jeanne) Kuhl of Okawville, Donna Lampe of Germantown, Diane "Fuzzy" (Gary) Rickert of Germantown, and Mark (Amy) Kuhl of Liberty, MO; former wives, Cathy, nee Mollet, Stevens of Salt Lake City, UT and Maureen, nee Richards, Papa of Breese; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Kuhl was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam from 1966-1968, where he earned 2 Purple Hearts and the Army Commendation Medal. Upon his return home, Bob began his 50-year career as a bricklayer with S & K Masonry, then went to work for Doc Seeger and Becker Brickwork, and lastly became a co-owner and operator of Masonry Builders in Germantown. He, along with his siblings, were also co-owners of Valbo's Bar and Restaurant in Germantown. Bob was member of Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown, International Order of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 8-Belleville, a *Life Member* of **Clinton County Vietnam Veterans of America - Highland Chapter #269**, Past-President of the Clinton County Licensed Beverage Association, Life-Member of Illinois Licensed Beverage Association, and Past Vice-President for Chapter #44 of the Illinois Beverage Association. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown with Reverend Father James Buerster presiding. Full military honors were accorded outside of church following the Mass. The interment was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at a later date. Visitation hours were held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 8:30-10:30 AM at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown. In lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts, memorials may be made to Clinton County Vietnam Chapter #269 or the Germantown American Legion Post #325 and received at the visitation or by mail, Moss Funeral Home, PO Box 117, Germantown, IL 62245, who served the family.

**JERRY EUGENE LALLEMAND** – Died Monday, June 20, 2022 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 23, 1943. He served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1964. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**.



**JAMES ROBERT "Jim" LASKEY, SR.** (USMC, 1SGT-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the Miriam Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 78. He was a resident of Cumberland, Rhode Island. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on June 4, 1943 to the late William and Vera (née Galvin) Laskey. He resided in Cumberland for the past 20 years, previously residing in Providence. He was the beloved husband of Therese (née Maynard)

Laskey, and they had been married for the past 28 years. Mr. Laskey dedicated his life and career to service in the United States Marine Corps. He served our country proudly for 20 years in many capacities. He attained the rank of 1st Sergeant and was involved in operations during the Vietnam War during his career. Following his honorable and faithful service to our country, Mr. Laskey was a member of the Marine Corps League for 53 years, having served as National Commandant for two years. This organization aids in promoting the interests of the US Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray (Woonsocket) Memorial Chapter #818**. Jim enjoyed military history, traveling the world, and spending time with his family. Those who love him will always remember his engaging smile. In addition to his wife Therese, he leaves his children, Tracy Laskey, of Newport, RI and James Laskey, Jr., of Murrieta, CA; his beloved grandson, Alex Laskey; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late William Laskey, Jr. and Irene Haverty. Relatives and friends were kindly invited to Jim's Life Celebration held with visiting hours on Sunday, March 21, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and resumed on Monday at 9:00 AM in the J. J. Duffy Funeral Home, 757 Mendon Road, Route 122, Cumberland. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM in Saint John Vianney Church, Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland. The burial with military honors was conducted in the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Marine Corps League, or the Young Marines of the Marine Corps. Online memorial: [jjduffyfuneralhome.com](http://jjduffyfuneralhome.com).



**TERRANCE L. "Terry" LAUFER, SR.** – Died Sunday, April 3, 2022 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1949. Terry was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He was totally devoted to his family. He is survived by his mother, Juanita Lorenzetti, 91, of Phoenix; wife, Sigrid, "Sharon" Laufer, of 31 years; brother, Charles Laufer and wife, Sandy, of Kingman; brother, Dewayne Lorenzetti and spouse, Sherry of Casa Grande; his six children: son, Glenn Kniceley and wife Rachel of Hardy, Virginia; daughter, Terra Ramey and husband, Scott of Rocky Mount, Virginia; daughter Staci Martin and husband Jimmy of Lake Havasu City; son, Chris Laufer of Rocky Mount, Virginia, son, Terry Laufer, Jr. of Lake Havasu City, stepdaughter, Jennifer Boyd of Peoria. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren; Stonewall, Katie, Hunter, Kristen, Katelynn, James, Kevin, Aubree, Austin, Jared, and Ashlynn. Terry had many friends and colleagues throughout Lake Havasu. His most recognizable accomplishment is his work for the Freedom Bridge Foundation, where he personally ordered and placed the bricks. He was also a member of the American Legion, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**, Blue Star Moms, and many others. The services were entrusted to the care of Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home. Thoughts and condolences can be sent to the family at [www.lietz-frazefuneralhome.com](http://www.lietz-frazefuneralhome.com).

**RONALD A. LEE** – Died Thursday, June 2, 2022 in Washington, Utah at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Saint George, Utah on March 28, 1945. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**.

**WILLIAM HENRY ALLEN “Skip” LEWIS, JR.** – Died Thursday, July 7, 2022 in Nolanville, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Florida on September 22, 1944. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to July 31, 1985 with one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Pamela Lewis; his children, Dawn Garcia (Simon) and Shawn Smith (Jim) Fawn Lewis; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Jackie Sims (Jesse), and; a sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Raymond Ramirez. A memorial service was held on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Christ Bible Baptist Church, 1410 Jack Rabbit, Belton TX. The burial was held on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at 10:00 AM.



**DEAN E. LILAC, SR.** - Died Thursday, May 14, 2022 in the Town of Wheatfield, North Tonawanda, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in North Tonawanda on June 4, 1946. He was the husband of 35 years to his devoted and loving wife, Blair L. (née Pitz) Lilac; father of Dean Lilac, Jr. and Taylor (Amanda) Lilac; grandfather to Wesley Lilac; son of the late Blaine Sr. and Ruth (nee Sholtz) Lilac; brother of the late Blaine (living spouse Nina) Lilac, Jr., son-in-law of Marjorie (late Edward J.) Pitz; brother-in-law to Valerie Pitz and Edward (Claudette) Pitz; uncle of Debra (Bill) Holahan, Blaine (Kay) Lilac III, Caitlin (Robert) Burns, Marissa (Nicholas) Salhany and Benjamin (Dorothy) Vangorp; great-uncle to Molly (Daniel) Matthews, Bradley and Joshua Lilac. Born and raised in the city of Tonawanda, Dean graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1964. He entered military service for the United States Army in January of 1966 and served as an instructor at the Jungle Operations School at Fort Sherman in Panama. Dean was honorably discharged in January of 1968 with the rank of sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Later in life, he proudly served as the *official bugler* for the Chapter #77 Vietnam Veterans of America, based in Tonawanda, NY. Dean's passion for music began at the age of seven. He played trumpet and cornet for several local bands throughout his music career. He was proficient in many styles of music, but his true passion was traditional jazz. Dean, being a musician with a day job, worked for National Fuel Gas for over thirty years. He was a man of strong faith and enjoyed Bible studies and regularly attended services at Eastern Hills Church. Calling hours were held on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM at the John O. Roth Funeral Home, Inc., 25 William Street (between Morgan and Broad Streets), in Tonawanda. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Eastern Hills Church, 8445 Greiner Road, Williamsville, NY. Everyone welcome. A private burial was held at Elmlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice. Condolences may be shared online at [www.rothfuneral.com](http://www.rothfuneral.com).



**CARL BRADLEY “Brad” LINDSEY, JR.** - Died unexpectedly on Friday, July 1, 2022 in Richmond, Indiana at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Brad was born on August 22, 1945 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Carl Bradley and Iva (née Linebaugh) Lindsey, Sr. He was

raised in a military family and was a 1964 graduate of Frankfurt American High School in Germany. Brad joined the United States Army in 1965 and served until 1969, with a tour of duty in Vietnam and Thailand, as well as serving stateside in Massachusetts and Virginia. He was a graduate of Sinclair Community College, and worked at Second National Bank, Reid Memorial Hospital, and USA Trucking. Brad was a member of VFW Post #1108, and American Legion Post #315, and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777*. Survivors include his sons, Allen (Nicole) Stinson and Vance Stinson of Richmond, and Ty (Amy) Stinson of Schertz, Texas; grandchildren, Shannon, Brittney, Colton, Amber, Amara, and Lily-Sue; numerous great and great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Catherine Grimes, Lois Martin, Kenneth (Michelle) Lindsey, Roger (Lisa) Lindsey, Karen Lindsey, and Janice (Tom) Jervis; uncle, Harry (Marianne) Linebaugh, aunt, Donna Linebaugh; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Rita H. (née Stinson) Lindsey, and his parents. Visitation for Carl Bradley “Brad” Lindsey Jr. was from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Doan and Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. The funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Doan and Mills Funeral Home. The burial was in the Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to: VFW National Home for Children, 3573 South Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

**PAUL JAMES LOCKE** - Died Friday January 21, 2022 in Palmyra, New Jersey at the age of 83. He was formerly of Birmingham, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina on July 28, 1938. Paul served proudly in the United States Navy for 20 years before retiring. He was an active, life member and past president of American Legion Post #135 in Phoenix City, AL as well as past state commander of Alabama and past Sergeant-at-Arms of the American Legion National Convention. Paul was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Gardendale Chapter #416* in Gardendale, AL and past life member and director of units at Zamona Shrine in Irondale, AL. Paul is survived by his brother, Tom Locke of Palmyra, sisters, Bernadette Davis of Plattsburg, NY, Mary (Clancy) O’Connor of Fredrick, OK. Paul is the uncle of, Tom (Jen) Locke of Delran, Corinna (Joe) Bohley of Palmyra, Scott (Allie) Locke of Riverside, Bill (Donna) O’Connor of Frederick, OK, Manuela Davis of Port Orchard, WA, Rick (Chris) of Spokane, WA, Ryan (Mary) of Plattsburg, NY, Pam Boddison of Ellentown, FL and Mike Leonard of FL. The interment for Paul was held privately at Greenwood Cemetery, Bellmawr, NJ. The arrangements were under the care of the Weber Funeral Home, Riverton, NJ.



**JERRY LUPER** - Died Saturday, June 11, 2022 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Jerry was born in Woodbury Tennessee on February 16, 1948 to the late Lura Bell (née Graham) Luper and Raymond Luper. He served in the United States Army and later became a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Lebanon Chapter #1004*. Mr. Luper has been the owner of Lebanon Scrap Metals since 1988. He was also a jokester with family or whomever he was around. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joyce Jackson Luper; children: Barbara (Jason) Stewart and Stevie (Jenny) Luper; grandchildren: Peyton (Anneka) Stewart, Hayli Stewart, Katy Stewart, Jonathan Luper, Ryan Luper, and Cora Luper; great-grandson on the way:

Greyson Stewart; siblings: Carolyn (Michael) Kindberg, Jennie TerBush, Betty (Jay) Crater, and Linda Luper; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by son Dennis Luper, parents Lura Bell and Raymond Luper, and brother Jimmy Luper. The Funeral Service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 15, 2022 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN. The family received friends at the Sellars Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Thursday from 1:00 PM until the service at 2:00 PM. The Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN was in charge of the arrangements.



**RICHARD A. MARKHAM, JR.** – Died Friday, May 6, 2022 in Chesterfield, Michigan at the age of 81. The cause of death was diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on October 7, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Richard and Eleanor Markham, Sr. Richard served in the United States Army for three years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He married the love of his life, Donna, on November 9, 1974. Together they raised two beautiful daughters. Richard enjoyed sports, but his favorite was golfing and bowling. He played soccer in Europe for many years, and enjoyed playing racketball. Richard enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He was the loved husband of Donna; proud father to Erin (Steven) Kendel and the late Chelsey; cherished brother to JoAnn (Jon) Midbo; beloved grandfather to Lillian, Tecumseh, Seth, and Hannah; devoted uncle to Jon, Jr. (Jamie) (Heather) and Jeffrey (Meggie) Midbo. He was predeceased by his loving parents Richard and Eleanor, and his cherished daughter Chelsey. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Kidney Fund or the American Diabetes Association.



**MICHAEL D. “Mike” MARNACH, SR.** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the University of Kansas Health System-Saint Francis Campus in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 71, with his loving family at his side. He was a resident of Topeka. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa on June 24, 1950 to the late Elmer and Patricia (née Reynolds) Marnach. Mike enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January of 1968, during the Vietnam War. While serving in Vietnam, he received numerous accolades for his service. Mike was honorably discharged from the Marines in April of 1972, achieving the rank of Corporal. Upon his return from service, Mike joined the Kansas Army National Guard in 1972, retiring as First Sergeant in 2002. He was a *Life Member* and then served as *Sergeant-of-Arms* for **Vietnam Veterans of America-Kansas State Council** and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. Mike was proud of his service to his country, and he was always willing to lend a hand for his fellow Vietnam and service comrades. It was in 1972, Mike started his career with law enforcement. He served in different police departments throughout the State of Kansas. In 1985, he started his final career with the Kansas Highway Patrol, moving up the ranks as a Motor Carrier Inspector. On September 8, 2020, Mike retired as MCI Lieutenant from the Kansas Highway Patrol after serving 35 years with the State of Kansas. He will be known for his hard



work, dedication, and willingness to serve. Mike married Lori G. Morrow on March 8, 1991, in Topeka, KS. Together, they shared 31 years of marriage. In his spare time, Mike enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, working, and socializing. He liked to watch K-State sports and the Kansas City Royals. Spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, brought him the greatest joy. Survivors include his loving wife, Lori Marnach; two daughters, April Soendker and her husband Patrick, Courtney DeForest and her husband Kriss; four grandchildren, Lexie, Trista, Bayleigh & Kason; six siblings, Cheryl, James, Wayne, Larry, John & Chad; as well as many friends, colleagues, and servicemen. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Kristopher DeForest, Jr., and two brothers, George and Richard. Mike laid-in-state from 2:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at the Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 1:00 PM on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 227 SW Van Buren Street, Topeka, KS. The burial with military honors was at Memorial Park Cemetery-Topeka. Memorial contributions can be made in Mike's memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America State-Kansas State Council. Contributions can be left or mailed to the funeral home. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit, [www.brennanmathenafh.com](http://www.brennanmathenafh.com). The arrangements were entrusted to the Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, 800 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, KS.



**JERRY THOMAS "Tom" McCOMBS** – Died Wednesday, September 8, 2021 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Marlinton, West Virginia on June 24, 1947 to the late Cecil and Ella McCombs, and later moving to Rome, Ohio. Tom was raised in a humble yet happy home where he learned the value of hard work and the joy found in music and time spent with family. Tom served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and continued to serve his fellow veterans through his work with the DAV and his local chapter of Vietnam Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Working with his DAV friends was one of his joys. Locally he volunteered for the Hearing Loss Association of America, and participated in hosting events. After leaving the Army, Tom met the love of his life, Diane, and they began a life and family together in Chattanooga. Tom worked for a time at Eclipse Boiler Makers, then later started his career with the U.S Postal Service, retiring in 2003. Tom was a lover of baseball, golf, football, outdoor life, kayaking, bicycling, camping and adventure. His happiness was found on the road to see new places and being around people. He is survived by his children, Christina (Stephen) Turpin, Jerri McCombs, Jessica (Jason) Moore; grandsons, Corbin and Wesley Moore, Declan Turpin and Forrest Rose; his siblings, Mary Conley (OH), Barbara (David) Subotnik (OH), Pat (Don) DiPerna (FL), Karen (Junior) Pack (OH) and Andrew (Lori) McCombs (OH). He also leaves behind his recent bride, Carolyn (Lawson) and many dear nieces, nephews and friends. He will be greatly missed and remembered for the happiness and love he shared with so many. Funeral services were held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the Hamilton Funeral Home. The interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery at 1:00 PM with Military Honors. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and on



Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM prior to the service at Hamilton Funeral Home.

**LESTER WAYND McCORMICK** - Died Friday, April 15, 2022 in Smyrna, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death was a heart attack. Lester was born in Mount Juliet, Tennessee on September 5, 1944. He served in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1975 with a tour of duty in Vietnam for one year and eleven months. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089**. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.neptunesociety.com/location/nashville-cremation](http://www.neptunesociety.com/location/nashville-cremation) for the McCormick family.



**CRAIG LOWELL MEADORS** – Died Thursday, April 14, 2022 in The VA Medical Center in Fresno, California at the age of 80, with his wife Marilyn, sons Paul and Andrew, and daughter-in-law Lori at his side. He was a resident of Clovis, California. The cause of death was long term effects of a stroke. He was born in Reedley, California on October 12, 1941 to the late Glen and Anne (née Glanzer) Meadors. After a massive stroke took his speech and ability to move his entire right side on January 19, 2018. Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Anne (Glanzer) Meadors; his brother, Gary Meadors; Uncle Elmer ‘Dutch’ and Aunt Betty (Wright) Glanzer, and their daughter Gretchen (Glanzer) Katamay; Uncle Joe and Aunt ‘Bunny’ Glanzer; Uncle Ray and Aunt Phoebe ‘Kitty’ (Glanzer) Reed, and their son Philip Reed. Craig is survived by his wife, Marilyn (née Whitney) Meadors; son, Paul Whitney Meadors and his wife Lori Lynn (Myers) Meadors, and granddaughters Georgie Lynn Meadors, Alexandra Whitney Meadors, and Ruthie Joy Meadors; son Andrew Meadors and grandchildren Luke Craig Meadors and Kennedy Loraine Meadors; sister-in-law Marilyn (Jones) Meadors, and nephews Marty Meadors and Marc Meadors; cousins Garth Glanzer, Gayle (Glanzer) Surabian, and Reggie Reed. He attended Dinuba schools starting from Kindergarten, graduating in 1959 from Dinuba High School, where he was Senior class president. He was raised on a farm and was driving tractor at the age of 8. He had very fond memories of his growing up time in Dinuba. In the 1950s and early 1960s, Craig and his mom would sit next to the radio and listen to Vin Scully announce the Dodger games. Craig was an avid Dodger fan all his life. While attending Reedley College, Craig received his draft notice and immediately went to the recruiting station to sign up with the United States Navy to “see the world”. He saw Vietnam. Craig served from May 31, 1962 through July 29, 1966 as a Medical Corpsman attached to the United States Marine Corps for three of his four years of service. His time in Vietnam was mid-May, 1965 to Mid-August, 1966, a year that impacted the rest of his life. After his honorable discharge from the Navy in July, Craig returned to Dinuba to resume his college education. It was that next month that he met his future wife, Marilyn Whitney. Craig and Marilyn were married a little over three months later. This past December 18, 2021, they celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. For Craig to continue his quest towards a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Craig and Marilyn moved to San Jose the summer of 1967. He graduated in 1970 from San Jose State with a Bachelor’s Degree in Graphic Design. After working for an advertising agency for a couple of years, Craig struck out on his own and became Craig

Meadors Advertising, a one-man business that continued up to the day of his stroke. Craig's greatest joys were his sons, Paul (born in 1971) and Andrew (born in 1974). Soon after Andrew was born, the family moved from San Jose to Dinuba where they lived for 26 years. Many days were spent attending their sons' concerts and sporting events, missing nearly none of their activities. Paul and Andrew each married in 2000. Craig and Marilyn dedicated their lives to following Jesus in 1975. Craig had been reading the book of John, and after closing his Bible stated, "I believe every Word in this book." In 2001, the couple moved into a new home in Clovis. Craig semi-retired in 2005, giving them time to travel within the United States. For thirteen years, along with short trips, a specially planned yearly vacation took place, the least amount days was eight, with the most 22. Baseball was the family's favorite sport. Craig and Marilyn were season ticket holders of the Fresno Grizzlies where they were chosen Fans of the Year in 2006. Craig's life was full with many church activities. After moving to Clovis, finding an immediate fit with CrossCity Christian Church (known previously as Northside), Craig & Marilyn regularly attended the early Sunday service as well as the Wednesday morning Second Half, a ministry to seniors. Since 2008, Craig facilitated a weekly LIFE group in their home, which still meets. Craig also was a very active *Life Member* of the local **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fresno Chapter #933** where he had been chaplain, and then secretary. Craig designed the chapter's quarterly newsletter. He won VVA best newsletter in California in 2016, then was awarded best national newsletter from over 500 chapters in the United States in 2017. Since 2003, when the first grandchild was born, Craig and Marilyn turned their attention to the five Meadors grandchildren born within a five-year range. Always handy with hugs, tickle-rubs, and silliness, Georgie, Alex, Ruthie, Luke, and Kennedy gave Craig blessings upon blessings. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at CrossCity Christian Church, 10:30 AM in the Worship Center. A potluck (Craig's favorite type of meal) was served afterwards in the Kids Center along with a display of memorabilia of Craig's life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #933 or Second Half Ministries of CrossCity Christian Church.



**DAVID JOHN MEYERS** - Died Thursday, May 5, 2022 in Rollingstone, Minnesota at the age of 73. He was formerly of Winona, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Winona on December 12, 1948 to the late George and Emily (née Tandeski) Meyers. On April 26, 1969, he was united in marriage to Joyce Langowski. They were married in Key West, Florida, where they resided for a year then moved back to Winona. They have spent the last 52 years together. David was a decorated United States Army veteran. Through his years in the service, he has received three Purple Hearts, three Overseas Bars, first award Good Conduct Medal, second award Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and many others. He received education and training in many different areas that contributed to his many successes in the Army. David attended Winona Senior High School and Cotter High School before enlisting in the Army. He also worked at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and had many adventures with self-employed businesses. Trinity Hill Mercantile, Dave's Chainsaw and Wood Splitters, Dave's Gun Repair and alongside his wife, Joyce, at Tiger Lily Tattoo. He was an enthusiast of guns of all types and had a lasting interest his entire life. David liked the wind in his face on his Harley, fishing, and

hunting of all kinds. He was a proud member of the Minnesota Purple Hearts Association, VFW, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veteran of America – Oronoco Chapter #1110**. David is survived by his wife, Joyce Meyers; sons, Nick and Andy (Danielle); nieces, Barb and Jill; many friends and fellow veterans, and two grand-dogs. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Emily (Tandeski) Meyers; sisters, Rosemary Kirchner and Patricia Haston. A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Hoff Celebration of Life Center in Goodview at 11:00 AM. There was a visitation one hour prior to the service starting at 10:00 AM. Military honors were presented by the VFW Post #1287 at the graveside at Saint Mary's Cemetery following the service.



**FRANK JOSEPH MEYERS, JR.** – Died Thursday, July 14, 2022 at home in Leavenworth, Kansas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Leavenworth on April 21, 1946 to the late Frank Joseph and Bernice (née Kochanowski) Meyers, Sr. He attended Sacred Heart school and graduated from Immaculata High School. Frank enlisted in the United States Navy and served in Vietnam. He married Nancy Novotney in 1972 and joined the US Department of State. Over his 25-year career he served in Dakar, Senegal, Leningrad, Russia, Warsaw, Poland, Lome, Togo, Bonn, Germany, Bangkok, Thailand, and Washington, DC. He retired in 1997 and returned to live in Leavenworth in 2002. He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Tiffany, son Travis, two grand-daughters, Loren and Jenna Suite, Uncle Leon Kochanowski, cousins, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Tim and Chuck. Frank was a 4-star athlete in High School and was very proud of his 2 State Championship Titles in track. He loved all sports and enjoyed following the Royals, KU basketball and Chiefs. He was a lifetime member of the VFW. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75**. Graveside services were held at Leavenworth National Cemetery on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Memorial donations may be made to the Patrick K. Harold VVA Chapter #75 or VFW Post #519 Cherokee.



**JUDITH MARIE "Judy" MITCHELL** - Died Monday, June 27, 2022 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on December 29, 1947. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454** and was involved with many veteran causes and associations. Judith was an avid animal lover and never let a stray go hungry. She loved to read, garden, dance and had a pep in her step. Judith always put others before herself to a fault and had a heart of gold. She will be truly missed and will forever live in our hearts. She was preceded in death by her husband, John R. Mitchell, Sr.; parents, Floyd and Mary Thornsberry; son, Ricky Houchens; granddaughter, Tracey Brock and

sister, Margie Nichols. Judith leaves to cherish her memories, her children, Karen (Ron) Brock, Sharon (Terry) Houtchens, Billy Mitchell, John R. Mitchell, Jr and Malissa Baize and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions, Southwest Louisville Chapel, 10304 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY from 4:00-8:00 PM. A celebration of Judith's life was held on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Judith was laid to rest on Monday, July 18, 2022 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery - Central, 2501 North Dixie Boulevard, Radcliff, KY.



**MARK A. MITTLEMAN** - Died Tuesday, July 05, 2022 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 19, 1949 to the late Marshall and Margaret Mittleman. He was the beloved husband for 45 years of Margaret; loving father of Marissa (Antonio) Testa and James (Maria) Mittleman; devoted grandfather to Antonio, Claire, and Angelina. He is survived by his siblings, Marshall (Lisa) Mittleman, Margaret (Steven) Marschke, and Martyn (Linda) Mittleman and sister-in-law, Cynthia (John Avallone) Mittleman. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Heather Anne Mittleman, his parents, Marshall and Margaret, and his brother Michael Mittleman and his grandparents, Margaret and Marshall Mittleman, and Elizabeth and Alfred Schulz. Mr. Mittleman was very athletic, playing baseball, softball, bowling, and followed pro sports and both high school and collegiate sports. He was an avid investor in the stock market. Mark was a United States Army Combat Medic in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. Visitation was held on Monday, July 11, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 PM and on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-8:00 PM at the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, 30895 Huron River Drive, Flat Rock. The funeral service was on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM. He was taken by caisson to the Michigan Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: National Association of Veterans and Families [https:// www.navf.org/](https://www.navf.org/), Tunnel to Towers <https://t2t.org/>, Disabled American Veterans [https:// www.dav.org/](https://www.dav.org/), Wounded Warrior Project <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> [www.mimemorial.com](http://www.mimemorial.com).

**LEROY A. MOBLEY** – Died Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in Haines City, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death was a stroke due to a fall. He was born on March 30, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Post Charlotte Chapter #1037**.



**JOSEPH P. "Joe" MILONI** (USMC, SGM-Ret.) - Died Monday, July 11, 2022 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 91, after a courageous battle with dementia. Joe was born on June 22, 1931 in Omaha, Nebraska to the late Louis and Carmela Miloni. He attended Central High School in Omaha. Joe left for the United States Marine Corps in 1947 where he served 30 years with distinction during the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a combat veteran and was the recipient of 4 purple hearts, as well as numerous awards for Valor. Joe was decorated after his service in Korea at the Incheon landing and the battle of Chosen reservoir. He also served 2 ½ tours of duty in Vietnam. Joe will always be remembered as having a can-do attitude and his ability to motivate people to get the job done. Joe had a second career as a street maintenance foreman with the city of Omaha. He enjoyed his work with the city, especially the people he worked with. Joe married the love of his life Fran in July 1987. He was a *Life Member* of the VFW, American Legion, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457** and was a founding member of The Texas Veterans for Veterans. He also belonged to the Sons of Italy and Santa Lucia Festival Committee in Omaha. He was preceded in death by his parents Carmela and Louis Miloni; sister Fina Core; brothers Tony Miloni and Louis Miloni and daughter Toni Halpenny. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Frances Adams Miloni; sister Paulina Vieceli; daughters Christy Lovett (Alan), Cindy Walker (Raymond) and Angela Smith (Terry); stepdaughters Cherie Tuite (Cathal) and Kat Wilcox (Jack); 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Fran would like to thank the Springs Memory Care and the staff for their loving care of Joe for the short time he was there. Neighbors, Rich, Ruth and Angie Cunningham for their help and love. Friend Dakotta Daniels for being a lifesaver on numerous occasions! Christy for her love and devotion to me and her father. She called every day. Without her support I would not have been able to get thru all the difficult times. Lastly my best friend Mary M. no words necessary. A celebration of life was held at Johnson's Funeral Home on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at a later date in Omaha, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make donations to Texas Veterans for Veterans. Family and friends may sign an online guestbook at [www.johnsons-funeralhome.com](http://www.johnsons-funeralhome.com).



**THOMAS DEASON "Tom" MOON** – Died Monday May 9, 2022 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on November 5, 1946 to the late Virginia and Pitt Moon, Jr. Tom, along with his brother Johnny, proudly served his country in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**, and was a volunteer and supporter of the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Wreaths Across America. He was an active member of the Concord United Methodist Church where he volunteered as teacher for Vacation Bible School. He started his career as a draftsman



and then worked alongside his father-in-law doing home improvement. Later he moved his family to Mt. Juliet to work in sales for a home improvement manufacturer. In 2005, Tom and Kay became entrepreneurs starting Window Works, a successful Home Improvement business that has touched the lives of many in East Tennessee and continues as a family business today. Tom loved talking trains, shopping for that elusive corvette, collecting anything (coins, Dept. 56 Houses, trains, and more), camping, fishing, boating, playing golf, and above all else- spending time with his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Sherry Kay Moon, daughters Wendy (Jack) Hughes and Lacey Fitzgerald and “his number one son” Chris (Virginia) Moon, his grandchildren, Nicholas Hughes, Meagan Hughes, Parker Fitzgerald, Graham Fitzgerald, Mary Peyton Moon and Lakelyn Moon and his siblings Johnny (Pam) Moon of Ringold, GA, Jimmy (Trisha) Moon of Milton, DE, Lynn (Phil) Watson of Pell City, AL, and Mike Moon of Port St. Lucia, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Pitt (Barb) Moon III of Feltus, MO. The family received friends at the Click Funeral Home in Farragut, 11915 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM with a service immediately following. A graveside service for the family was held on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Wreaths Across America would be appreciated to memorialize the life of Tom Moon.

**HERMAN NAGORA** – Died Tuesday, May 10, 2022 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 29, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**.



**WALTER RICHARD “Dick” NAYLOR** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, June 30, 2022 at home in Saint Charles, Illinois at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Dick was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 17, 1946 to the late Glenn and Genevieve Naylor. Dick grew up in Chicago and graduated from Reavis High School in Burbank, IL. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree from NIU and an MBA from Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Management. Dick worked many years in commercial insurance brokerage and risk management. He also worked, at times, as a teacher as well as a real estate agent. Dick served his country as an Aviator in the United States Army. He took great pride in his military service. Dick was active duty for three years and flew helicopters in Vietnam during that time. He went on to serve 23 years as an Army reservist, retiring in 1996 in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Being born on Flag Day it was a rare occurrence to ever see him without an American flag being worn or displayed somewhere on his person. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**. Dick accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 11 while attending Phantom Ranch Bible Camp in southeastern WI. It was also there that he would later meet Peggy Best. Peggy turned out to be the love of his life and the woman he would marry in February of 1970. Dick and Peggy recently celebrated their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Dick was strong in his faith and loved sharing it with others. His faith was one of his greatest passions. He never missed an opportunity to share with others that they, too, could have a relationship with Christ and that he promises an eternal home in Heaven. Dick absolutely loved his family and friends but he looked forward to the day that he would reach that



eternal home. He has now arrived and is, undoubtedly, smiling and pain free. Dick LOVED to play golf. He played his last round on Thursday just hours before he left us. He remained active and was always on the move. Dick participated in many Bible studies throughout the years. This past year he became very involved with the St. Charles Veteran's Center. The center is made up of four groups: the American Legion, the VFW, AMVETS, and Vietnam Vets. Dick served as one of their Chaplains. His duties included visiting veterans at their homes or assisted living facilities as well as driving them to various appointments. He loved helping and serving his fellow veterans. Dick is survived by Peggy, his wife of 52 years, as well as their four adult children and their spouses: Scott (Mary) Naylor, Steve (Jessica) Naylor, Tim (Jennifer) Naylor, and April (Joe) Howard. Dick is also survived by his 16 grandchildren whom he loved dearly. He was so proud of every single one of them. He is also survived by his sister Sandie (Robb) Rapp-Bay, his brother Dan (Georgene) Naylor, his 93-year-old maternal aunt, Babe Marcetich, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by both of his parents as well as his brother, Howard (Bud) Naylor. Dick was a passionate and loving person who will be dearly missed by everyone whose life he had a part in. He lives on in the hearts of countless family and friends. In lieu of flowers we ask that donations be made, in Dick's name, to Phantom Ranch Bible Camp at the following link: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/phantomranch>. Donations can also be mailed to the camp at the following address: Phantom Ranch Bible Camp, W309S10910 County Road, Mukwonago, WI 53149.



**JAMES DOUGLAS "Jim" NEILL** - Died Sunday June 19, 2022 at his home in Fremont, Nebraska at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 16, 1945 in Wahoo, Nebraska to the late James A. Neill and Darlene (née Bokemper) Neill. Jim attended Fremont Public Schools then served in the United States Navy from January 1963-July 1969. Jim attended basic training in San Diego, California and he was stationed in Florida, Hawaii, and Alaska prior to serving a tour in Vietnam. Jim spent 40 years as an over-the-road truck driver spending 13 of those years driving as a team with his wife Yolanda. Jim retired from driving in 2006. Jim was a member of Sinai Lutheran Church in Fremont. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #10535 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fremont Chapter #397**. Jim was a proud member of the In-Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club (ICVMC). Jim loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed fishing, camping, riding his motorcycle and all kinds of auto racing. Jim always had a joke or story to tell. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father in-law Audrey (Eckerson) Hansen; Harold Hansen Jr; sister Judith (Neill) Miles; brother-in-law Fred Miles; granddaughter Hailey Neill; great-grandson Kaison Neill; and granddaughter-in-law Andrea Neill. Jim is survived by the love of his life of 52 years, Yolanda K. (née Hansen) Neill of Fremont; Sons; James A. Neill II (Lorraine) of Midland City AL, Timothy J. Neill (Sharon) of Fremont, Terry J. Neill (Amy) of Osceola IA; daughter, Shelly J Neill – Strunk of Fremont; twin brother Jerry D. Neill (Margaret) of Newberg OR, Sister-in-law Debbie Beard (Leon) of Herman NE. Eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren and many more family members. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation. Visitation was held on Friday July 1, 2022 at the Sinai Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska from 5:00-7:00 PM. Funeral services were held on Saturday

July 2, 2022 at the Sinai Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska at 10:00 AM. Graveside services were held at Ridge Cemetery in Fremont, Nebraska with military honors. Condolences may be left at [duganchapel.com](http://duganchapel.com).



**JAMES ORVELL NEWSOME** (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) – Died Sunday, May 15, 2022 in Clinton, Utah at the age of 81. The cause of death was cancer. James was born on May 22, 1940 in Southland, Arkansas to the late William and Leona Newsome. James was a Retired Air Force Master Sergeant and Vietnam War Veteran. He was known for his kind heart, sense of humor and unwavering loyalty. In 1962, James entered the United States Air Force where he served in the US, Thailand, Turkey and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. He arrived at Hill Air Force Base in 1970 and was assigned to the Base Civil Engineering Squadron. After 22 years of military service, he was honorably discharged in 1984. James then began working as a Civil Service Engineering employee where he later retired in 1999. On July 4, 1971, James married Monica Frances Jennings in Elko, Nevada. James enjoyed fishing, boating, camping, bowling, gardening, and traveling. Having once shot a hole-in-one, he had a strong passion for golf. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #1079**. His community service included serving as a member of the Clinton Planning Commission and volunteering for the North Davis County Meals on Wheels Program. James also volunteered as a driver, transporting cancer patients to and from appointments for the American Cancer Road to Recovery Program at McKay-Dee Hospital. In 2016 he and his wife were recognized in the city of Clinton, Utah as the Grand Marshals for the Clinton Heritage Days Parade. James is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Monica Newsome; his children, Rodney Orvell Newsome and his wife Janet Newsome, Shawna Newsome-Odoi and her husband, Stephen Odoi; his stepchildren, Jacob Smith, Gwen Ehrlich and her husband, James Ehrlich and Jimmy Smith and his wife, Rebecca White, and; his grandchildren, James Fisher, Maurice Orvell Newsome, Jaquan Newsome, Anthony Lewis and Rianna Newsome. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Lindquist's Roy Mortuary, 3333 West 5600 South, Roy, Utah 84067. Friends visited with the family on Friday, May 20, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and on Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the mortuary. The interment was in the Lindquist Memorial Gardens of the Wastach, 1718 Combe Road. To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of James Orvell Newsome, please visit [www.lindquistmortuary.com](http://www.lindquistmortuary.com) or please consider making a donation in his name to the Wounded Warriors Project at [support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org). The family would like to thank all who have been so thoughtful and caring during this very difficult time.



**RONALD WAYNE "Ronnie" NORRIS** - Died Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Ronald was born in Glendale, California on January 11, 1948. He served in the United States Army from June 1969 to June 1975 with a tour in Vietnam from April 30, 1970 to April 3, 1971 at the 67<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital in Qui Nhon. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**. He trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas as a Medical Corpsman and as an Operating Room Nurse. In civilian life, he worked in the medical field and law enforcement. His law enforcement work included serving as a Police Officer of the San Angelo Police Department and as Sheriff of Scheicher County, Texas. He was also a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.johnsons-funeralhome.com](http://www.johnsons-funeralhome.com) for the Norris family.



**JOSEPH JOHN "Joe" NOTARIANNI** – Died Saturday, April 23, 2022 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 3, 1950. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Judith Notarianni, Molly (their adorable little dog), his sisters, Joyce Wilson, Dawn Keen (Norman), Joe's brothers Michael Notarianni, stepdaughters, Sandy Smith and Pam Poust, grandchildren Justin, Kelsey, Kole, Brandy, Nichole and Kyle, great grandchildren Caprice, Niko, and little Elliana. Also, children from another marriage, Joseph, Natalie, and Timothy. A five-year resident of The Villages, Joe spent most of his life in the Philadelphia area where he was born, before moving in retirement to The Villages in Florida. Moving away from Pennsylvania and family was a big decision, but one that we have been happy with. We all had a real adjustment, but we kept the love of family and friends back home. Some of Joe's fondest memories were from his days at Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia. Joe was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran, who enjoyed participating in veteran's clubs and activities with his military brothers. He served from February 12, 1970 to April 1, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 7, 1970 to December 26, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. As a talented steel fabricator and draftsman, Joe took pride in his work and his relationships with his boss Jeff and co-workers. He spent many years in the industry. Softball was one of Joe's passions. He played softball for many years. His favorite football team was the Eagles. He was a passionate movie buff. He loved talking about Star Wars with his dear friend Josh Knobel. They would speak for hours. Unfortunately, no one knew what they were talking about. Joe had a life-long passion for music and was a self-taught pianist. In retirement he joined organ classes at Fletchers to learn to become a better player. He treasured his many organ friends at Fletchers. Cruising with Judy, friends Mary, Walt, Dot, Bruce, Cindy, and Steve was a special time for Joe. Wonderful times were had. Niagara Falls was a beautiful memory, even in retirement Joe liked keeping busy. He valued

time spent volunteering with one blood and working as a patrol driver with the Villages Community Watch. Joe was a member of the American Legion, Philadelphia Club, Water Buffalo Club, Vietnam Veteran's Club and Parrot Heads. Some of his best times were with dear friends Joanie, George, Doris, Wendell, Joan, Dolores, Toba, Aaron, Barbara, Alan, Holly, Matt, Paulette, and his boss Jeff. Joe enjoyed entertaining visitors and showing friends and family around the villages, and especially spending time in the town squares listening to music and socializing. He loved the times when Sandy, Pam, and our grandchildren visited us, his sisters Dawn and Joyce and brother Michael also. Joe will be truly missed by all who knew him and as a kind, generous, gentle loving and caring man who enjoyed making people laugh. A humble man, ready with a smile for everyone, loved his family and spending time with friends. A military service was held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions to be made in his memory to the American Legion or North Lake Presbyterian church. Friends and family were invited to attend a Veteran's Memorial Service on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at Bushnell National Cemetery. After the services, if you would like to express your condolences, there was an open house at 3:30 PM, at 4073 McDowell Drive with cookies and coffee.

**THOMAS O'BRIEN** – Died Thursday, June 16, 2022 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on May 7, 1948. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**.

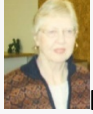


**MICHAEL A. "Mike" ORLANDO** – Died Saturday, July 16, 2022 in Metuchen, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey on August 25, 1946. He was a life-long resident of New Jersey and a long-time resident of Metuchen, New Jersey, where he raised his family alongside his wife, JoAnne. He was a proud and honored service member of the United States Air Force and Vietnam War Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He is survived by his loving and caring wife JoAnne Orlando, his two sons Anthony and Joseph Orlando, and his only daughter Tina McKeon (Orlando). A proud grandfather to four beautiful grandchildren who he loved and cherished: Louis, Alex, Gabriella, and Olivia. We fondly remember and honor him today and always in these thoughts and written words and have peace in our hearts knowing he can finally have true serenity in the light of Heaven and in the gentle hands of God. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10:15 AM at Saint Francis Cathedral, 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Jude's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).



**DENNIS L. OURADNIK** - Died Saturday, May 7, 2022 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 14, 1948 in Kewaunee, Wisconsin to the late Leo and Ruth (née Freix) Ouradnik. Dennis attended Saint Philip the Apostle Grade School and was a 1966 graduate of Premontre High School. He proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1969 to 1973. After completing a tour in Vietnam, Dennis was stationed at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. On June 10, 1972, he married Carol Beyer at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Marinette. He and Carol were blessed with three daughters who he absolutely adored. Four beloved grandchildren followed. His greatest pleasure in life was doing things with his family. Dennis worked for over 35 years for Prange's/Youngers Warehouse, retiring from there in 2003. He began working as a security guard at the Green Bay Social Security Office, finally retiring in 2014. Never one to sit idle, he volunteered in numerous capacities for St. Mary of the Angels Parish and as an usher at the Weidner Center. As his military service was an important aspect of his life, he dedicated his retirement to being involved in various groups supporting veterans, including Disabled Veterans of America as a driver and as a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224* as a member of both their board and Military Honor Guard. Dennis was always willing to lend a hand to those in need. Dennis enjoyed fishing and spending time at his cabin "Up North" and at Bass Lake near Eagle River, watching Indy car races, attending St. Norbert Hockey games, supporting Wisconsin sports teams, collecting and building model train layouts, gardening, and listening to country music, especially Johnny Cash. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Carol Ouradnik; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Amy and Rick Van De Hey, Debbie and Trey Garner, and Diane Ouradnik; four grandchildren, Maddy (fiancé Spencer Blohm), William Van De Hey, Noah Garner, and Lauren Garner; two sisters, a brother and their spouses, Kathy and Greg Bray, Becky Ouradnik and Rob and Jewel Ouradnik; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Phyllis Barouski, Ed and Julie Beyer, Ellen and Duane Hartman; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gordon and Mary Beyer; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Roxanne Ouradnik; two brothers-in-law, Harold Techmeier and John Barouski; and two nieces, Amber Harrill and Emily Ouradnik. Visitation hours were held from 9:30 to 11:00 AM on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Saint Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, 650 South Irwin Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday at the church with Reverend Father Finian Zaucha, OFM officiating and Deacon Paul Umentum assisting. Full Military Honors were provided by the VVA #224 at the conclusion of the services. The Proko-Wall Funeral Home assisted the family and online condolences may be left at [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com).

**JOHN B. "Jack" PAULSEN** – Died Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in Littleton, Colorado at the age of 75. The cause of death was the coronavirus, COVID-19. He was born on July 6, 1946. He served in the United States Army from December 8, 1965 to December 7, 1967. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106*.



**DORIS COLEEN PAYNE** - Died Sunday, January 16, 2022 in Saint Mary's Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 83. She was a resident of Enid. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 28, 1938 in Junction City, Kansas to the late Henry C. and Nellie L. (née George) Payne. Coleen went to Washington, DC in 1959 to work at the Pentagon as a clerical worker during the Vietnam War. She lived outside Washington when 9/11 happened and she witnessed the plane hitting the Pentagon. She moved to Enid to live near her brothers in April 2007. She was very active in the Blue Star Mothers and was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**. She is survived by her brothers; Lawrence Payne, Ralph Payne both of Enid and Paul Payne from Durant, OK and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, John, James, and Richard. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday at the Ladusau-Evans Chapel with Reverend Vernon Lee officiating. The burial was in Wamego, Kansas at the Wamego City Cemetery under the direction of Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home. Condolences may be made online and the service may be viewed online at [www.ladusaeuans.com](http://www.ladusaeuans.com).



**JAMES FRANCIS "Jim" PENROD** - Died suddenly Monday, October 4, 2021 of Saline, Michigan, Pittsfield Township, Michigan at the age of 72, of an abdominal aneurysm, at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with his loving family at his side. He was born on January 10, 1949 in Ferndale, Michigan to the late Robert F. and Marion L. (née Sutter) Penrod. James was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1970 after serving 14 months of combat duty during the Vietnam War. He retired from Ed Rinke Chevrolet after 35 years of service. Jim was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He was a new member of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church. -He is survived by three siblings: Michael (John Slater) Penrod, David (Patricia) Penrod and Barbara Penrod; nieces and nephews: Donald (Sherry) Penrod, Douglas (Kathy) Penrod, Darrin (Stevetta Robinson) Penrod, Maria (Zachary Ellsworth) Penrod; great nieces: Brianna (Aaron Reed) Penrod, Daniell (Michael) Kueppers and Brooke Penrod; three great-great-nieces and nephew: Olivia Reed, Owen Reed and Lyla Kueppers. Jim loved family gatherings, cars, especially his 2014 Corvette, the color red, Neil Diamond, beef stew, chocolate chip cookies, Peanut Butter, going Up North to his cottage in the woods of Lewiston, MI., called "Just Jim's", the T.V. shows Chicago Med., Fire and Police and the History Channel and teasing and playing jokes on people. One of his frequent sayings was, "Somehow, everything will work out". Most of all Jim loved people---keeping in touch, helping them out, visiting them when they were sick, picking up the check and reminiscing about old times. After Jim retired, he worked close to full time, providing food and clothing services for the poor and homeless in Detroit, MI. He was currently a volunteer at the Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church food pantry and delivered food for the nonprofit Home of New Vision, a substance use treatment organization based in Ann Arbor, MI. Jim was a generous financial donor to many charities and important causes. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Food Pantry, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, ([cskdetroit.org](http://cskdetroit.org)) or the Home

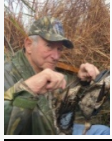


of New Vision, ([homeofnewvision.org](http://homeofnewvision.org)) are deeply appreciated. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 410 West Cross Street, Ypsilanti, MI with Reverend Father Daniel Westermann as celebrant. The family received friends at the church Thursday morning at 9:30 AM with the Mass at 10:30 AM. Military funeral and interment took place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, MI on Monday, October 25, 2021.

**SHIRLEY C. PERKINS** – Died Tuesday, May 10, 2022 in Longview, Texas at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on April 20, 1938. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987**.



**THOMAS E. "Tom" PESANKA** - Died peacefully Saturday, April 23, 2022 in Stevens, Point, Wisconsin at the age of 74, with his loving wife and daughter by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Tom was born a twin in Chicago, Illinois on March 11, 1948 to the late Edward and Cecilia (née Kloss) Pesanka. His family moved to Marathon, WI in 1961. Tom attended grade school in Illinois and graduated from Marathon High School. He was inducted into the United States Navy on October 15, 1968, became Medical Corpsman, rank HM2 and was honorably discharged on August 18, 1972. During his time of service, Tom earned a Good Conduct Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, and a Vietnam Service medal with Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plover Chapter #115**. After graduating, Tom became a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) with UWSP. He later found an opportunity in Tomah, WI as the VSO. He then moved to Hawaii to pursue radio marketing position. He eventually moved back to Marathon and worked various jobs until becoming the Portage County Veterans Service Officer for over 15 years. He subsequently became employed with Canadian National Railroad, then Plover Taxi. He married Angie on July 11, 1987 at Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church. Tom will be remembered for his outgoing and social persona. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and bowling. Tom also like to visit an occasional rummage or estate sale. He was a past member of the AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Polish American Legion. Survivors include his wife, Angie Pesanka; children, Timothy (Crystal) Pesanka, Trisha (Kevin) Fenske; Phil (Leeanne) Pesanka, and Steven Pesanka; grandchildren, Audrey, Kolby, Rachel, Leah, and Matthew; stepbrother, Herb (Sue) Hassel; sister-in-law, Judy Pesanka; nieces, nephews, and extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents; twin brother, George Pesanka; Angie's parents, Stanley and Grace Rychter; and sisters-in-law, Patricia Rychter and Bernadette Stoegbauer. A time of visitation and sharing of memories was held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM at the Boston Funeral Home. A Memorial Service, honoring a very special life, was at 3:00 PM and concluded with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, please make donation to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. Family would also like to thank Marshfield Hospital, Wisconsin Rapids Health Services, Aspirus St Mike's Hospital, Copper Leaf/North Ridge Nursing Home and Compassus Hospice Care.



**GARY L. PETERSON** - Died Monday, May 2, 2022 in Stoughton, Wisconsin at the age of 76. He was a resident of Edgerton, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Edgerton on July 9, 1945 to the late Lewellyn and Helen (née Stearns) Peterson and was a 1963 graduate of Edgerton High School. Gary served in the United States Army in Vietnam and then continued to serve as a member of the Army National Guard in Janesville for 20 years. He married Rita M. Schieldt on May 20, 1972, at Saint John Lutheran Church, Edgerton. Gary was employed by General Motors for 35 years before retiring in 2000. He was a member of UAW Local #95, the NRA, Ducks Unlimited, and the Edgerton Conservation Club. Gary was also a member of the Edgerton VFW Post #2708 and its Memorial Honor Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236**. Gary was an avid outdoorsman, and especially loved duck hunting the open water of Lake Michigan with his group of friends for 35 years which became the I.A.S.S. He wrote a weekly column for the Janesville Gazette called “Gary’s Tackle Box” in the early 1980’s and was one of the original members of Koshkonong Ducks Unlimited and Shearers Duck Hunting Club. He also helped brainstorm the idea which became the Bark River Fish Hatchery. He is survived by his wife, Rita; daughter, Tracy Lynn Ivey of Weatherford, TX; 2 grandchildren, Gary Lee Schmidt and Dannon Ivey; a sister, Ann (Francis) Shibuya of Tucson, AZ; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Apfel Ehlert Funeral Home, 315 Lord Street (Highway 51) Edgerton. Reverend Father David Wanish presided and burial with full military honors was in Saint Joseph Cemetery. The visitation took place on Tuesday from 9:30 AM until the hour of service at the Apfel Ehlert Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Ducks Unlimited or Edgerton Conservation Club.

**FRANK A. “Clinker” PIETROPOLO** - Died Tuesday, May 3, 2022 in Chelsea, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 23, 1946 in Poughkeepsie, New York to the late Frank and the late Anna (née Bruno) Pietropoulo. Frank was a local resident his entire life and was a 1967 graduate of the CIA in New Haven CT. Before retiring in 2006, he was a food service manager for Downstate Improvement. Frank was also the chef for many years at the Italian Center and Poughkeepsie Elks Club. Frank was a previous member of the Italian Center and Poughkeepsie Elk Lodge #275 an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York** and a member of the VFW. Frank served during the Vietnam War in the United States Army in the Military Police Division from 1967 to 1969. Frank loved cooking and spending time with his family and grandchildren. On October 25, 1970, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Frank married Paula E. Greer. Survivors include his wife, Paula Pietropolo Chelsea New York, daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Rich Byrne Chelsea New York, son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Mary Pietropolo Manhattan New York, daughter and son-in-law Greer and Joe Buffuto Castle Point. New York, grandchildren Liam and Devin Bryan, grandson Joseph Buffuto III, granddaughter Isabella Buffuto, his special nephew and his wife David and Diane McGregor, and several nieces and nephews. Friends visited the family at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday May 6, 2022 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Church in Poughkeepsie, New York. The interment was private and took place at the family facility at Calvary Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, NY. Memorial donations can be made in the name of Frank at the Fisher House, 113 Holland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. If you would like to make an online condolence please visit our website [www.doylefuneralhome.com](http://www.doylefuneralhome.com).



**GARY NORRIS PRITCHARD** – Died peacefully Tuesday, May 31, 2022 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 76, with his loving family at his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 19, 1946 to the Mark and Henrietta Pritchard. He was under the gentle care of Residential Hospice. Gary was the beloved husband of Sandra for 56 years; loving father of Jessica Lynn Williamson (Aaron), and the late Wayne Norris Pritchard; father-in-law of Julie Pritchard; dear grandpa of Alexander Williamson, Xavier Williamson, Ava Pritchard, Aubrey Pritchard, Griffin Pritchard and Greyson Pritchard, and; brother of Sally Pawlowski (the late Darrell). Gary was a decorated United States Marine Corps Veteran who served proudly in the Vietnam War. He was a member of VFW Post #6695 in Plymouth / Canton, MI. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. After leaving the military, Gary was an accountant for Ford Motor Credit and retired after a successful 31-year career. Gary had a love of history and anything to do with history. He was a proud founding member of the 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Company E; a group dedicated to the reenactment of the Civil War. Member of Sons of the Union Veterans. Former member of the Saint Andrew's Society and held the title of Historical Commissioner for the City of Livonia. Gary was a servant of God and was an attending member with his wife Sandra of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Gary enjoyed traveling and took his daughter to England and Scotland to experience the historical countries of their roots. Gary was a "Foodie" He definitely had an appreciation for good food and would eat almost anything put in front of him. He also had an appreciation for good music of all genres and even enjoyed a good musical from time to time. However, his passion was his family; he simply loved being a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to all. Gary had a huge smile, a warm heart; he never met a stranger, and will be missed by all.



**EDUARDO MAXIMO "Ed" "Eddie" RAMOS** – Died Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in Silvis, Illinois at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Eduardo was born on June 9, 1948 in Moline, Illinois to the late Benito and Natalia (née Terronez) Ramos. He was a graduate of Alleman High School, Class of 1966. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a mechanic. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. He married Rita Gierlus. He later married Charlotte Neal in 1985, in Rock Island, IL. Eduardo had worked at Oscar Mayer, Davenport and retired as a brick layer/mason working for his best friend, Jim Braet. He enjoyed fishing, shooting picks, watching westerns, and playing pool. He was a member of MAVA. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially his brother, Nicholas Ramos and his buddy, Jim Braet. Survivors include his wife,

Charlotte Ramos, Silvis; children, Kimberly (Manuel) Collyer, East Moline, Michael (Tafline) Ramos, Australia, Dawn Menestrina, Silvis, Joseph Ramos, Silvis, and Tony Menestrina, East Moline; 17 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; siblings, Mary "Goodie" Ramos, Silvis, Joseph "Ralph" (Dawn) Ramos, East Moline, Rudolph "Rudy" (Jackie) Ramos, East Moline, Bernarda "Nini" (Daniel) Lefever, East Moline, Magdalena "Maggie" (Kelly) Meguffy, East Moline, and Eva Ramos, Silvis. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Raymond Hernandez, Fernando Ramos, David Ramos, and Nicholas Ramos. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday at the Rock Island National Cemetery. All are welcome to share in his Celebration of life following the service at East Moline VFW. Memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vanhoe.com](http://www.vanhoe.com).

**JUAN RAMOS** – Died Saturday, July 2, 2022 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 24, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**.



**REUBEN EARNEST REDD** - Died Friday, July 1, 2022 in Wetumpka, Alabama at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Russell County, Alabama on March 4, 1947 to the late Reuben Redd, Jr. and Lurlene Redd. Reuben enjoyed a long successful career in law enforcement. He worked for the Phenix City Police Department as a police officer for over 15 years and advanced to the rank of Sergeant and Lieutenant before leaving to advance his career. He worked for the Tuskegee Police Department. He was also a Supervisory Special Agent in the United States Army. To further his career, he moved to Wetumpka, Alabama where he worked for the Alabama Department of Human Resources as a Special Investigator and the Alabama Securities Commission as a Special Agent until his retirement. He was an alumnus of Troy State University, Phenix City, Alabama where he earned a Master Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Reuben was a retired Army Veteran, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a proud member of DAV Chapter #12, Department of Alabama where he served in many leadership positions and a Past Chapter Commander for Chapter #12 Montgomery, AL. He also served as a DAV Department of Alabama 3rd District Junior Vice Commander, District Advisor, and member of the Department Nomination Committee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Montgomery Chapter #607**. Grand Inspector General (GIG) Reuben E. Redd 33 was a member and Past Master of Sons of King Solomon Lodge No. 358 of Columbus, Georgia; The Fourth Masonic District, Past Director of Security for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of Georgia. A member and served as Lecturer of Jacob Harrison Consistory No.85 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Prince Hall Affiliation (PHA) United States of America (USA) Southern Jurisdiction (SJ) Grand Orient at Memphis, Tennessee. He was a past Secretary and was serving as the assistance Secretary for the Georgia Council of Deliberation Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry PHA. USA.

SJ. of Georgia. A Past President C.L. Mathews Commander of the Rite. He was a member of Al Frauk Shrine Temple No.145. GIG. He served as a board member on the YMCA, and many other non-profit organizations. Reuben was a member of the Saint Paul AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama, where he served as security minister, stewardess, and as an associate member of the Ethel M. Howard Women Missionary Society. He was preceded in death by nephew, Kintaye James; sister, Tangie Redd; and brother, Arthur Redd. Those who will forever cherish his memories are his wife, Sharon Redd; two daughters, Tayondra Redd, Pike Road, Alabama, and Nakita Nall, Columbus, Georgia; his three sisters, Linda Williams of Columbus, Georgia, Carlene Redd and Julia (Peter) James both of Phenix City, Alabama; three grandchildren, Brianna Williams, Dejohn Williams of Columbus, Georgia and Jaylan Harris, Pike Road, Alabama; one great grandchild, Emma Williams; his nieces, Latrice Moffett and Kristen Redd both of Phenix City, Alabama who they called "Uncle Bay" and great nieces, great nephews and many other relatives. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM EST on Friday, July 8, 2022 at Saint John A.M.E. Church, Fort Mitchell, AL with Reverend Samuel Smith, pastor and Pastor Agnes Lover, co-officiating. The interment was at the Fort Mitchell National Cemetery. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, July 7, 2022 from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM EST.



**SUE ANN RICE** (USN, CDR-Ret.) – Died Thursday, April 28, 2022 at the Cornerstone Long Term Acute Care Facility in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 87, following a lengthy illness. She was a resident of Ponca City, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. Sue Ann was born on September 17, 1934 in Ponca City to the late Alfred and Helen (née Revard) Rice. She graduated from Saint Mary's High School and attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO for one year. She then graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1956. In 1954, she joined the United States Naval Reserve. She completed the Navy's Officer Candidate School for Women (OCSW) in Newport, RI and was commissioned as and Ensign in 1956. Her first assignment was to the Office of Naval Officer Procurement in Dallas, TX. Her next assignment was to the Naval Reserve and Training Division, administering all tests for advancement of enlisted Naval Reservists in thirteen states and managing training programs for officers and enlisted. After seeing the UNIVAC II computer at Great Lakes, she became interested in computers. Her next assignment was as Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Chief-of-Staff, Headquarters, Pacific Fleet, Honolulu, HI; she also was the office manager and Division Officer for the enlisted personnel. Sue Ann was the thirteenth officer assigned to Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA. From there, she reported to Military Justice School in Newport, RI. After that course, she attended Instructor Training School. She then was an instructor as OCSW, then became the Academic Director. Prior to being assigned to teach computer courses at Naval Command Systems Support Activity in Washington D.C., she took computer courses. After being a programmer and systems analyst for anti-submarine warfare computer programs, she became Head of the Training Division, which had approximately 2,000 students per year. She was transferred to the staff Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Forces, Atlantic, Norfolk, VA, and did operational analysis of Russian nuclear-powered submarines. Commander Rice helped design software for the World Wide Military Command and Control Systems (WWMCCS) and was Head of Operations Support Section at



Headquarters, Atlantic Fleet. Her last assignment was to the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (OJCS) at the Pentagon. She was WWMCCS Configuration and Control Officer, then appointed Principal, U.S. Representative to a NATO Working Group responsible for developing standards for information exchange within NATO. Although most meetings were at NATO Headquarters in Belgium, her office remained at the Pentagon because all policies though military services, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Defense Communication Agency had to be staffed by OJCS prior to obtaining approval from the Secretary of Defense. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for her work at OJCS and retired as a Commander on August 1, 1977. After retiring from the Navy, she completed her Master's degree and her Doctorate at Catholic University of America and taught there for a short time, prior to becoming Vocations Program Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Washington. She then became the Dean of Students at Notre Dame Institute. She served twenty-four years on the board of an international Catholic organization with headquarters in Rome, Italy. While in the Washington, DC area, she was a member of the Human Factors Society and of the Washington Academy of Sciences. After traveling the world for her entire professional life, she moved back to Ponca City in 2000 to care for her mother. Sue Ann had many fond memories of growing up in Ponca City and she recalled, "I'm glad I lived in Washington D.C. as long as I did, but I'm really enjoying being back home." She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Upon moving back home, she was a devout and active member of Saint Mary Catholic Church. She had many friends through the church and will be dearly missed by all. She is preceded in death by her parents, Helen Rice in 2000 and Alfred in 1961, her aunt, Viola Revard Long in 2000, and uncle, Joe Revard in 1979. Sue Ann is survived by her cousins, Don Long and Donna Long Walker of Ponca City, OK, Judy Long Feather of Fredericksburg, VA, Stan Long of Edmond, OK; her Godchild, Pippa Simmons Maysick DVM of Broken Arrow, OK; close family friends, Dr. William and Joyce Simmons of Tallahassee, FL, and her St. Mary's friends.

**HOWARD RICHMOND** – Died Tuesday, June 28, 2022 in the Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 1, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *Incarcerated Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Raiford Chapter #1080**.

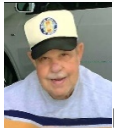
**ROBERT F. ROGERS** – Died recently in 2022 in Santa Ana, California at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 22, 1928. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Chapter #1024**.



**JAMES ALBERT "Jim" ROSE** - Died Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at home in Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 71, from natural causes. The actual cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 2, 1951 in Rochester, Pennsylvania to the late Robert G. and Jean E. Rose. Jim was formerly of Freedom, PA and attended Life Family Church in New Brighton, PA. He was a proud United States Army Veteran having served in the Vietnam War 1970 – 1971. He retired as a Police Officer, having served both the Vanport and Beaver Police Departments, after



graduating Freedom Area High School, Class of 1969, and attending the Golden West College Police Academy in Huntington Beach, California. Jim was an avid outdoorsman and a hot wing aficionado. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his stepmother, Cora Lee Rose and his wife, Melissa J. Binder Rose who passed in 2018. He is survived by his son, Jason (Rachelle) Rose of Northfield, Ohio; brothers, Robert (Gerry) Rose of Rochester, PA, John (Beverly) Rose of Firestone, Colorado, Gary (Kathy) Rose of North Canton, Ohio, William (Stephanie) Rose of Barre, Vermont; a sister, Donna (Rick) Krystek of Monaca, PA; grandchildren, Piper Rose and Caleb Andreozzi; an uncle, Ralph Rose (Margarete), Enon Valley, PA; and numerous extended family and friends. Professional Arrangements were entrusted to the Noll Funeral Home Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver, PA 15009. Online condolences may be shared at [www.nollfuneral.com](http://www.nollfuneral.com). A Memorial Service was scheduled for a later date. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862.



**DAVID M. ROTHENHOEFER** - Died Saturday, April 9, 2022 in Granger, Indiana at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. David was born in Mishawaka, Indiana on March 21, 1944 to the late Carl and Josephine (née Barnette) Rothenhoefer. Also preceding David in death are his siblings, Ann Hayes, Thomas Rothenhoefer and James Rothenhoefer. He is survived by his son, Michael (Lisa) Rothenhoefer; grandsons John (Elise) Rothenhoefer and Michael (Giselle) Rothenhoefer; 4 great grandchildren; a sister, Margaret (Jerry) Woltman; niece, Ellen Hayes; his loving friend of 41 years and 17 years of sharing a partnership of love and caring, Gloria Nyikos; his extended family, Debbie (Pete) McCollester and their children, Dr. Jon and Jessica, Steven Nyikos, Nancy (Paul) Mitchell, Bob (Ronda) Whitmer, Jeff (Stacy) Nyikos and their 3 children, Stevie (Bekah) Nyikos and their 3 children, Oli, Kason and Lettie; and his loving sweet pet, Lucy. David proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. He was a funeral director for the Welsheimer Family Funeral Home for over 50 years until his retirement in 2020. When I think of the blessing in my life, David was at the top. We love you David, Paw-Paw, Mort. Graveside services were held at a later date. Contributions can be made to Camp Millhouse, 25600 Kelly Road, South Bend, IN 46614. To leave an online condolence or to share a memory, please visit [www.hahnfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hahnfuneralhomes.com).

**RONALD L. RUSSELL** - Died Friday, October 22, 2021 in Minerva, Ohio at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 12, 1933 in Alliance, Ohio to the late John L. Russell, Sr. and Mary Ellen (née Bennion) Russell. Ronald graduated from Alliance High School in 1951 then went on to attend Mount Union College and the University of Akron Law School. He served honorably in the United States Navy and Air Force and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alliance Chapter #157**. Ronald was an Air Ground Officer, Aviation Officer, served in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and on the USS Intrepid. Ronald also served as a Judge Advocate and on the Air Force Reserves. Ronald practiced law in Alliance for over 35 years. Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Leslie J. (Rob) Russell-Pendergass, David W. (Beverly) Russell and

Steven E. Russell; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; companion, Ree Ann Whitacre and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Joanne Block, whom he married on September 22, 1954 and who passed on April 1, 1999; and four brothers. A memorial service was held on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM at the Cassaday-Turkle-Christian Funeral Home with visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, 880 South Union Avenue, Alliance, OH 44601 or to the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 North Lauderdale Street, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Shriner's Children's Hospital, 1645 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street Erie, PA 16505. The arrangements were entrusted to the Cassaday-Turkle-Christian Funeral Home, 75 South Union Avenue. Alliance, Ohio.



**DOUGLAS JOHN "Doug" SAJEWICH** - Died Sunday, July 3, 2022 in Seven Lakes, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Montclair, New Jersey on June 26, 1943 to the late John and Genevieve Sajewich. Doug graduated from Seton Hall University, was an Assistant Golf Pro before he was called to serve his country in the United States Army and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. He began his life in NJ, lived in Saratoga Springs, NY working as a Facilities Manager for State Farm Insurance with territory stretching from Maine to NJ/NY for 35 years before retiring to North Carolina in 2004. Doug was a kind and generous soul with the memory of an elephant. Proud of his Ukrainian/Polish heritage and a supporter of Native Americans. He was an avid golfer, Brooklyn Dodgers fan, Alfa Romeo enthusiast that enjoyed Formula 1 racing, James Bond movies, exploring other parts of the world and discussing the many wonders of Hawaii to anyone that would listen. He was meticulous about spreading pine straw and a master at making tea. We will all miss his direct honesty. A loving husband of 24 years, he is survived by his wife JoAnn, his children; Sandra (MN), Douglas Jr (NY), and William (NC), grandchildren Taylor and Justin, sister Leona (FL) and many nieces and nephews. A mass was held in his honor at Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church in Biscoe, NC on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Our special thanks to all the wonderful staff at FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care in Pinehurst that cared for him in his final days. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made in his honor to FirstHealth Hospice House, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or Our Lady of the Americas, PO 519, Candor, NC 27229. Service arrangements were entrusted to Boles Funeral Home.



**DR. RONALD G. "Ron" SARG** (USAF, COL-Ret.) – Died Friday, July 22, 2022 in Dover, Delaware at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York on July 27, 1944. He dedicated a lifetime of service to the United States and the men and women in uniform that defend it. Col. Sarg's devotion to others was apparent from an early age. Born and raised in New York, he worked summers as a certified life guard at Staten Island's South Beach. He graduated from Curtis High School and Wagner College. Col. Sarg served combat duty

in Vietnam and made the United States Air Force his career. He was posted to military medical facilities in Ismir, Turkey; Eglin AFB, Florida; Cannon AFB, New Mexico; McGuire AFB, New Jersey; and the 436th Medical Group at Dover AFB. He retired from active duty in 1993. Sharing his knowledge with others was Col. Sarg's next calling. After receiving a Masters of Education from the University of Delaware, he was an instructor at Polytech Adult Education in Dover and the University of Pennsylvania dental school. His students went on to rewarding professional careers throughout the eastern United States. Col. Sarg never stopped serving. In retirement he was a passionate advocate for U.S. military veterans and families. He was the Dover Chapter President of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and the Chairman of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, using both platforms to push for national and state-level policies to benefit veterans and active duty service members with housing, medical care, suicide prevention, and education. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. Throughout his life Col. Sarg embodied the values of service, professionalism, and duty. He earned the respect of all that knew him. Col. Sarg is survived by Jean Sarg, his wife of 29 years; daughter Cristin Sarg of Glasgow, Scotland; brother Larry Sarg of Newport Beach, California; stepson Mike Taylor of Falls Church, Virginia; and stepdaughter Paige Taylor of Asheville, North Carolina. A memorial service was held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Torbert Funeral Chapel in Dover (1145 East Lebanon Road). Public viewing began at 1:00 PM. The interment took place in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made in Col. Sarg's honor to support veterans and students. Checks can be mailed to "MOAA Dover Scholarship Fund," Post Office Box 122, Dover, DE 19903 or "Delaware Veterans Trust Fund," 802 Silver Lake Boulevard, Robbins Building, Suite #100, Dover, DE 19904, Attn: Sherri Taylor.



**RAYMOND GEORGE SCHWEDHELM** - Died Sunday, March 6, 2022 at home in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. He was born on May 31, 1945 in Hackensack, New Jersey. He lived in Little Ferry before moving to EHT. Raymond was a graduate of Ridgefield Park High School. He worked at Fernstrom Moving Systems as a branch manager and also worked at Bendix in Teterboro. After retiring he went on to work for Enterprise. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #15, past commander for two years; lifetime member of the Purple Heart Chapter; lifetime member of the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade Association; *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**; lifetime member of the Little Ferry Hook and Ladder Co. #1; lifetime member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association; lifetime member of the New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association. Raymond was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the United States Army- SP4, proud to serve his country in the Army. Raymond belonged to many Pontiac chapter car clubs. He was the past president of the Garden State Chapter and the Street Rod Modified Chapter. He loved his 1962 Catalinas and his 2005 Dodge Ram. He is survived by his wife MaryAnn; children Raymond H. (Lori) and Sandra (Matt); stepchildren James (Faith) and Traci; brother John (Linda); Aunt Helga; grandchildren Raymond R., Jessica, Garrett, Henry, and Owen; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins. He is predeceased by his parents John and Frances; sister Joyce; brother-in-law Robert; and father-in-law Michael. "Everybody loves

Raymond” Memorial contributions in Raymond’s memory may be made to American Parkinson Disease Association, PO Box 97216, Washington, DC 20077-7033 or [apdaparkinson.org/donate](http://apdaparkinson.org/donate) or by phone to 1-800-223-2732. A viewing was held from 5:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the George H. Wimberg Funeral Home, 1707 New Road, Linwood, NJ 08221. A viewing was also held from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> followed by a 12:00 Noon service. The interment with military honors was held at the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery, Estell Manor.



**ROGER HAROLD SCRITCHFIELD** - Died Thursday, April 7 2022 in Barberton, Ohio at the age of 74, with family by his side after a long battle with a heart condition. He was born on July 27, 1947 at Saint Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio to the late Argel H. Scritchfield and Elouise (née McMillan) Scritchfield. He was raised in Norton, Ohio. The graduated from Norton High School Class of 1967. Preceded in death by his parents Argel H. Scritchfield and Eloise (McMillan) Scritchfield, sisters Linda Carol, Ruby Laura, brother Richard Keith and his 3 dogs Brownie, Fuzzball and Cleopatra. Roger is survived by his daughters Lynda (Junior) Fury, Tami (Bryce) Kuhl, grandchildren Shayna Fury, Riley Kuhl, 3 ex-wives and so very many dear friends. After 50 years, he retired from the Operating Engineers, Local union 18. His greatest passion was owning 20 motorcycles and riding thousands of miles over his lifetime many of them around Lake Anna. A few of his adventures include riding to support Bikers for Boobs (13 years), other various Poker Runs, and most recently completing the Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee. Roger loved tinkering with projects, volunteering, Star Trek, his guns, watching movies, hunting, meeting new people and spending time with his family. After high school Roger joined the United States Navy from 1967 to 1973 where he was stationed on the USS America CVA 66, was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Aviation Boatswains mate and worked crash and salvage on deck. Later in life he spent 7 years in the civil air patrol Barberton squadron 1400. Became a Notary Public which lasted for 41 years. Instructed classes of NRA and ODNR Gun and Ammo for Ohio CCW lasting 12+ years. Roger served 6+ years as a fire fighter and paramedic for Franklin Township. While there he started a dive team, as he was a NAUI Scuba diver with 5 certifications threw PADI from 1964 to present. As a Vietnam Vet himself, Roger volunteered for the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park in Clinton and was elected as the parks 2<sup>nd</sup> President. He enjoyed working, helping and just being out at the park on nice days. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. Roger took great pride in riding his motorcycle and volunteering with the Patriot Guard escorting vets to their final resting place. In 1989 Roger joined the Star Fleet International Star Trek Fan Association where he started the ships USS Arizona out of Canton, USS Ohio out of Barberton and USS Excalibur out of Dover, Ohio. Has been the Region One Chief of Shuttle Operations for 21 years and in 2011 was awarded the rank of 4-star Admiral for contributions to the organization for the 30+ years he has participated. The family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to, Shelby, the doctors and all the staff of Akron City Summa heart and lung floor and to Windsor House in Doylestown for their love, care and support of Roger and his family. Roger's friends and loved ones are welcome to join the family at a public memorial, where we will share favorite stories, laughter, tears, hugs and food in true Roger fashion. A Celebration of Life was observed

on Saturday May 14, 2022 from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park, 8005 South Cleveland-Massillon Road, Clinton, Ohio. A tribute ride to final resting destination and service was on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 - 12:00 Noon Ride time from the Silva-Hostetler Funeral Home, 1199 Wooster Road West, Barberton, OH to the Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery on Tuesday May 17, 2022 with a 12:45-1:15 PM Service at 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, Ohio. In lieu of flowers donations were requested to the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park (ovmp.org), American Red Cross (redcross.org), Bikers for Boobs info@akronbfb.com).



**RICHARD "Richie" SCUTERI** - Died peacefully Sunday, June 5, 2022 in Watkins Glen, New York at the age of 89. He was born in the Bronx, New York on June 20, 1932 to the late Frank and Anita (née Russo) Scuteri. He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Elizabeth (née Bellner) Scuteri; seven children, Michael (Paula) Scuteri, Victor (Wendy) Scuteri, Frank (Robin) Scuteri, Vincent (Bonnie) Scuteri, Donna Miller, Catherine Herrick, and Gina Brown; sister-in-law, Barbara Neukam; 43 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; several cousins, nieces, and nephews; and special friend, Robert Mahoney. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Anita (née Russo) Scuteri; baby daughter, Sarah Elizabeth; brother, Gino Scuteri; grandson, Paul DeDominick; sons-in-law, Michael Brown, Charles "Harry" Herrick, and John Miller; brother-in-law, Donald Bellner; sister-in-law, Evelyn Bellner; three grandbabies; and six great-grandbabies. He was born 90 years ago on June 20, 1932 in Bronx, NY where he later attended Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1952 and served for 20 years until his retirement in 1972, serving in the Vietnam War from 1969-1970. While in the service, he met "the girl he was going to marry". Richie and Betty were married on August 14, 1953 at Lackland Air Force Base Chapel, San Antonio, Texas. Starting at the age of five, he spent every summer in Watkins Glen until his enlistment. He loved Watkins Glen so much, he knew from a young age Watkins Glen would later become his home. When he moved to Watkins Glen after his retirement from the service, he introduced the "cannoli" pastry to the community in 1971 by selling cannoli on the front porch of his home at 409 East 4th St. He became an entrepreneur in 1972 when he opened the 4th Street Italian Specialty store in Watkins Glen, Scuteri's Pizza "the garage" in 1975, and Scuteri's Ristorante Italiano in 1978. He retired from the restaurant industry in 1997, although he loved helping his son make dough balls throughout his retirement. He was a Grand Marshall of the Sports Cars Club of America at the Watkins Glen Race Track and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803** and Watkins Glen VFW Post #2674 until it's closure. He was elected the mayor of Watkins Glen in 1984. He was a member of the Saint Mary of the Lake Catholic Church. He had a heart for the unborn and unwavering conviction about the sanctity of life. He went to Washington DC to walk in the March for Life two times, once in a severe snow storm. He was an avid reader and a history buff. Music lived inside of him. He was a phenomenal drummer, starting at the age of 7 when he got his first drum set. He loved spending time with family, hearing of the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, and took great pride in his family. He was well known and respected in the local community. He was a very



caring, compassionate person. He was a great story teller, able to command anyone's attention, and was a natural born leader. He was a man of strong faith, believing in the power and strength of Jesus Christ's love and the beauty and peace that would await him after his passing. The family received friends and relatives at the Saint Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 905 North Decatur Street, Watkins Glen, NY on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM, followed by a funeral mass at 11:00 AM at the church. The burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center, 375 West Water Street, Elmira, NY 14905. Memories of Richie may be shared with his family and friends at [haugheywoodzinger.com](http://haugheywoodzinger.com).



**JACKIE PATRICK SEGURA** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Monday, November 22, 2021 in Saint Martinville, Louisiana at the age of 82. The cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction. Jackie was born on March 13, 1939 in New Iberia, Louisiana to the late Jack Segura and Marie (née Melancon) Segura. He honorably served and retired with the United States Army as a Master Sergeant. He was a faithful life member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Cursillo #315. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lafayette Chapter #141**. Jackie was a devout Catholic and a parishioner of Saint Rita Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, tending to his fish, and letting his dog, "Krissy" swim in the pond. He was an avid fan of LSU and UL sports. Family was everything to him and he cherished his time spent with them, especially watching his grandchildren grow into the extraordinary individuals they have become. He is survived by his wife, Mary Margaret P. Segura of St. Martinville; sons, Terry Segura (Diane) of Bandera and Mark Segura (Dawn) of St. Martinville; daughters, Bethany Duplechain (Felix) of Loreauville and Robynne Laperouse (Jeffery) of St. Martinville; grandchildren, Courtney Simar (Jeremy), Megan Duplechain (Trent), Danielle Delahoussaye (Brendon), Brittany Koenning (Stefan), Jesse Duplechain, Jack Segura, James Segura (Emerson), Kristen Laperouse (Trey), Noah Segura (Fernando), Jude Duplechain, Amanda McCarty (Austin), Sydni Duplechain and Leah Duplechain; great-grandchildren, Annie, Harvey, Elijah, Jeffery, Gracelyn, Evan, Margaret, and two on the way, Aimes and Sawyer; and sister, Sonja Saddler. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Segura; mother, Marie Melancon Segura; brothers, Johnny Segura, Bracey Segura, Alife "Al" Segura and Paul Segura; and sister, Anna Rae Peltier. Pallbearers will be Jesse Duplechain, Jack Segura, James Segura, Noah Segura, Jude Duplechain and Nick Gonzales. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Saint Martin de Tours Catholic Church in Saint Martinville. The family requested that visiting hours be observed at the funeral home from 2:00 until 10:00 PM on Friday, and continued on Saturday from 7:00 until 9:30 AM. A rosary was prayed at 7:00 PM on Friday. Reverend Father Bill Melancon officiated at the Mass of Christian Burial. The readers were Courtney Simar and Megan Duplechain. The gift-bearers were Amanda McCarty, Sydni Duplechain and Leah Duplechain. The interment was in Saint Michael Cemetery Mausoleum in Saint Martinville where a full military service by the United States Army was presented. The Pellerin Funeral Home of Saint Martinville, 112 New Market Street, Saint Martinville, LA was in

charge of the arrangements. To view on-line obituary, sign guestbook and view video tribute, go to [www.pellerinfuneralhome.com](http://www.pellerinfuneralhome.com).



**JOHN F. SELETYN, JR.** - Died Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Overlook Hospital, Summit, New Jersey at the age of 73. He was a resident of Hackettstown, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. John was born on April 11, 1948 in Scranton, Pennsylvania to the late John F. and Carmela (née Occhipinti) Seletyn, Sr. In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his sister, Mildred Wentline and her husband John. He served proudly in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a PBR Boat Captain. John was previously employed by JR Green, Boonton, NJ as a Sheet Metal Mechanic. He enjoyed playing the organ, listening to music and collecting musical instruments and records. He liked to fish and hunt in his younger years and was an active member of the American Legion Post #164, Hackettstown, NJ, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452*, life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a life member of the VFW. John was a loving husband, father and Papa. A special man that lived for his family and their happiness. He was always there for his grandchildren and would move heaven and earth for them. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his devoted wife, Lois (Conklin) Seletyn, his daughter, Melissa Seletyn, his son Michael Seletyn and fiancé Cindy Wayman, a sister, Carol Seletyn, two grandchildren, Haylee Rothstein and Wyatt Seletyn and two nieces, Marie Perry and JoAnn Burns. Visitation was on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 PM at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ. The funeral was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ with Reverend Mario Spadaro officiating. The burial was in the Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows following the services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Program, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942 in memory of John.



**WILFORD ABBOTT "Will" SELLERS** - Died Saturday, May 28, 2022 in Mount Juliet, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Will was born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania on February 14, 1947 to the late, Wilford T. Sellers and Pauline Ruth (née Abbott) Sellers. He was a member of the Catholic faith. Will was a graduate of Penn State University and an avid Penn State fan. He was a veteran of the United States Army, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004* and a member of Tyler Cates American Legion Post #281. Will was an IT project manager for Bridgestone Firestone, from where he retired after 30 years, winning numerous awards for service and innovation. He served as a City Commissioner and Vice-Mayor of the City of Mount Juliet. Will's passion to serve and give back to his community showed greatest as he served as the Principal Officer for the Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter as well as on the board of Mount Juliet Parks and Greenways, and as a volunteer for WEMA. He served for many years as the President of the Willoughby Station Home Owners Association. Will was a dedicated servant and family man with a contagious sense of humor. He loved boating and

fishing on Percy Priest Lake and watching the Tennessee Titans. Will always had a smile, a kind word, or a dad joke for whoever needed it. He is survived by: his wife of 50 years – Georgia Sellers; his children – Sean Sellers and Jennie (Joshua) Siemer; his brother – Henry Arthur “Art” (Rosemary) Sellers; his brother-in-law, Michael (Brenda) Hess; his grandchildren – Abigail Siemer and Henry Siemer; his nieces and nephews – Stephanie Sellers, Karen (Heath) Williams, Anthony Hess and Alan Hess, and; many great-nieces and great-nephews. Family and friends gathered to Celebrate the Life of Will on Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 3:00-7:00PM at Bond Memorial Chapel. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Mount Juliet Animal Control Center, Mount Juliet Friends of the Parks and Greenways or the Tyler Cates American Legion Post #281. The arrangements were made by the Bond Memorial Chapel, North Mount Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mount Juliet, TN. [www.bondmemorial.com](http://www.bondmemorial.com).

**THOMAS D. SHACKELFORD** – Died Saturday, June 18, 2022 in the King Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin at the age of 78. The cause of death was dementia. He was born on September 13, 1943. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mauston Chapter #729**. A memorial service was celebrated on Sunday, July 10, 2022 in the Adams VFW Hall in Adams, Wisconsin officiated by Reverend John K. Stake. The arrangements were made by the Roseberry’s Funeral Home and Crematory.



**DONALD F. “Don” SHAW** – Died Friday, January 7, 2022 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 18, 1940 in Clearfield to the late John “Jack” and Cora (née Kitchen) Shaw. He was a 1958 Clearfield Area High School graduate. He served his country with the United States Coast Guard where he retired after 23 years of service as Chief Aviation Survival Man (a.k.a. Rescue Swimmers with secret certification). In 1963 He enrolled in Navy Parachute Rigger School in Lakehurst NJ as a student. In 1974 transferred to Navy School at Lakehurst as a Senior Coast Guard Representative, in addition to being an Instructor. While in Lakehurst he rewrote the Navy Class A sewing machine phase of rigger school course. And while in the Navy he was appointed to be career/family counselor. While with the Coast Guard he was awarded Coast Guard Commendation and the Coast Guard Unit Commendation, both with a Silver O and numerous other unit commendations, where in 1967 1<sup>st</sup> Flight saved 1 life, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight saved 7 lives, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight saved 3 lives. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, 7 Good Conduct Awards and also Expert Rifle and Pistol Ribbons, He was New Orleans Coast Guard of the Month. He was also employed with the Clearfield Borough Police Department and Deputy to the Clearfield County Sheriff from 1969-1972, PA State Police Academy 1969, Criminal Investigation Course, and Co-Owner in Alabama of Opelika Landscape/Lawncare for 13 years. Was 1 of 3 Awarded Parachute jump wings while serving as Jump Survival Instructor in Navy Coast Guard Lakehurst, NJ Parachute / Survival School. There was only 3 of these jump wings awarded to Coast Guard Instructors. Awarded 5 Sikorski Helo Rescue Pins for Missions. He was also employed at Tafco as a handbreak operator. And while in Alabama was shift supervisor with Pinkerton’s Agency. Mr. Shaw was a former Boy Scout Master in St. Pete FL, served on the North Highlands Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in

California, was President of Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association in St. Pete FL, and Sacramento California initiated and chartered the association. Served on the Steering Committee for the River Walk in Clearfield Borough, Chairman of the first ever Advisory Committee for Clearfield County Veterans Affairs. Treasurer 9 years and Vice Chairman 2 years of the Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority, member of the Lawrence Township Airport Board Authority, Lawrence Township Planning Committee, former member of the B.P.O.E Lodge 540 where he was on the House Committee, and received the Grand National Exalted Rulers Certificate for Outstanding Performance, Clearfield VFW Lifetime Legacy member and Lifetime Clearfield American Legion John Lewis Shade Post #6 Life time Member where he was on the executive board and initiated converting the club into a handicap accessible club. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**. Speaker for P.S.P. for “Camp Cadet” at Clarion University for 14-18 year old (Boys & Girls) 2017 to present. Appointed by Superintendent Giriarusso to New Orleans police force as Honorary Captain. This appointment was after his commanding officer in the USCG sent him to the New Orleans Police Academy in 1973 to conduct swamp/water survival and training for the New Orleans P.D. Helicopter Officers at the inception of their HELO Division. Civil Court Mediator in Alabama. Life member in 1969 of the Bald Eagle Lodge F.O.P. #51 where he served at Vice President and served on Executive Committee. A lifetime member of the Disabled Veterans. Lifetime member of the Vietnam Veterans #974. Member Clearfield ground observer Corp from 1954-1957. Member of the former Clearfield Jaycees. 2004 Clearfield Bicentennial King of ceremonies. He served as a Tip Staff for the Clearfield County court system where he was appointed by Judge Ammerman. Served as a forest fire warden for the Moshannon district. Plank Owner of new and only U.S. Coast Guard Museum in New London, Connecticut, and a Life Member of Mosquito Creek Sportsmen Club, Vice President of Clearfield County Crime Stoppers, 2004- present, Lock Haven Steering Committee for nature track program. Steering committee for development of River Walk in Clearfield, raced in county fair ostrich race in 1970 representing the Clearfield Boro Police Dept. Appointed to 1st uniform construction code appeals board in 2014, was the chairman. Board consisted of Lawrence township Clearfield Boro, and Curwensville Boro. Life Member of Clearfield County Historical Society. Appointed chairman of 1st ever Clearfield County Veteran’s Advisory Board (13 members) for Clearfield County Commissioners. Life Member of Clearfield High School Alumni Assoc. 2014-2018 when Alumni disbanded in May of 2018. Member of the Curwensville Rescue Hose and Ladder Company 8. Mr. Shaw was very generous with his time and resources while serving and donating to various charities and organizations: He was considered a small philanthropist. Children’s Aide Society, Clearfield EMS, Clearfield County Crime Stoppers, Trinity U.M.C. food pantry, West Side U.M.C., F.O.P #51, Clearfield Historical Society, Clearfield Area Agency on Aging, and Shaw Public Library. Also he started a victims/witness account to assist with victims/witness of crimes which is not covered by the county. Was a judge while a police officer for the soap box derby races which was sponsored by the Clearfield Jaycees. Charter Member of the Clearfield County Sheriff’s Posse in 2016, Trinity United Methodist Food Bank, Clearfield American Legion, Skate Board Park, Clearfield VFW, Clearfield Vietnam Association, Lawrence Township Police to purchase 1<sup>st</sup> vehicle camera in March 2018, Clearfield EMS, Lock Haven Univ. (Helen Hummel Fund), Pittsburgh Pirates Charities, Mens Shelter, WPSU Television Fund Raisers, Clearfield’s New Daisy (5&6 yr. old) Girl Scouts Troop #46715. Clearfield Goodwill. He is survived by 2 children Tracy Krochmalny and her

husband Timothy of Oregon, Bryan Shaw and his wife Lt. Col Robin of Vienna, VA. 3 granddaughters and 2 great granddaughters. 3 sisters Shelia Parker of CO, Glenda Rose and her husband Thomas of Florida, and Jackie Coleman and her husband Michael of WA. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Cora (Kitchen) Shaw, his wife Karen Sager in 1967, and a sister Connie Shaw who preceded him in death in 1943. A private graveside service was held at the convenience of the family at Mount Joy Cemetery. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by members of the Clearfield American Legion Vietnam Veterans of America and Clearfield VFW Honor Guard. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.chidboyfuneralhome.com](http://www.chidboyfuneralhome.com). The Chester C. Chidboy Funeral Home, Inc. were in charge of the arrangements.



**BASIL RAYMOND "Buck" SHEPHERD** - Died at 1:12 AM, Thursday, June 16, 2022 at Memorial Hospital of South Bend, Indiana at the age of 74. He was a resident of South Bend. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Three Oaks, Michigan on January 6, 1948 to the late Basil Leroy and Iris May (née Strauss) Shepherd and has been a lifelong South Bend area resident. Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by two sisters, Susan Huddleston; Debbie Madlem; and a niece, Judy Lynne Kight. Buck was a United States Army Vietnam War Veteran, where he proudly served his country from July 4, 1968-July 9, 1969. He was then stationed at Fort Knox, KY until January 29, 1971. Buck retired in May 2015 as the owner/operator of Shepherd Trucking - leased to Sycamore Specialized Carriers. He was a Truck Driver for over 40 years. On June 8, 1968, he married Jeannette Csaszar at Lydick United Missionary Church in Lydick, IN. Buck is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Jeannette Shepherd of South Bend, IN; two daughters, Bethany Ann (Mike) Franks of Iuka, MS; Rebecca Ann (Chris) Kaade of Queen Creek, AZ; two sons, Jeffery Raymond Basil (Megan) Shepherd of South Bend, IN; Todd Raymond Joseph (Angela) Shepherd of South Bend, IN; 13 grandchildren, Austin and Bryan Franks; Kayla and Alexis "Lexi" Kaade; Emily, Edisyn, Eliette, and Easton Shepherd; Camryn, Brooklynne, Basil, Garrett, and Theia Shepherd; and three sisters, Judy Bentley of Rialto, CA; Sharon (Raymond) Walbert of Granger, IN; and Cheryl (Timothy) Tabler of Greensboro, GA. Buck was a member of American Legion Post #284; VFW Post #9820; and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**, all in South Bend, IN. Buck was an avid Notre Dame sports fan; loved golfing, his Golden Retriever Bubba, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. A Celebration of Life was held at a later date. Buck was interred in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: VVA Chapter #1027-Widow's Fund or Scholarship Fund, or Get Wet for a Vet. The Kaniewski Funeral Home, South Bend, IN handled the arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit [www.kaniewski.com](http://www.kaniewski.com).





**BRENDA CAROL SPAGNOLA** - Died Thursday, May 12, 2022 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 22, 1947 to the late Charles Durbin, Sr. and Opal Jean Durbin. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and cookie baker; and always loved us more. Brenda was preceded in death by her husband, John Spagnola; parents, Opal Jean and Charles Durbin, Sr.; brothers, Charles "Sonny" Durbin, Jr. and Steve Durbin. She is survived by her children, Alice Spagnola, Carol Johnson (Tom) and Anthony Spagnola (Emily); honorary daughter, Beth Devine; grandchildren, Kayla Daley (Aaron), Sarah Johnson, Dominic Spagnola and Luca Spagnola; and siblings, Robert Durbin, Vickie Meredith and Terry Durbin. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. Funeral services were held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road. Visitation was held on Saturday from 1:00 PM until the time of the service. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in Radcliff.



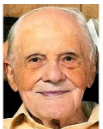
**JON DeLOS "Jack" SPRAGUE** – Died Sunday, January 23, 2022 in Columbia Falls, Montana at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Independence, Missouri on May 12, 1937 to the late Rolland and Marion Sprague. He married the love of his life, Julia Mae "Judy" Geller on December 1, 1958. Jack and Judy were married for 52 years and had four children, Robin, Shaughn, Danielle and Michelle. They raised their children to be grounded in the Christian faith with a sense of "home" in the Flathead Valley of Montana. Jack is survived by Judy, and their children and their spouses, Robin and Randy Detherage, Shaughn and Angelita Sprague, Danielle Geller, and Michelle and Jim McAfoos, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his sister Dana Rider and her husband Michael, and brothers-in-law Alvin Harris and Gary Welch. He was preceded in death by his father and mother Rolland and Marion Sprague, sister Joyce Harris, sister Janice Welch and great-granddaughter Taylor Renfro. Over the 84 years of his life, Jack and Judy's family "tribe" grew to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Travis and Kasey Detherage and their children, Hayli, Dawson and Tyler; Michael and Mary Detherage and their children, Jordon, Mariah, Morghan, MaKailee and T.J.; Lori and Chris Renfro and their children, Taylor, Addison and Kylee; Savanah and Cody Sprague and their children, Gwenevere, Sebastian and Elliott; Cheyenne and Dylan Proctor and their children, Emerson and Lily; Rachelle and Nick Meyer and their children, Callie, Canon, Cash and Cendyll; Jared Bruner and Natisha Flores and their children, Braylen and Sadie; Shane and Rocchina Bruner and their children, Kipton and Ryker; Emily and Chase Schneider and their children, Mac and Merrick; and Jamie and Bryce Jones. While still a senior at William Chrisman High School, in December of 1954, Jack volunteered to enter the United States Army Reserve's 250<sup>th</sup> General Hospital Unit in Kansas City, Missouri. After graduation in May of 1955, he continued with his 10-year military career which included 2 ½ years in the Reserve and 7 ½ years in active duty where he was a medical technician, a surgical technician, and the final four years, a Special Forces medic. He was stationed in various parts of the world including Okinawa, (where

Robin and Shaughn were born), and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, (where Danielle was born). He was awarded an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and was a Combat Infantryman Badge 1<sup>st</sup> Award recipient. He was honorably discharged in December of 1964. Post Special Forces, he worked as a truck driver and land surveyor and settled his family in the beauty of the Flathead Valley. There they lived in Columbia Falls, Olney, Kalispell and Whitefish (where Michelle was born). In 1974, after receiving a land surveying degree from Flathead Valley Community College, he felt the need to “temporarily” relocate his family to the Kansas City area to be near his aging parents. He had strong kinship with Native American peoples and sought out ways to be an advocate to many throughout his life and was an instrumental part of the Longest Walk movement in 1978. He also invested much in the lives of Hmong refugees from Laos who were in Kansas City. Starting in 2004 he dedicated his time and talent as a Veterans Service officer. In that capacity he assisted veterans by helping them acquire their VA benefits in both Leavenworth, Kansas, and then in the Flathead Valley after finally relocating back “home” to Montana in 2008. He volunteered in numerous other capacities throughout his life, including being the president of Special Forces Association Chapter XXIX in Kansas and as post chaplain of both VFW Post #276 and DAV Flathead Chapter #4 in Montana. He was a lifetime member and staunch advocate of the VFW, DAV and the American Legion. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth (Kansas) Chapter #75**. (His family suggested sending memorial donations to one of these veteran support organizations.) He was laid to rest in the beauty of the Flathead Valley of Montana in Fairview Cemetery with a private family ceremony and military salute.



**RAYMOND EDWARD “Ray” STAMPS, SR.** – Died Monday, July 4, 2022 in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was also lovingly known to family and friends as “Ray” or “Ray Sr.” He was born on June 9, 1945, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to the late Ocie Edmund and Ruby (née Fay) Stamps. He confessed in Christ at an early age. Ray began his educational journey in Jones, Oklahoma where he attended Rose Hill Elementary and graduated from Jones High School in 1963. Upon graduation, he decided to serve his country by joining the National Guard. He would then eventually join the United States Army where he committed to 15 1/2 years of dedicated service. During his tenure in the Army, Ray traveled to many places and was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Fort Still, Oklahoma, Fort Knox, Kentucky, Korea, Germany and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Ray was also a Vietnam Veteran. Upon honorably discharging from the Army, Ray decided to set his roots in the city of Clarksville, Tennessee. He began his career in Civil Service, as a Logistician at Fort Campbell, where he worked for 30 years, until his retirement on May 31, 2013. Collectively, Ray served over 45 years of active and civil service duty. While working at Fort Campbell, Ray noticed a beautiful woman Cynthia, who would ultimately become the love of his life and wife of 20 years. Ray was a hard worker and a man of many trades. He was proud of his educational accomplishments and conferred an Associate Degree in Occupational Science and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from Austin Peay State University. Ray was a dedicated *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America**

– **Franklin Chapter #1140** and the Saint James Masonic Lodge #51, Free & Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated, Tennessee. As a man of faith and integrity, Ray loved his family dearly. He was a master chef in his kitchen and enjoyed cooking all types of meals. In the Stamps home one would have many meal options, because of his love for cooking. Ray kept his freezers full of his delicious creations ready to be thawed and consumed at any time. Ray loved to laugh and made others laugh with his quick wit, jokes, and joyful personality. Ray was a collector of fine things, he loved tinkering with his classic truck and cars. He also enjoyed riding his classic Harley Davidson motorcycle with his wife. Ray found beauty in nature by taking pride in creating a beautiful landscape of flowers and plants to surround his home. He often worked in his yard, losing track of time while adding to or perfecting his landscape. At times, Cynthia had to remind him to come in and eat dinner. Ray always loved to look his best. When it was time to step out, you can be assured that he would be dressed in the sharpest and finest clothing, the best shoes or cowboy boots and topped off with plenty of jewelry and a hat to match. Ray loved music and enjoyed the quiet moments spent with his wife listening to jazz. With determination, Ray committed to honor his wife Cynthia with a surprise 20th wedding anniversary vow renewal celebration that took place just one month before his peaceful departure from this life on July 4, 2022, while surrounded by his wife and children. Ray leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife Cynthia Diane Stamps. His children, Tamara (Michelle) Stamps-Gordon, Raymond E. Stamps Jr., Reginald (Pamela) Stamps, Brian Peters, and Rebecca (Bryson) Peters. His sister, Monique (James) Slaughter-Stanfield. His sister-in-law, Marsha (Wayne) Henson. His brother-in-law Robert Woolley Sr. and an abundance of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister Aleona Mitchell, brothers Edward and Leon “Big Son” Stamps, sister-in-law Brenda Woolley and brother-in-law Gary Henson. Ray may be gone, but never forgotten, as wonderful memories shall forever be etched in the hearts and minds of all who loved him to encompass many generations to come. A visitation was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the Gateway Funeral Home from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral services took place on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at First Baptist Clarksville at 11:00 AM. Minister Bobby Dillon officiated the service. The burial was at the Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Clarksville, TN. The arrangements were under the care of Gateway Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 335 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040. Online condolences may be made by visiting [gatewayfh.com](http://gatewayfh.com).



**FREDERICK A. STEINKIRCHNER** - Died peacefully Saturday, April 16, 2022 in Windermere, Florida at the age of 109. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 5, 1912 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the beloved husband of the late Agnes (née Zaborowski) Steinkirchner; loving father of Gail (late Marko) Miller, Paul (Linda) Steinkirchner, Teresa (Bruce) Steinkirchner-Anderson and Michael Steinkirchner; grandfather of Heather, Brent, Jill, Amy, and Greg; great-grandfather of Emily, Paul Noel, Ava, Antoinette, Anthony and Victoria; brother of the late Joseph and late Bette; uncle of Judith, Richard, and Ronald; also survived by many great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, great-great nephews. Frederick proudly served for 49 years for the City of Pittsburgh, retiring at age 70, as

the Deputy Chief. He served until recently, as a board member, for the Pittsburgh Firefighters Federal Credit Union. He was a World War II veteran, he was initially assigned to the 640-7<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Unit, and, finally in Germany as a field artillery mechanic. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862**. Friends were welcome on Friday, April 29, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 PM to the William Slater II Funeral Service, 1650 Greentree Road, Scott Township. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Saint Augustine Church (Our Lady of the Angels Parish), 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrenceville. The burial was in Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery, Penn Avenue and 45<sup>th</sup> Street. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Frederick's name to EWTN Global Catholic Network, EWTN.COM, or 5817 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210. [www.slaterfuneral.com](http://www.slaterfuneral.com).



**RONALD DAVID “Ron” SUKENICK** - Died peacefully Saturday, June 18, 2022 at his home in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. Ron was born in Bronx, New York on July 1, 1949 to the late Sidney Sukenick and Yetta (née Rennert) Sukenick on July 1st, 1949. He graduated from the New York High School of Printing in Manhattan, NY where he was on the bowling team. He married Yvonne (née Odle) Sukenick on October 11, 1980 in Beverly Hills, California. He studied Graphic Arts and Advertising at the New York City Community College and majored in Marketing at IUPUI. He joined the United States Army on November 27, 1967 and served in Vietnam as a petroleum specialist whose mission was to deliver jet fuel up and down the Mekong Delta. After his service finished, he spent 3 years traveling Europe and South America. Upon returning to the USA, he continued to serve this country in the Army reserves and was mobilized as an Army Career Counselor in the 88<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command, eventually becoming a Veteran retiree. Ron was passionate about supporting service men and women from all branches of the military. He was extremely honored to be selected as one of the 25 national Cadre speakers for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program through the Office of the Secretary of Defense. As a Cadre speaker, he received many acknowledgements for his ability to motivate and inspire tens of thousands of service members and their families for the last 10 years. Ron served the City of Indianapolis on the Mayor’s Advisory Council on Veteran’s Affairs. He was a *Life Member* and the *Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295** and on the Board of Directors for the Veterans Support Council. Ron was a lifelong entrepreneur. As a 6-year-old boy living in NYC, he would charge his neighbors 5 cents a bag to take their trash out. As his career evolved, he was a paid musician, record label exec, and real estate agent before leading the expansion of the largest business networking referral system in the world. He became a full-time professional speaker, trainer, and coach and founded The Relationship Strategies Institute, a global training, and business strategy company. Ron had 4 books published, including an Amazon bestseller, and was a contributing author to a New York Times bestseller. Ron was passionate about connecting people and always referenced what he called the 8 most powerful words in networking, “I know someone who can get that done.” He took great pride in helping small business owners go from where they are to where they want to

be and was honored to lead networking groups in the region. Being from the Bronx, he was a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees and became a fan of the Indianapolis Colts when he moved to Indiana with his family in 1988. Ron was a left-handed bass player who loved supporting live music, stand-up comedy and the arts. Anyone that knew him will know that he loved the Beatles and the impact they had on his life. Ron is survived by his wife Yvonne Sukenick; his children Freedom Sukenick (wife Heidi Sukenick) and daughter Christine Sukenick-Dixon (husband Daniel Dixon); brother Jeff Sukenick (wife Elisa Sukenick); grandchildren Ethan, Jacob, and Isaac Sukenick. Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Yetta (Rennert) Sukenick. His Celebration of Life, the Ultimate Networking Event, was held at 400 PM EST on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at the Crown Hill Funeral Home. The eulogy was delivered at 4:30 PM EST. Directly after Ron's Farewell Message, he wanted everyone to stay and enjoy themselves with food, beverages, and networking. The interment of ashes took place at the Crown Hill National Cemetery Columbarium in Indianapolis, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, Ron would like donations sent to the Veterans Support Council. [www.veterans.ooo/donate.html](http://www.veterans.ooo/donate.html).



**DONALD V. "Don" SULLIVAN** (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at the Hope Health Philip Hulitar Hospice in North Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family. Don courageously battled Pulmonary Fibrosis for 6 years. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on October 2, 1946 to the late Joseph H. and Alice E. (née Swenson) Sullivan. Don leaves behind his beloved and devoted wife, and best friend, Karen (née Whelan) Sullivan. They were in love for 31 years, and married for 25. Don leaves son David, and daughter Jenny, both of North Providence; and sons Donald V. Jr (Rachel) and Steven (Dean) both of Burrillville. He was also the brother of Dr. Daniel C. Sullivan and the late Bernard McAlice, Joseph H. Sullivan III, and Denise Metz. Don was a man of integrity who was devoted to his family, and to his country. His priority was taking care of the people he loved, whom he always put first in his life. Don was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Infantry in the United States Army upon graduation from URI on June 8, 1968. Don proudly served in Vietnam as Infantry Platoon Leader, and Company Commander, from which he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Bronze Star with V Device. He then served in the Army Reserves for 26 years upon returning home from Vietnam. Don retired as Colonel from the Army Reserves. Don was one of the founding members of "Operation Vet-2-Vet Program" situated at the Providence VA Medical Center. It was a peer-to-peer support group for fellow veterans. Don, along with Ron Whitcomb, and Rick Braley, facilitated these groups for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. Don was always involved with all his children's activities over the years, including, but not limited to, coaching and supporting youth sports for his three sons in soccer, little league baseball, Babe Ruth baseball, CYO basketball, AAU basketball, high school basketball in both Warwick and North Providence. Don was also a Cub Scout, and a Boy Scout leader; and Don himself was awarded the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Award. Don also enjoyed watching daughter Jenny in all her dance and



theatre performances, and attending theatre shows with her. Don was dearly loved by his sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law, and nieces and nephews, all of whom he considered to be in his closest circle of love. They cared and supported him until the end. Don was a lover of cats, and had an innate understanding of them, thus earning him the title “the cat whisperer”. He also was a lover of long distance driving road trips, and drove to Alaska 3 times. Don was an administrator for the State of RI, Medicaid Division for many years before retiring. His funeral was held on Tuesday at 9:00 AM in the Russell J. Boyle and Son Funeral Home, 331 Smith Street, Providence followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Saint Pius V Church, 240 Eaton Street, Providence. Graveside burial with military honors was conducted in the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter. Visitation was held on Monday from 4:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hope Health Philip Hultar Hospice Center, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904 or to a Veterans charity of your choice.



**MAX JAMES TAGUE** – Died Friday, April 30, 2021 in Rockledge, Florida at the age of 74. He was a resident of Mims, Florida. He was formerly of formerly from McCausland, Iowa. The cause of death was kidney disease. Max was born on July 28, 1946 in Scott County, Iowa to the late James and Betty Tague. He was one of 12 children. Max was a United States Marine Corps Veteran and a retiree from the Rock Island Arsenal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island (Illinois) Chapter #299**. Max spent many years happily retired. He enjoyed traveling, motorcycles, NASCAR and cats. Max loved his grandchildren and was always pushing them to do their best. He also never met a stranger, enjoyed music and a cold beer. Max has left behind one son Gearald (Kim) Tague of Davenport IA. One daughter-in-law Misty (Greg) Tague Bagby of Spring TX. Five grandchildren: Angela, Alex, Rebecca and Megan of Davenport; Bettie of Covington TX. Stepmother Sylvia (Bill) Tague Sedlacek of Eldridge Ia. Brothers: David, Charles, Larry, and Kenny. Sisters: Sandy, Colleen, Linda and Marsha. Max was preceded in death by one son, Max Jr., his mother and father. Brothers: Mike, Jim and sister Mary. He leaves behind many friends and family that will remember him fondly. Graveside services were held on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 1:30 PM at the Rock Island Illinois Arsenal.



**TONY LEONARD TAYLOR** - Died Thursday, November 11, 2021 at his residence in Newton, North Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 8, 1946 in Gaston County, North Carolina to the late William and Ovaleen (née Merrill) Taylor. In addition to his parents he was also preceded by his brothers, Bill, Jack, Steve and Ed Taylor; sisters, Ellen Parker, Sue McMahan and Net Muscat. He is survived by his two sons, Ryan

Taylor and wife Jennifer, and Brian Taylor; step son, Michael Fair; step daughter, Dana Doster; grandchildren, Beckett and Sutton Taylor; and numerous nieces, nephews. Mr. Taylor was a member of the United States Air Force and was a member of the VFW Post #9337 and an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina*. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Conover, Glen Oaks Golf Course, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Mason, and Shriners. A Celebration of life was held on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Glen Oaks Golf Club, 245 Golf Course Road, Maiden, NC 28650. A memorial was held at 3:00 PM on the putting green followed by Celebration of Life gathering inside the clubhouse starting at 3:30 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to VFW Post #9337, PO Box 1403, Gastonia, NC 28053. The Willis-Reynolds Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. [www.willisreynoldsfh.com](http://www.willisreynoldsfh.com).



**DAVID WILLIAM THOMAS** (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) – Died Friday, May 20, 2022 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 81. The cause of death was pneumonia and multiple organ failure. He was born on September 23, 1940 in East Liverpool, Ohio to the late Floyd Gilbert and Ruth May (née Cronin) Thomas. David grew up in West Virginia and Texas. He went on to join the military and served in Vietnam. Sergeant Thomas served a distinguished military career serving for 21 years in the United States Navy and United States Air Force and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454*. David was a Free Mason, and spent his golden years at the VA club drinking Miller Lite with friends and relaxing at home with his beloved dog, Delphi. David Thomas is preceded in death by his wife Barbara Thomas and son Shane Thomas as well as his two parents: Floyd Gilbert Thomas & Ruth May Cronin, three brothers: Ted, Jim, Junior, and one sister: Thelma. He leaves behind four children: Michael, Jason, Shannon, Karie, and eight grandchildren: Nikole, Austin, Dallas, Tyler, Avery, Taylour, Ryley, and Bryonna, as well as several nieces and nephews. A visitation for David was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Arch L. Heady at Resthaven, 4400 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky. A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Arch L. Heady at Resthaven. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.archlheadyresthaven.com](http://www.archlheadyresthaven.com) for the Thomas family.



**ALBERT A. TIMMERMANN, JR.** - Died Monday, June 13, 2022 at his home in Breese, Illinois at the age of 79. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on April 27, 1943 in Breese to the late Anna (née Diekmann) Timmermann and August Timmermann, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Clara May (née Huelsmann) Timmermann, whom he married September 4, 1968 at Saint Rose Catholic Church in Saint Rose and who died November 13, 2014; siblings, William (Floriann) Timmermann, John (Rita) Timmermann, Stanley Timmermann, August "Auggie" (Annie) Timmermann, Matthew "Hammer" Timmermann, James

“Doc” Timmermann, and Marcel “Lefty” Timmermann; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph and Clara, nee Varel, Huelsmann; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Margaret Timmermann, Vernon Kombrink, and Gerald “Red” Huelsmann. Surviving are his children, Susie (Ron) Holthaus of Carlyle and Ryan Timmermann of Breese; grandchildren, Brittney and Cody Holthaus; siblings, Nick Timmermann of St. Rose and Mary Kombrink of O’Fallon; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Doris Dothager of Breese, Jerome Huelsmann of Bartelso and Jim (Marlene) Huelsmann of Highland; and numerous nieces and nephews. Albert served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Albert retired after 39 years working for Prairie Farms Dairy in O’Fallon. He was a member of Saint Dominic Catholic Church, Breese American Legion Post #252, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Highland Chapter #269**, Clinton County Farm Bureau, and Teamsters Local 50. He enjoyed playing cards, farming, barbequing, cooking, and he adored his two grandchildren. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Saint Dominic Catholic Church in Breese with Reverend Father Patrick Peter presiding. The interment was at Saint Dominic/Saint Augustine Cemetery, Breese. Visitation was held on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 9:30-11:00 AM at Saint Dominic Catholic Church in Breese. In lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts, memorials may be made to Breese American Legion Post #252, Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #269, or to Saint Dominic Catholic Church and mailed to the Moss Funeral Home, 535 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Breese, IL 62230.



**MANUEL ANTONIO UGALDE** – Died Tuesday, May 3, 2022 in Miami, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death was brain cancer. Manuel was born in Havana, Cuba on January 19, 1945. Manuel is survived by his spouse, Isabel (née Martinez) Ugalde. He served in the United States Army from May 12, 1967 to February 27, 1972 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. A visitation for Manuel was held on Monday, May 9, 2022 from 5:00 to 10:00 PM at Caballero Rivero Little Havana, 3344 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL. The committal service was on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM at Caballero Rivero Woodlawn North, 3260 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33135. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.riverofuneralhomemiami.com](http://www.riverofuneralhomemiami.com) for the Ugalde family.

**PATRICK EARL VanALSTINE** - Died Friday, May 6, 2022 at McLaren Hospice House of Cheboygan, Michigan at the age of 74, after a brief battle with cancer. He was a resident of Cheboygan. He was born on September 4, 1947 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Earl and Catherine (née Shall) VanAlstine. He married Mary Ellen (née Boughan) on November 4, 1966, and graduated from Cheboygan High School in 1967. In August of 1967 he entered the United States Navy during 1970 -1971 Patrick served as part of the Special Forces in the Brown Water Navy in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**. Patrick worked for the County Road Commission for 29 years retiring in May of 2021. He enjoyed being outdoors and spent many hours gardening, hunting, and fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents,

his in-laws Frances and Chester Boughan; three brothers Sydney, Francis, and James; two sisters Gloria and Vicky. Surviving are his wife Mary, two children Renee (Dan) Layne, and Jerome; two brothers Robert, and Timothy; two sisters Elaine VanAlstine, and Kathy (Gale) Ross all of Cheboygan. Cremation arrangements were in the care of the Hentkowski Funeral Home in Rogers City. The inurnment was in the Oakhill Cemetery.



**PAUL FRANCIS WAFALOWSKI, JR.** - Died Thursday, June 2, 2022 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Philadelphia on July 4, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Dawn (née Armstrong) Wafalowski; the loving father of Helena Wafalowski and the late Paul F. Wafalowski III and Susan Elizabeth Wafalowski; also sadly missed by his grandson, Paul F. Wafalowski IV and his sister Veronica Scherer (Tom). He served in the United States Army from October 29, 1967 to November 28, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from June 1968 to June 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Paul retired from Atlantic Aviation at Northeast Airport, then worked at PPA in Security for 9 years. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing on Friday, June 10, 2022 beginning at 9:00 AM at the Slabinski Sucharski Funeral Home, 2614 Orthodox Street, Philadelphia, PA. The services began at 11:00 AM. The burial was in Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #266, 1517 East Luzerne Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124 would be appreciated by his family.



**HERMAN JENNINGS WAGNER, JR.** - Died Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in Trenton, New Jersey at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 30, 1933, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the only child of the late Herman Jennings Wagner, Sr. and Mildred (née Gano) Wagner. He leaves behind two sons, George (Melanie) Wagner of Yardville, NJ and Kurt (Jill) Wagner of Lakeland, TN as well as six grandchildren. Abigail Wagner (Adam), Christine Maul, Elizabeth, Emma, Mary Claire and Julia Wagner. After graduating Thomas Jefferson High School, he joined the United States Air Force. He honorably served his country for over 23 years. He is a Vietnam War veteran. He proudly served many years in foreign countries. He spent time in Phan Rang, Vietnam, he was also stationed in Rafstargate, England, Hahn AFB, Germany, Mt. Home AFB in Idaho and in Dover AFB, Delaware. Following his distinguished military career, he went on the work at the Canteen Corporation for several years before retiring. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover (Delaware) Chapter #850**. Herman's true passion was helping others. He was a life-long firefighter and EMT. He volunteered for the De Cou Hose

Company in Hamilton, NJ. He then continued to serve for over 40 years at the Felton Community Fire Company in Felton, DE. Among his numerous awards, he was named Fire Fighter of the Year in 1996 and was inducted into the Delaware Fire Service Firefighters Hall of Fame in 2007. He was the oldest living member of the Felton Community Fire Company. Along with his fire service, Herman was also a member of the Delaware State Fire Police, the Dover Police Citizen's Academy as well as the Kent County Fire Police. The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Berry-Short Funeral Home, 217 Main Street, Felton, DE. A time of visitation was from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The interment was at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Camden, DE. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Felton Community Fire Company, P.O. Box 946, Felton, DE 19943 or the Frederica Senior Center, P.O. Box 165, Frederica, DE 19946. Online condolences or tributes are welcome for the family at [www.shortfuneralservicesandcremation.com](http://www.shortfuneralservicesandcremation.com).



**WILBUR LEE WALK, SR.** - Died Sunday, October 6, 2019 at his home in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 76, surrounded by loving family and friends. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 16, 1943 in Altoona to the late Wilbur Walk and Jacqueline A. (née White) Walk. On November 5, 1966 he married R. Lucille "Lucy" (née Boyles) Walk in Bellwood. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lucy; two sons, Wilbur L Walk, Jr. and wife Denise, and Robert A. Walk and wife Priscilla; two beautiful grand-daughters Judith M. and Alyvia D. Walk; sister-in-laws Louise Beck, Pat Bush, and Roxanne (Jay) Miller; Aunt Helen Walk all of Bellwood; special friend Steve Cooney and family; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and his furry friends Rylee and Sneakers. Along with his parents, Wilbur was preceded in death by his sister Judith A. Walk and favorite uncle Will "Widge" Walk. He lived in Garden Heights since third grade and still maintains friendships with childhood friends Dick Harris and Bob Miller. He graduated from Altoona High School after which he joined the United States Army. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Specialist 4. He received the Department of Army Commendation Medal for Heroism. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Altoona Chapter #967**. Wilbur retired with 38 years of service from Fonda/West Vaco, Williamsburg. Upon retirement he enjoyed day hiking, fishing, bowling, NASCAR, Penn State, and Steeler football and ham radio. His favorite past-time was woodworking, making furniture, lawn ornaments and toys for family and friends. He especially loved doing projects, blowing bubbles and playing games with his "pickle" Judith. Friends were received from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at The Good Funeral Home, Inc., Alto Reste. A funeral service took place at funeral home at 11:00 AM on October 10, 2019. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Wilbur's name may be made to either Mending Hearts or the Humane Society.





**JOHNNIE JOE WALKER** - Died Monday, February 7, 2022 in his home in El Dorado Springs, Missouri at the age of 74, surrounded by the people he loved the most. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Marionville, Missouri on June 3, 1947 to the late Harry and Rosie Walker. Johnnie was the youngest of five siblings. He attended school in Marionville until his graduation in 1965. After he finished school, he went into the United States Army at the age of 17. Johnnie served three years in the Army, one of those years was spent in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nevada (Missouri) Chapter #918**. He met his wife, Rebecca Sherie Wright, when he completed his service and married her in 1968. Together they had three boys: Tommy, Randy, and Johnny. Johnnie and his family moved to Florida where he became a general contractor. In Florida, they raised their family for over 20 years. In 2001 they decided to move back to their home state, settling in El Dorado Springs, Missouri with all their family. Johnnie and Rebecca bought the bowling alley in Stockton in 2006 where Stockton Lanes quickly became a second home to him and his family. In 2014, Johnnie and Rebecca had to leave the bowling alley due to health conditions. Following this, Johnnie was able to spend more quality time with his wife, kids, grandkids, and great grandkids until his passing. Johnnie is preceded in death by his parents Harry and Rosie Walker, his brothers George, Fred, and Richard Walker. Johnnie is survived by his sister Gloria Peterson and her husband Ron Peterson, his wife Rebecca Sherie Walker; his three sons, Tommy Walker and wife Tracie, Randy Walker and his wife Desirea, and Johnny Walker; his grandkids, Buck, Chase, Colby, Dylan, Bo, Johnny, Katie, Makayla, and Savannah; his great-grandbabies, Ty, Everly, Blayke, Baker, Wade, and many more to come. Services were held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Bland-Brumback Funeral Home in Stockton, Missouri.



**THOMAS JEFFERY “Tom” WEBB** - Died Wednesday, March 9, 2022 in Kiowa, Colorado at the age of 78 after losing his battle with cancer. He was born on June 25, 1943 in Janesville, Wisconsin to the late Arthur and Elsie (née Oakes) Webb. He graduated from Marshall High School in 1961. Tom served in the United States Army until 1969, attaining the rank Staff Sergeant. Tom was honored with a Bronze Star; he was very proud to serve his country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236**. This and his sense of adventure lead him to reside in a few different states: Wisconsin, Arizona, Colorado, and finally Kansas, where he shared his love and passion for racing - he was instrumental in the start of Modlite racing. Tom loved anything to do with racing, from building the cars to chasing the checkered flag on race day. He shared this love and passion for racing with anyone and everyone he met. He is survived by his children: Veronica Wright of Appleton, WI, Jay (Yenela) Wright of Colorado, Buffy (Kenny) Dorsey of Janesville, WI, Jody (April) Webb of Midland, MI; Brandi (Steve) Whitt of Janesville, Bill (Mindi) Webb of Kiowa, CO, Michael Webb of Janesville, Bryan (Jamie)

Webb of Janesville, Thomas Webb of Janesville; his brother, William Webb of Dayton, OH; two sisters, Barb (Ron) Whitson of Janesville and Jacquelin (Michael) Burdick of Janesville; 30 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; many nieces; nephews; cousins; and many dear friends to include Richard and Brenda Kath of Janesville, and Josh and Kaysey Kier of Oberlin, KS. Tom was predeceased by parents, Arthur and Elsie Webb; his sister, Patricia; and brother-in-law, Ken Buckley; his brother, George; and sister-in-law, Anita Webb; his brother, Terry Webb; and his sister-in-law, Vilma Webb. For Family and Friends in Oberlin KS, there was a service at the Golden Age Center, 105 West Maple Street, Oberlin, KS on March 26, 2022 at 1:00 PM. For Family and Friends in Janesville, WI, a service was held at the Milton Lawns Memorial Park, 2200 Milton Avenue, Janesville, WI on April 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM, with a luncheon immediately following.



**DAVID KENNETH WEBBER** – Died Friday, April 1, 2022 in Westfield, Massachusetts at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. David was born in Stafford Springs, Connecticut on April 21, 1948 to the late Donald Webber and Dorothy (née Webster) Bryant. David was predeceased by his loving wife Patricia Jayne Webber. He leaves behind his sons, Shawn Webber and his wife Carolyn of Florida, Bill Bessette of Brimfield; daughters, Erica Webber of New York, Barbara Bessette of Georgia and his former wife Bettyann (Racine) Webber of Florida. David will be missed by his sisters, Dorothy Fillmore, Deborah Chaffee and his stepfather, Dwight "Ike" Bryant all of Monson; he is predeceased by his brother, Donald Webber and sister, Dianna Burnette. David loved being a grandfather to his many grandchildren, Gage and Gabrielle Webber, Jason Bessette, Justin Bessette, Paige Pinkham, Annabell Hamel and Zac Hamel. David was a proud member of the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**. He enjoyed carpentry and construction as well as his time as a machine operator at Flexcon. David truly loved the outdoors and enjoyed spending time hunting and fishing. Services were held on Friday, July 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in David's name can be made to the Tunnels and Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306 or Vietnam Veterans Association of America, 8719 Colesville Road - Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.



**CLARENCE F. WHITE, JR.** (USA, MSG Ret.) - [Died](#) Saturday, July 9, 2022 at his home in Lawton, [Oklahoma at the age of 77](#). [The cause of death is unknown](#). He was born on August 2, 1944 in Okemah, Oklahoma to the late Clarence F. White, Sr. and Irene (née Bardin) White. Clarence grew up near McKinney, Texas and Terrell, Texas, graduating from high school in Terrell. He later enlisted in the United States Army where he served for 22 years retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1986. He served two tours of duty each in Germany, Vietnam, and Korea. During the Vietnam War, Clarence would sleep on a tank with his mother's name Irene inscribed on the tank. He loved his mother very much. While in the Army, Clarence earned the following awards, the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal (6<sup>th</sup> award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Adv), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. On June 3, 1983, Clarence married Sun Choi in Seoul, South Korea. Upon his retirement from the Army Clarence began working civil service on Fort Sill and was the manager of the motor pool, retiring after an 18-year career. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. Clarence cherished his grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them, he enjoyed fishing and feeding the rabbits. At one point during his time in the Army, Clarence raced cars and was very successful at it and won many trophies. He taught auto mechanics at night at the Great Plains Technology Center in Lawton and sponsored Korean military members attending training at Fort Sill. He volunteered in many different capacities on Fort Sill. He will be missed by all who knew him. Clarence is survived by his wife of the home, two daughters, Anita Boyd and husband Johnny of Norman, Oklahoma, and Justina Beck and husband Tommy of Lawton, Oklahoma, four grandchildren, Amber Beaver and husband Cameron of Sulphur, Oklahoma, Laney Stearman of Norman, Oklahoma, Bethany Nelson and husband Jacob of Duncan, Oklahoma, and Justin Bolton of Lawton, Oklahoma, four great grandchildren, Abel Beaver, Brinley Beaver, Clark Nelson, and Oliver Nelson, one sister, Margaret Briscoe and husband Jessie of Texas, and many other nieces, nephews, and cousins. Clarence is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, July 14, 2022 in the Becker-Rabon [Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Wipyo Hong](#), Pastor of Korean First Baptist Church, [Lawton, Oklahoma officiating](#). The burial, with full military honors will held in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, [Elgin, Oklahoma](#). The family greeted friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. The service could be viewed by following the livestream link at [www.beckerfuneral.com](#) or by visiting the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Facebook page.



**PAUL M. WILLIAMS** – Died Sunday, May 16, 2021 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wilmington on February 28, 1938. He leaves behind a family who will truly miss him: his wife, Virginia Doris Williams of Wilmington, NC; two daughters, Virginia Miann Laughlin of Kernersville, NC and Chafarii La-

Ann Jiminez of Stafford, VA; his grandchildren, India Kershaw (Scott), Paris Laughlin, Chyann Strange (Evan), Jasmine Jiminez and Ariana Jiminez; four great-grandchildren; his brother, Wardell Williams and sister, Paggie (Denna) Banks of Amherst, VA; brothers-in-law, Tommy (Delores) Nixon, Lewis Simmons (Jackie), and Howard Cowan; sisters-in-law, Dr. Willie Jean Canty, Maggie Bell Johnson, and Wannetta Rucker; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. The funeral service was held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. A visitation was held at 2:30 PM on Friday.



**MICHAEL AUBREY "Mike" WILLS** (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, March 29, 2022 in Bellevue, Nebraska at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 5, 1944 to the late Professor Robert L. Wills, JD and Jane (née Aubrey) Wills. Mike graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1958 and Culver Naval School in 1962. Then, he graduated from Worthington High School, Columbus, Ohio, in 1964, and from the University of the State of New York in 1985. Mike joined the United States Army in January of 1967 and retired in July of 1990 with the rank of Sergeant First Class. After a 25-year career, Mike retired from the U. S. Army. He began working for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, later retiring due to physical disabilities. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bellevue and active in the Knights of Columbus, Council 6192. He did volunteer work with the homeless and his church's food pantry. Mike was also involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elkhorn Chapter #279**, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association. He was a life member of these organizations. He was also a life member of the NRA and Ohio Gun Collector's Association. Mike was the son of Professor Robert L. Wills, JD, and Jane (née Aubrey) Wills, MA. He was preceded in death by his aunt Ruth Aubrey, and his first wife Lois A. (née Proctor) Wills. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon E. (née Danley) Wills, and daughter, Heather L. Ormandy. Visitation was held on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 PM in the Bellevue Memorial Funeral Chapel. The interment was at 2:00 PM in the Bellevue Cemetery, 1303 Lord Boulevard. The Military Honor were provided by the United States Army National Guard Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to the Nebraska Humane Society <https://www.nehumanesociety.org/>



**JERRY LAWRENCE WILSON** (USAF, SSgt-Ret.) – Died Monday, May 2, 2022 at his home in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kennett, Missouri on January 11, 1937 to the late Jimmie Wilson and Sarah Webb (née Trombat).

He was also predeceased by his daughter, Deborah Sue. He came to Tennessee when he was 5 years old and attended Whitesburg Schools. At the age of 17, he joined the United States Air Force where he served for 20 years active duty. Areas he served include: Texas, Colorado, South Carolina, Germany, Oregon, Greenland, Philippines, Korea, California, Thailand and Michigan. He retired in 1974 to return to Morristown, TN. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He married Relda Price on December 23, 1956 at Bulls Gap Baptist Church. They had three daughters. He is survived by his wife, Relda Wilson; daughters, Donna Layel and Barbara Wilson; half-brother, Jimmy Wilson of Mississippi. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Neil (Jessica) Young; Daniel (Kirby) Young, Justin (Traci) Young, Heather (Justin) Self, Nathan (Ashley) Layel and Tabatha Helton; great-grandchildren, Gavin and Leahla Helton, Riley, Cale, and Dylann Young; Peyton, Camden Young and Karli Edison; Ava Grace, Emma Sue, and Bella Rae Young; Isaiah, Layelee and Luke Self; Meleah & unborn baby girl Layel. The family received friends from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Morningside Baptist Church. The funeral service was at 7:00 PM with Reverend Ross Woody and Dr. Kenneth Boling co-officiating. Military Honors and graveside service were at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 6, 2022 in Hamblen Memory Gardens. Thank you to our family, our Morningside family and Amedysis Hospice for your love, prayers, and care. In honor of Jerry, you may make donations to: Vietnam Veterans Chapter #1073, Marvin Gilliam, Secretary; P O Box 3326, Morristown, TN. 37815 or to a charity of choice. The Allen Funeral Home was in charge of all the arrangements.

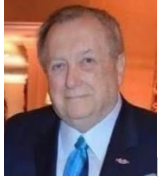


**DOUGLAS JOHN “Doug” WOLFE** – Died Thursday, July 7, 2022 at the VA Medical Center in Bath, New York at the age of 80. He was a resident of Lowman, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 13, 1942 in Blossburg, Pennsylvania. He was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth Wolfe in 2021 and earlier by his parents Lloyd and Helene Wolfe. Douglas is survived by his siblings Dennis Wolfe (Mary), Gloria West (Thomas), Michael Wolfe (JoHanna), Marsha Wolfe, Sheila Bourdage (Leon), Karen Wolfe and Pamela and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his children Winifred (Jason) Flood, Kevin (Brittany) Wolfe, Michael (Wendy) Campbell and his grandchildren Madison, Sophia, Carter, Loegan, Graysen and Alayna. Douglas served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960-1964. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He earned his living for most of his life driving trucks. He was awarded his High School Diploma from Southside High later in life as recognition for his military service. He was a volunteer fireman and enjoyed everything cars, trucks and big equipment. He leaves behind his loving family but will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Dad, we love you and will always keep you in our hearts. Family and friends were invited to call on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM at the Roberts Funeral Home, Inc., 279 Main Street, Wellsburg, NY. Doug’s service was held there following at 1:00 PM. The interment with full Military Honors was in Fitzsimmons Cemetery, Southport, NY. In lieu of flowers people can also make donations in memory of Douglas and directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America War Museum, 1200 Davis Street, Elmira, NY 14901.

**OTIS RAY WOODFIN, SR.** – Died Monday, March 21, 2022 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Colorado City, Texas on September 12, 1948. He served in the United States Navy including service with the “River Rats” in Vietnam. He served in the Navy from August 1967 to June 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He was the



only survivors of a patrol boat that was ambushed by the enemy – an experience that haunted him for the rest of his life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter 457**. Otis served in several positions, including as Memorial Chairman for the Concho Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Friends, family and fellow veterans gathered to honor his memory at the Concho Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial in San Angelo on March 26, 2022.



**HERBERT W. "Herb" WORTHINGTON, JR.** - Died Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at home in Renaissance, Manchester, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on July 31, 1946. He resided in Linden for many years before moving to Manchester in 2010. He served in the United States Army from August 14, 1969 to June 11, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from September 1970 to June 1971. Herb was very involved with and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Over the years he was **President of VVA New Jersey State Council**, President of LZ Hope, National Chair of the Agent Orange Committee, President of VVA Chapter 779 and Chair of the National Veterans Against Drugs Committee. Although he never truly retired, Herb was employed as Chief Service Officer for Vietnam Veterans of America in Newark for 7 years before retiring in 2008. Herb was a skilled commercial artist and earned his degree from Pratt Institute. He is predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Angela Worthington. Surviving is daughter, Karen Worthington, son, Michael and his wife, Virna Worthington, and their children Isabella and Zachary. Cremation is private. In lieu of flowers please make donations to VVANJ State Council c/o Carlton Rhodes, 559 West 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Roselle, NJ 07203 earmarked for the Service Officer Program.



**STEPHEN L. WRIGLEY** – Died Sunday, May 1, 2022 in Feasterville Trevose, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1947. He was the loving husband of Anna Maria (née McGraw); father of Rafael Wrigley (Tara) and the late Gabriel Wrigley; stepfather of Joseph (Jen), Angela, Michael(Jess) and Timothy; Stephen is also survived by 14 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing and funeral services on Friday, May 6, 2022 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM (Viewing) and for the 10:00 AM service at Joseph Levine and Sons Memorial Chapel; 4737 Street Road, Feasterville-Trevose PA. The interment was in Forest Hills Cemetery, 101 Byberry Road, Huntingdon Valley PA, 19006. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Stephen's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. The arrangements were made by the Joseph Levine and Sons Funeral Home ([www.levinefuneral.com](http://www.levinefuneral.com)).



**MICHAEL H. "Mike" "Salty" YARBRO** - Died Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Camden Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center at the age of 75. He was a resident of Parsons, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee on January 31, 1947 to the late Jacob Yarbrow and Nora Yarbrow. Mike Yarbrow graduated from Decaturville High School in 1965. After graduating high school, he proudly served his country through two tours in Vietnam as a member of the United States Navy Seabee-Unit MCB62. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. Mike and Frances (née Comer) Yarbrow were married for over 53 years. He drove a truck for Ward Grain Co. for eight years and later retired from the New Johnsonville TVA. After retirement, he returned to work as a loader operator and truck driver at Teague Sand and Gravel for 18 years. Mike was a Master Mason of Parsons Lodge #586. He preached at Lord's Missionary Baptist Church for 30 years. Mike loved to hunt, fish, and participate in anything outdoors. Things he loved and cherished the most was his loving wife, family, and friends. Hard working, compassionate, and giving are just a few ways to describe his loving nature. He is survived by his wife, Fran Yarbrow of Parsons; son, Todd (Leanne) Yarbrow of Parsons; sister, Martha Kindle of Sparta, Tenn.; grandchildren, Erica Sills, Laken Davis, Lee Yarbrow, Shelby Yarbrow, Jake Yarbrow, and Johnson Yarbrow; great-grandchild, Rylynn Yarbrow; and niece, Aunt B. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nora Yarbrow and Jacob Yarbrow; and son, Scott Yarbrow. Visitation for Mr. Yarbrow was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 from 2:00 PM until 10:00 PM at the Parsons Mortuary. Visitation continued on Thursday, June 30, 2022 from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral service. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Parsons Mortuary Chapel with burial at the Campground Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations made to the Campground Church Cemetery Fund.



**JOSEPH R. "Zak" ZAKRZEWSKI** – Died Friday, July 9, 2021 in Akron, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on January 9, 1948 to the late Wilfred and Sallie Zakrzewski. He led an extraordinary life of service. Graduating from Holy Name High School, he went on to serve in the United States Air Force on active duty during the war with Vietnam. He was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart for wounds endured in combat. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. In 1976 after his years in the service Joseph graduated from Cleveland State University with a bachelor's degree in political science. After school, he served with the United States Treasury Department for more than thirty years before retiring in 2008. His love of sports memorabilia and collection of cards was fueled by his passion for The Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Indians. From childhood, his fondness for squirrels continued throughout his entire life. Joseph was dedicated to helping all veterans in need. He was treasurer of the MOPH military

order of the Purple Heart, Summit County, Chapter 699. He is survived by his two daughters, Richelle and Laura (Joseph Piastrelli), and his younger brother, John. He was preceded by his parents Wilfred and Sallie Zakzewski. A Memorial Visitation to honor his life took place on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00–4:00 PM at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 3653 West Market Street, Akron, OH. Placement of ashes at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery took place at a later date. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.rosehillbp.com](http://www.rosehillbp.com). In lieu of flowers, donations to be made to the MOPH (Military Order of the Purple Heart) and/or DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

*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!*