



TERRANCE LEE "Terry" AAFEDT - Died Friday, April 1, 2022 at his home in Grand Forks, North Dakota at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. Terry and his twin brother Tom were born on May 26, 1946 at the Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks to the later Clayton and Belle (née Cooper) Aafedt. His father Clayton was a pilot and farmer in Fordville. Terry was nicknamed "Percy" by a good friend, and it stuck. He served in the United States Army serving in Vietnam. He was a proud member of the American Legion and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374*. He married Karen Bjornstad in 1976. They had two daughters, Stephanie, and Sherrie. Terry and his brothers farmed and owned the Fordville Flying Service. Terry retired from farming in 2000. He and his significant other, Diane Lizakowski, moved to Grand Forks a few years later. Terry liked watching golf and the Minnesota Vikings. He also enjoyed having a cold beer on his patio or driveway. Terry will be dearly missed by his significant other, Diane Lizakowski; daughters: Stephanie (Levi) Murray, and Sherrie (Mike) Murray, Diane's daughter, Becky (Chris) Papenfuss, his grandchildren: Cash, Everly, and Lainey Murray all of Bismarck, and Kyia and Chloe Papenfuss of Fargo, brother Tom (Janet) Aafedt of Omaha, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Charles, Roger and sisters-in-law Diane and Janice. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Amundson Funeral Home, Grand Forks. Visitation was held one hour prior to the start of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials were preferred to Fordville American Legion, or The American Cancer Society.

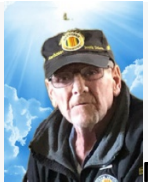


CLEOTHA ADAMS (USAF, MSGT-Ret.) – Died Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 66. He was formerly of Mesquite, Nevada. The cause of death was cancer. Cleotha was born in Tallulah, Louisiana on April 8, 1956 to the late J.W. Winzer and Pearl Adams. He was the seventh of ten children. Cleotha received his elementary and high school education through the Madison Parish School Systems in Tallulah, Louisiana. He graduated from Reuben McCall High School in Tallulah, Louisiana in 1974. Cleotha was baptized in 1981 at Saint James Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Reverend Donell Horn, Sr. in Las Vegas, Nevada. Immediately, after graduating high school in May 1974, he entered the United States Air Force. He graduated basic training in July 1974 at Lackland Air Force Base and continued training at the Security Police Training School until August 1974. His first assignment was at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Marquette County, Michigan, there he had the responsibilities of: Strategic Air Command Close-in Sentry, Alarm Monitor, and Entry Controller for 3 years. In May of 1977, Cleotha was assigned to Osan Air Force Base in Korea where he served as the Alert Fire Team Leader. With great pride and dedication Cleotha continued to serve our country. In 1978, he was assigned to Griffins Air Force Base in Syracuse, New York in the position of the Area Supervisor. He re-enlisted in 1979 and was assigned to the 554 Security Police Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada as Area Supervisor

Flight Chief. In 1982, he was assigned to the Kunsan Air Force Base in Korea as Area Supervisor, Fire Team Leader. In 1983, Cleotha was assigned to Carswell Air Force Base, in Fort Worth, Texas as a Security Police Officer Trainer. Pursuing his passion to serve our country, in 1985, he was assigned to Taegu Air Force Base in Korea as Flight Chief Military Customs Inspector. In 1986, he was assigned to Carswell Air Force Base and served as Flight Elementary Leader, Area Supervisor. In 1989, he was assigned to Kunsan Air Force Base as Flight Sergeant. Continuing His career to serve and protect our country, in 1990, Cleotha was assigned to Beale Air Force Base in Yuba City, California, where he served as Flight Chief, Temporary First Sergeant, and Superintendent of Corrections. In 1991, he deployed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm as the Superintendent of deployed Security Police forces protecting the U2/TR1 Aircraft. Cleotha received numerous awards of recognition along the way, some of which include: the AFMSM, AFCM 2/OLC, GCM 1/SOL, Southwest Asia Medal, and Kuwait Liberation Medal, just to name a few. Finally, he retired, on May 30, 1994, after 20 years of service, however, he remained a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Security Forces Association until his passing. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America = Mesquite Chapter #993**. In 1995, Cleotha began his second career by joining the Yuba City Sheriff's Department as a Corrections Officer and was promoted to Sheriff's Sergeant shortly thereafter. During this time, he received many awards and recognitions as well. In February 2006, he was honored with a second governor's appointment from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the "Correction Standards Authority" board members and as the co-chair to the executive steering committee for Title 15 and Title 24 revisions. In 2008, Cleotha, was assigned to the civil division as "Court Security Supervisor". He oversaw all court securities; ran the Civil Unit which included Sheriff's Civil, and the bailiff's assigned to the courts. During his time with the Tuba City Sheriff's department, Cleotha led countless training sessions for jail staff and bailiffs, to include, but not limited to, less than lethal force, cell extraction, evacuation protocol, taser, pepper ball gun, and pepper spray training. In addition, to training at the jail, Cleotha served as an adjunct instructor at the Unions Institute and University, the same University in which he completed his Baccalaureate Degree. In 2018, job well-done, after serving 23 years, Cleotha retired from the Yuba City Sheriff's Department. After his second retirement, in 2019, Cleotha moved to Mesquite, Nevada as he desired to live closer to his daughter and her family. While in Mesquite, Cleotha was an active member of the VFW. Cleotha was also an active member of the Retired Security patrol forces at Nellis Air Force Base. He was passionate about staying connected to his military community. Cleotha was precede in death by his parents, J.W. and Pearl Winzer, Siblings: Mildred Adams, Thomas Adams, Mary Ann Hardy, Osie Danage, and Curtis Adams. Cleotha leaves to cherish his memories, his daughter, Shaonda (Cory) Green of North Las Vegas, Nevada, granddaughter Gaylend Crawford of Houston, Texas, one brother Carl Winzer (Theresa) of Los Angeles, California, three sisters, Lena Sansberry, and Shelby Williams (Willie) of Compton, California and Develon (Nickey) Richardson of Lucas, Texas; his loving aunt Millie Adams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Cleotha will be dearly missed. We salute Cleotha and thank him for all his years of service.

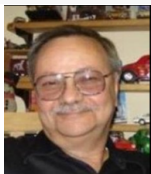


ERNEST DALE ALLEN - Died Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at Saint Joseph London Hospital in London, Kentucky at the age of 72. The cause of death was Acute Congestive Heart Failure, Respiratory Failure and Chronic Kidney Disease. He was born in Laurel County, Kentucky on May 12, 1949 to the late Ernest and Artie (née Jackson) Allen. He was the husband of Jean (née Woods) Allen of London, Kentucky. He was the father of Paul Wayne Allen and wife Helen of Lexington, Kentucky and Charles Dale Allen and wife Scarlotte of London, Kentucky; the brother of Brenda Evans, Roger Allen and wife Sandy, and Ronnie Allen, and Terry Allen and wife Debbie all of London, Kentucky, Jakie Allen and wife Shelia of East Bernstadt, Kentucky, and Craig Allen and wife Camie of San Diego, California. He was also blessed with six grandchildren, Chryszsyle Colacion, Heather Marie Irizarry and husband Christopher, Paul Anthony Allen and wife Elliott, Morgan Brooke Zimmerman and husband Michael, Waylon Colt Allen, and Grayson Zane Allen; one great-grandchild, Makayla McKenzie Taylor, and one on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Artie (Jackson) Allen. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #1050**. Funeral services for Ernest Dale Allen were conducted on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the London Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Kirby officiating. The burial was at Rough Creek Cemetery. The family of Ernest Dale Allen received friends at the London Funeral Home from 11:00 AM until the time of the service on Sunday, March 20, 2022. Serving as pallbearers were Ernie Allen, Trevor Allen, Tyler Allen, Mark Woods, Waylon Allen, and Anthony Allen. The honorary pallbearers were Jacob Stephens and Seth Stephens.



MICHAEL VERNON "Curly" ANDERSON - Died Sunday, October 16, 2022 in Flandreau, South Dakota at the age of 72. He was a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death was dementia. He was born on October 29 1949 in Blue Earth, Minnesota to the late Vernon and Mary Ethel Anderson. He attended Blue Earth High School. He entered active duty with the United States Army on October 22, 1968. He was a crew chief and worked on airplanes. Curly did several tours including going to Bangkok and Vietnam. He proudly served his country until December 13, 1971. Curly met Patty Robbins, the love of his life, in 1975 in Minneapolis MN. In the spring of 1976 they moved to Watertown, SD and they were married on August 14, 1976. They had four children, Bobbie Jo, Michael John, Vernon, and Patrick. He worked for Summit Floor Supply building bowling alleys until 1989. He was a jack of all trades and could fix pretty much anything. Curly ran his own business, Anderson Construction for many years before his retirement. Curly loved motorcycles and loved to rattle the windows in downtown Watertown. He was a character for sure, everyone that knew him most likely have a crazy Curly story. He loved to drive around and check on all his kids in the wee hours of the morning making sure everyone was home and safe. This earned him several Nicknames such as

Stalker Dad. He was often lovingly referred to as Cruising Curly he made several trips to the gas station in a day to have a can of coke and a Reese's on his daily route of friends and family that he stopped in to check on. The guy had a wicked sweet tooth for not having a tooth left in his mouth, it was never a piece of cake always a row of cake. Cookie Man was another name he was referred to by a bakery in town. He also enjoyed having the title Grandpa and loved his three grandchildren. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He was a member of the Honor Guard for years and enjoyed being able to connect with other Veterans. He was proud to have served his country and you could tell that by his Veteran hat and jacket he always wore as well as the bumper sticker on his car. Patty and Curly lived in Watertown until July of 2021. Curly had dementia for many years and Patty cared for him at home until things progressed. We will be reminded of his love, humor, antics, and shenanigans for years to come. A lifetime of stories to remember a life well lived. Curly is survived by his wife, Patty (née Brookings) Anderson, his children, Bobbie Jo Anderson (Rapid City), Vernon Anderson (Jenny) (Sioux Falls) and his children, Gracie and Vernon, Patrick Anderson (Sioux Falls) and his son, Gage. His siblings, Marcia and Rick Schroeder (Wells, MN), Matt and Peggy Anderson (Albert Lea, MN), Mark and Robin Anderson (Britt, IA), Melanie and Scott Phillips (Winnebago, MN) and many other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his son Michael John Anderson, his parents Vernon and Mary Ethel Anderson and his grandparents Arthur and Ida Gansmoe (Grandma G) Hugh and Rosetta Anderson. Memorial services were at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the Watertown Christian Church in Watertown, SD with Reverend Gerald Volk officiating. The service was recorded and uploaded to the funeral home website (posted at the very end of Curly's obituary) when the funeral is over and time allowed. Military Honors were conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. The burial was at a later date at the Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls, SD. To view a family video, go to: https://drive.google.com/file/d/18wQCAtXMOhun8zDhrnqho1s5EyP_1kcT/view.



VINCENT ANZALONE, JR. – Died Friday, September 16, 2022 in Lititz, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Staten Island, New York on December 24, 1946 to the late Maria Stella (née Sanguedolce) and Vincent Anzalone, Sr. On September 13th he celebrated his 53rd wedding anniversary with Marie T. (née Fulginiti) Anzalone. In NY, Vincent attended Saint Rita Parochial School and Port Richmond High School in Staten Island. During the Vietnam War he was drafted into the United States Army and proudly served his country from 1967-1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. Vincent will be sorely missed by his loving wife Marie; their only son, Anthony, husband of Lori of York; grandsons: Nicholas, Michael and Dominic, and his beloved dog Rico. In addition, he is survived by his sister-in-law Carmella Anzalone; a niece, Donna Comis; a nephew, Vincent Anzalone; brothers-in-law, Nick Fulginiti, husband of Bonnie, and Frank Fulginiti; as well as great nephews and nieces. He was preceded in passing by

his parents and brothers, Rosario “Ceri” and Nicholas “Nick” Anzalone. Guests were welcome to a visitation at the Charles F. Snyder, Jr. Funeral Home and Crematory, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 from 9:30-10:30 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint James Catholic Church, 505 Woodcrest Avenue, Lititz, PA at 11:00 AM with Reverend Father Ryan Fischer as Celebrant. Vincent was laid to rest in a private service with full military honors at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA. Memorial contributions in Vincent’s name may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.



LOUIS E. BALDASTY - Died Monday, October 31, 2022 at Grand Rehab Facility of Whitestone, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Louis was born on January 6, 1943 in New York City, New York. A kind, loving father, grandfather, and friend. Your laugh will be heard in heaven and your stories will remain with us forever. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone Chapter #32**. Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 9th from 8:30-9:30 AM at the Edward D. Lynch Funeral Home, Inc., 43-07 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, NY. A Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Saint Teresa Roman Catholic Church, 44th Street and 50th Avenue, Woodside, NY. The burial was in the Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton following the Mass. In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations may be made to: 101st Airborne Division Association, PO Box 929, Fort Campbell, KY 42223.



JESUS CHAMPACO “Chu”/“Uncle Chu” BARCINAS – Died Monday, October 24, 2022 in Leyang, Barrigada, Guam at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Merizo, Malesso on March 25, 1943 to the late Gabriel Cruz and Maria Champaco Manalisay Barcinas. He is survived by his wife, Teresita “Betha / Bert / Terry” (née Pareda) Barcinas; his daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Roland Rosario, Jr.; his sons and daughters-in-law, Jesse Gabriel and Patricia (née Yoshida) Barcinas, Roland Pareda and Katrina Ann (née Camacho) Barcinas, and several grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #669**. The Rosary was recited at 7:00 PM nightly at #162 Tun Juan White Street in Leyang, Barrigada. Last respects were held from 9:00 to 11:30 AM on November 12th at San Vicente-San Roke Catholic Church, Barrigada. The Mass for Christian Burial was celebrated at 12:00 Noon, followed by the interment at Guam Memorial Park in Leyang, Barrigada.



GERALD P. "Jer" BARNES (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Friday, October 28, 2022 in Horseheads, New York at the age of 81, as a result of Alzheimer's disease. He was born on April 8, 1941 in Mansfield, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph F. and Edith M. (née Jebbett) Barnes. After graduating from Southside High School, he worked for attorney John Lawless as a paralegal. In 1964, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving as a Paralegal, SJA. He retired in 1989 after 26 years of service with the rank of E-9 Sergeant Major. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by brothers, PFC Richard and Ronald Barnes, and his longtime companion, Boots. He is survived by his sisters, Mary Osenbaugh, Alberta Andrus; his brothers, David Barnes, Frederick Barnes; several nieces and nephews; and his long-time friend, Nadine White Eagle. A special thanks to his niece, Debbie Flasphaler for her never-ending help with Gerald's personal affairs and his brother, Fred. Friends visited from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon on Thursday, November 3, 2022 with a service at 12:00 Noon at the Olthof Funeral Home, 1050 Pennsylvania Avenue in Elmira. The burial with full military honors was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 563 Jerusalem Hill Road, Elmira, NY. To leave online condolences, please visit olthof.com.



FRANK LEE BECHEL - Died Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Monterey Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Independence, Missouri at the age of 76. He was a resident of Lee's Summit, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. Frank was born on October 24, 1946 in McGirk, Missouri to the late James William Bechel and Gladys Marie (née Hall) Bechel. As he grew up, Frank worked with his Dad on weekends and during summers making deliveries around the Jefferson City area for Simpson Tobacco Company. He graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1964. He began college at Lincoln University, but he and a friend decided to enter the United States Air Force in 1965. Basic training was at Columbus AFB, and he then served at many US bases (Ellsworth AFB, Andrews AFB, The Pentagon and others) in addition to serving overseas, including Vietnam. He retired from the Air Force while stationed at Malmstrom AFB in 1985. He then worked for Columbia Glass and Window Company in Kansas City, MO until he retired in 2013. Frank and his wife Patricia (Patty) were united in holy matrimony September 1, 1979. He was an avid reader, liked sports and enjoyed passing out butterscotch candy. Frank was a member of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City (Missouri) Chapter #317**. Frank was preceded in death by his parents James and Gladys Bechel; and sisters Wanda Gannaway, Linda Angelbeck; and brother Gene Bechel. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Bechel; daughter Patricia Anne (partner Kristyna); and son Gregory Allen (Aleesha); uncle JD Hall; mother-in-law Gerry Kunard; brother-in-law Darrell Kunard (Joyce); sisters-in-law Joyce Lassiter and Denise Lees (Kelly); six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; nephews Ed Gannaway (Judi) and Lucas Bechel (Sonja); nieces Sharon Meece (Tim), Barbara Smith (Jeff) and Crystal Jennings (Robert); nephew-in-law Brian Lassiter (Trina); nieces-in-law Kristin Kunard and

Leah Kunard; plus great-nieces and nephews; cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions to Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, Frank Bechel Memorial, 700 NE Chipman Road, Lee's Summit MO 64063-2571.



JAMES GILBERT "Jim" BELSHAW - Died Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Corrales, New Mexico at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 11, 1944. Jim was an award-winning columnist for the Albuquerque Journal for 28 years. After his retirement from the Journal in 2009, he wrote a column for the Guadalupe County Communicator in Santa Rosa, NM for another eight years. Jim described his columns as "telling the stories of New Mexicans who were not the "usual suspects" — mayors, governors and such. The newsmakers didn't interest me nearly as much as the people who lived in neighborhoods or worked in the grocery store or raised quarter horses in Willard. Clichéd though it may be, everyone does have a story to tell. Often they were insightful, sometimes downright profound. There was little if any political ranting in the column, though I did climb up on the soapbox every now and again." Over the years, Jim received many accolades for his writing. His awards included the Distinguished Graduate Award from the University of New Mexico, the ACLU First Amendment Award, the Anti-Defamation League Journalism Award, many New Mexico Press Association Awards, as well Albuquerque People's Choice Awards. He authored three non-fiction books: two collections of his columns (Semi-Native and Coyote in the Front Yard) and one about a dying young doctor (Closing the Chart) as well as an award-winning play (Just a Song at Twilight). He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He did a tour of duty from 1969 to 1970 with the 8th Security Police Squadron at Ubon Air Base in Thailand. He was a *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America**. Jim began contributing to the *Vietnam Veteran Magazine* in 1994. He wrote many in-depth member profiles as well as article about the health consequences of Agent Orange and teaching the Vietnam War. He also made three trips to Vietnam in the nineties with VVA's Veterans Initiative program and produces a series of articles that focused on the human cost of war on veterans on both sides of the conflict. "They were warm-hearted stories about finding their humanity across old battle lines," said Tom Harmon, a former editor and editorial writer at the Albuquerque Journal where Jim worked for many years. Jim is survived by Elizabeth Staley, his wife of 36 years; siblings Diane Humphrey, Faith Miller and Eric Arnholz; brother-in-law Chris Staley; several nieces and nephews and his extended family of loving cousins in Chicago and New Mexico. A memorial service for New Mexico newspaper columnist Jim Belshaw was held on Saturday, December 3rd at 2:00 PM at Saint Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, 601 Montano Road NW, in Albuquerque. The service was streamed on Facebook. The interment was in the Santa Fe National Cemetery on Monday, December 5th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government or Animal Humane New Mexico.

MARYANN BIRCHENOUGH - Died Wednesday, August 3, 2022 in the home of her daughter in Deckerville, Michigan at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on August

12, 1935 in New York City, New York and then moved to Middletown, New York where she attended school. On March 29, 1981, she married Donald Birchenough in Middletown. Maryann worked as a Therapy Assistant for over 40 years in the Middletown Psychology Center. She enjoyed crafts, puzzles, military memorabilia and mowing the grass. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140** in Middletown. She was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church Ave Maria Parish in Port Sanilac. She is survived by her husband, Donald of Deckerville; three daughters, Kim Guzman of FL, Cathy Kirkwood of Deckerville, and Christina (Edward) Bound of NY; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial mass was held at a later date. Memorials may be given to McLaren Hospice. Condolences may be sent on-line to apseyfuneralhome.net.



FRANK J. BOBACK, JR. - Died Sunday, November 20, 2022 at Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts at the age of 81. He was a resident of Fall River, Massachusetts. The cause of death was the coronavirus, COVID-19. Mr. Boback was born in Elrama, Pennsylvania on February 9, 1941 to the late Frank J. and Dorothy (née Darney) Boback and had resided in Westport, Massachusetts for most of his life prior to relocating to Fall River. He was the husband of Eva (née Simmons) Boback. A career United States Navy veteran for over 30 years, he served his country in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**, the American Legion-James Morris Post #145 and the VFW Ouellette Post #8502, all of Westport. He loved animals. Survivors along with his wife include his two daughters: Nancy Perkins of Westport and JoAnn Pariseau of Dartmouth; two brothers: Bruce Boback of NC and Matthew Boback of PA; along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Johanna Boback and Raymond Boback. Funeral service to which relatives and friends were invited was on Monday, November 28, 2022 at the Potter Funeral Home at 8:00 AM. Calling hours were on Sunday from 2:00-5:00 PM. The interment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.



WILLIS CALVIN BOEDEKER, JR. – Died Thursday, November 17, 2022 in Palestine, Texas at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 1, 1941 in Milano, Texas to the late Willis Calvin Boedeker, Sr. and Billie Glen (née Hensley) Boedeker who survives. A graduate of Palestine High School, Willis first enlisted in the United States Navy in 1959. He married Betty Carole Stewart on March 25th, 1962, and continued to serve in the Navy until 1963. Willis also served in the United States Army from 1963 until 1966, serving overseas in Vietnam. In 1968, he reenlisted in the Navy, and served on aircraft carriers around the world until 1981 when he retired. After his naval career, Willis attended the University of Texas at Tyler and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science with a minor in

Mathematics in June 1985. He taught Math in the Elkhart School District for 4 years. In 1989, he went to work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and retired after 9 years of service. Willis was a member of the Palestine Masonic Lodge since 1969, and York Rite since 1972. He advanced to Master of Palestine Lodge #31, Texas AF&AM in 2012. He also served as a member of KYCH (Knight York Rite Cross of Honor). He was a proud member of the 'Red Shirt Crew' at Palestine Lodge #31, which provided meals for the Masons and other community organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palestine Chapter #991**. Among the many passions in his life besides family was enjoying the outdoors. He always enjoyed hunting, camping, and shooting at the rifle range. Forever the Navy man, he loved taking cruises with Betty and traveling the world. He was the proudest Grandpa you could ever meet, or have the pleasure of knowing. He is preceded in death by his father, Willis Calvin Boedeker Sr., and his sister, Joyce Boedeker Chambers. He is survived by his mother, Billie Covey of Palestine; his wife of 60 years, Betty Boedeker of Palestine; son David and wife Jennifer Boedeker of Katy, TX; son Karl and wife Yuliya Boedeker of Woodbridge, VA; and daughter Susan Garcia of Palestine. Grandchildren are Joshua, Catherine, and Sarah Boedeker of Katy, TX; Kyle Boedeker of Woodbridge, VA; Emeline and Adreana Garcia of Palestine. We miss you and love you so much, we'll miss all of your fun stories, and you'll always be '*The Last of the Good Guys*'... A memorial service was at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 21, 2022 in the Bailey and Foster Funeral Chapel. The arrangements were entrusted to the Bailey and Foster Funeral Home.

WILLIAM E. BOYCE – Died Tuesday, November 15, 2022 in Keansburg, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 7, 1953. He served in the United States Navy from September 9, 1972 to September 30, 1992 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**.



PETER CARL BRACHTEL - Died Sunday, September 18, 2022 at the Des Moines VA Medical Center at the age of 76. He was formerly of Quad Cities, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Peter was born on August 24, 1946 in Davenport, Iowa to the late Carl J. and Helen Elizabeth (née Rolf) Brachtel. He was a proud veteran serving in the United States Coast Guard, and enjoyed when he was stationed in Anchorage, AK. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Peter graduated from Davenport West High School. Peter was a custom cabinet maker and a skilled mechanic that could fix anything. Peter loved country music, cooking, gardening, playing Yahtzee, and had fond memories of fishing for Blue Marlin in Panama City, FL. His favorite things recently were French toast and hot chocolate. Peter loved his family and will be remembered as a pleasant and kind man. Survivors include his children, Mark (Cherish) Brachtel and Christy MacDonald (Patrick), grandchildren, Sara Moore, Mathew Babnik, Jessica Brown, and Michael Wells; nine great-grandchildren; and brother, James (Linda) Brachtel. The funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, Rock Island. The service was livestreamed for friends and family who were

unable to attend in person and was viewed at: www.wheelanpressly.com/live-stream. Visitation was held one hour prior to service at the funeral home. The burial with military honors was at the National Cemetery in Rock Island.



JIMMY RAY BREWER - Died Tuesday, November 22, 2022 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Polk County, Tennessee on September 28, 1946 to the late Hoyt Brewer and Lorene (née Carpenter) Brewer. He grew up in Bradley County, Tennessee. Jimmy lived in Soddy-Daisy the last 37 years. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Jimmy was a 50-year member of the Masons first belonging to the Brainerd Masonic Lodge #736 F.&A.M. and the last 10 years in the Soddy Masonic Lodge #418 F.&A.M. He was a member in the DAV Chapter #6 for 11 years and served as Commander for 2 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. Jimmy retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority. He was a big fan of the University of Tennessee Volunteers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hoyt Brewer and Lorene Carpenter; sisters, Wanda Hampton and JoAnn Geren. Survivors were his wife of 51 years, Shirley Brewer; son, Grant Brewer (Nikki); daughter, Tracy Brewer Keller; grandchildren, Tiffany, Tyler, Casey, Cayson, Callie, Maddie; 3 great grandchildren; siblings, Jane Chavis, Brenda Wallace (Frank); many nieces, nephews and extended family. Services were on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 12:00 Noon in the funeral home chapel. The burial was in the National Cemetery. Visitation was on Monday, November 28, 2022 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the DAV or the Vietnam Veterans of America. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.williamsonandsons.com. The arrangements were made by the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379.



MARVIN JAMES "Bobby" BRIETZKE - Died unexpectedly, Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in New Braunfels, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Bobby was born on November 13, 1945 in Seguin, Texas to the late Eugene L. Brietzke and Annie Marie (née Salge) Brietzke. Bobby graduated from Seguin High School in 1965. Upon graduation, he was drafted into the United States Army. He served in Vietnam as a combat infantryman. After his discharge from the Army in 1968, Bobby went to work at Mission Valley Mills where he met his future wife, Carol Caraway. They were married October 19, 1968 in New Braunfels. Bobby then went to work for American Airlines where he stayed until retirement, 38 years. Bobby was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Maurice T. Suttles Post #3413 in San Marcos. He is a past commander of VFW Post #7110 in New Braunfels and past commander of Texas VFW District #5. He also served as a VFW Aide-de-Camp. Bobby was a life

member of the Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Hallettsville Chapter #854**. Bobby is survived by his wife of 54 years Carol Brietzke; sisters Helen Mayo and Jenny Faye Baese; brothers Eugene E. Brietzke and wife Edith, and LeRoy Brietzke and wife June; brother-in-law Mike Caraway and wife Debbie, numerous nieces and nephews and his 4 loving cats. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents Eugene L. Brietzke and Annie Marie (née Salge) Brietzke, brother Freddy Lee Brietzke, nephew Jackie Mayo, Jr., and great-nephew Zaine Caraway. Serving as pallbearers were Denver Bernard, Bryan Bease, Greg Mayo, Junior Brietzke, Clinton Caraway and Steven Caraway. The Honorary Pallbearers were Jerry Grimes, Donald Ray Brietzke, Martin Kayter, Bradley Bease and Mike Caraway. A public viewing and visitation for Bobby was held on Thursday, December 22, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Zoeller Funeral Home, 615 Landa Street, New Braunfels, Texas. A chapel service occurred on Friday, December 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM, 615 Landa St, New Braunfels, Texas. A burial with Army honors was on Friday, December 23, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park, 2951 Texas Highway 46, New Braunfels, Texas. The Brietzke family asked that VFW members attending please wear a VFW shirt and their uniform hat. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Texas VFW Foundation Veterans Assistance Program. Make check payable to "Texas VFW Foundation". Mail to Texas VFW Foundation, P.O. Box 14468, Austin, TX 78761-4468. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ZoellerFuneralHm.com for the Brietzke family.



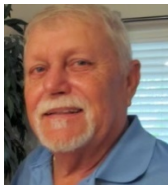
ROBERT J. "Bob" BRIGHENTI - Died Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in his home in Athol, Massachusetts at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts on January 29, 1946 to the late Reno and Natalie Brighenti. His beloved wife Joan, passed away in May 2022. Bob leaves behind his daughter Angela Hicks, and her husband, Scott, both of Everett, WA. He also leaves behind his daughter, Rose, of Fitchburg, MA, and her two children, Joey and Kayla. No words can express how devastated we are to lose our dad. He was an amazing man! He was a pain in the ass, but he was our pain in the ass. Bob also leaves behind his two brothers, Tony and Mark, and their wives Sherry and Jodie. Bob also leaves behind his cousin Colleen, whom he thought of as a sister. They were very close. Bob leaves behind his beloved friends Charlie and Sue Ponusky. They were an amazing support system for him and he was lucky to have you both. Their daughter, Cassia, was his Goddaughter, and he loved her very much. Bob leaves behind many other family members and friends. The list is endless. Bob graduated from Athol High School in 1963. He joined the United States Navy in 1964, and after boot camp in Illinois, he was stationed at Brunswick Naval Air Station in Georgia. He was then assigned to the Boston Naval Shipyard in the Special Services Division. Bob served two tours of duty aboard the USS Intrepid. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in May of 1968. After returning home from the Navy, Bob attended Worcester Junior College, earning an AA in Business in 1969. Bob then moved to Coral Gables, FL, and studied education at the University of Miami. He graduated with a BA in Education in 1972. Bob

received his Master's in Education from Fitchburg State College in 1979. Bob then returned to his hometown Athol and became a history teacher. Later on in his career, he taught business classes in the evening division at MWCC. Bob retired from the Athol-Royalston School District in 2000. Bob was very motivated in life and wanted to continue contributing to his community. He pursued a career in real estate as a side job and graduated from the Lee Institute of Real Estate. He became a licensed real estate broker, practicing real estate for over 30 years. He opened his own real estate business in 2005. Bob was a member of many local community organizations as well as a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athol Chapter #340**, the American Legion Post #102, and the Athol-Orange Elks Lodge until its closure. Bob was very active in the Athol Council #1182 Knights of Columbus. He was also an active member and Board Director of the North Worcester County Quabbin Anglers Association. There are many more to list but it would take up too much time and this place charges by the hour, so we'll just end it there. Bob was an ambitious guy, let's just give him that. As everyone knows, Bob was a man of faith. He was very involved with his church, Our Lady of Immaculate and for many years, he served as a Eucharistic Minister. After he retired from his teaching career, he took up a part-time job as a bartender (which was odd because the man never drank!), at the Marriott Hotel in Westborough, MA. This job was an escape from reality, as he used to say. He liked meeting new people and talking to them as we all know he was a talker. For many years, Bob and Joan participated in the Massachusetts Special Olympics...but not as athletes. They participated, by sharing their boat at the Quabbin Reservoir with the real athletes! Bob enjoyed losing balls on the golf course, swimming at the YMCA, and vacationing at his home in Ft. Myers, FL, even though he had to drag Joan there every year. Bob survived Hurricane Ian, but unfortunately, his home did not. We believe this was the final straw for him, however, we feel comfort in knowing that Robert Joseph Brighenti can finally relax. Thank you all for coming to celebrate his life with us. In lieu of flowers, please send monetary donations to Our Lady Immaculate Church, 192 School Street, Athol, MA 01331 in Robert's name. The Kevin J. Mack, Walter C. Taylor, and Douglas M. Stone, Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements.



THOMAS E. "Tom" BRYANT - Died peacefully, Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Auburn Community Hospital, Auburn, New York at the age of 76. He was a resident of Auburn. The cause of death was Acute Myocardial Infarction caused by Ischemic Cardiomyopathy. He was a life resident of Auburn born on September 2, 1946 to the late Joseph and Imelda (née O'Toole) Bryant. Tom retired as a Mail Carrier for the United States Postal Service after more than 20 years of service and was also a union member of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch #134 Syracuse, NY. Tom served our country honorably in the United States Navy and was a Vietnam War Veteran. He was a *Life Member* and former *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Auburn Chapter #704** and a lifetime C.I. Post member. Tom enjoyed hunting, bowling, fishing and loved to watch the Buffalo Bills and Syracuse University sports teams. He

cherished the times spent with his family and will be sadly missed by all. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Cheryl (née Wells) Bryant of Auburn; four children: Lisa (Eric) Madren, Alan Kopec, Tim (Becca) Bryant, Heather (Mike) Malfi; brother, James (Judy) Bryant; eleven grandchildren: Ben and Libby Madren, Andrew and Justin Kopec, Ericka McDowell, Ashley and Megan Williamson, Erin, Michael, Bella and Christina Malfi; one great-grandchild, Grayson; many brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. In addition to his parents, Tom was predeceased by two sisters Alice Harvey, Teresa Lockhart, and brothers, John O'Toole, Joseph and Stan Bryant. Calling hours and funeral services were held in the Pettigross Funeral Home, located at 196 Genesee Street, Auburn. Calling hours were held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 PM and the services were on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 12:00 Noon. Following the services on Monday, the burial with military honors were accorded at the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Romulus at 3:00 PM. The family is grateful for flowers at the funeral home, or donations made in Tom's memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #704, PO Box 1484, Auburn, NY 13021.



ROBERT E. "Buzz" BUSBY - Died Wednesday, October 20, 2022 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 74, after a short battle with cancer. He also resided in Salem, Wisconsin in the summer months. He was born in Red River, Wisconsin on December 17, 1947 to the late Virgil and Virginia (née Vertz) Busby. On July 18, 1970 in Lake Villa, IL, he was united in marriage to Sharel Hart. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a member of the I Company 75th Rangers/ F Company 52nd Infantry LRRP 1st Division. Member of the Kansasville VFW Post #7924, COOTIES Pup Tent #39, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Shawano Chapter #206**. He was also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Post of Oneida, WI, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #150 Lady Lake, FL. Robert enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em and golfing. He was the owner of Racine Screen Printing in Racine, WI. Survived by his wife Sharel. Loving father to Stephanie Busby (Scott Burrell) and Sarah (Tim) Pigo. Grandfather to Taliah and Giuliana Pigo. Brother to Tura (Richard) Siebman, Patrick (Maria) Busby, Betty (Mike) Pasck, Donna (John) Stancil, Doug Welch, and Philip (Bernadette) Welch. Further survived by many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his brother Joseph Welch and sister Laurie Welch and Stepfather Mearl Welch. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday October 25, 2022, at 12:00 Noon at the Haase-Lockwood and Associates Funeral Home, 620 Legion Drive, Twin Lakes, WI with brother-in-law Deacon Larry Hart presiding. The burial with full military honors was held at the Mound Prairie Cemetery. Visitation was held from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project. A Celebration of Robert's life will take place later at The Villages, FL. The Haase-Lockwood and Associates Funeral Home of Twin Lakes, WI was honored to serve the Busby family.



ANTHONY BENJAMIN “Kiff” “Tony” CAFFO, JR. – Died Saturday, November 19, 2022 of Smyrna, Delaware at the age of 74, in the arms of his love, Debbie, at the Kent General Hospital (Bayhealth Dover). The cause of death is unknown. Anthony known to his family and friends as Tony or Kiff, was born in Chester, Pennsylvania on December 24, 1947 to the late Anthony “Tony” Caffo, Sr. and Esther (née Sammy) Caffo. Kiff grew up in Chester with his two sisters, Elvira and Betty and two brothers, John and David and two close friends (his brothers truly), Richard “Bird” Clendening and Barclay “Skip” Howett. When he met Skip’s sister, Debbie, he knew she was his one and only love. After watching her from afar for a long time and enlisting in the United States Air Force during Vietnam, he married her on January 10, 1970. Their adventures during his time in the USAF took them to Japan, Oklahoma, New York and back to Pennsylvania. Through everything they stuck together and made a family and a loving home. He always said that Debbie was his rock and without her he would not be able to survive. Kiff went into electronics in the Air Force and continued this by becoming a Senior Field Technician for a major computer company, Storage Technology Corporation at the end of his time in the Air Force. Adept at fixing almost anything, he worked on cars, boats, all in home repairs, toys for his children and grandchildren and just figuring things out. You always knew that any repair he made would outlast the original part of the project. His family often commented, “Well that will never fall apart...He-Man fixed it.” As all Vietnam Vets do, Kiff had things that he could not share with his family from the horrors of war. His struggles with this were eased when he met Mike Snyder. He and Mike became friends and brothers. Through Mike, Kiff joined and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850** and eventually helped found the Veterans United Outreach. He and Debbie instilled all of the virtues one could hope for in their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a proud, quiet man, always willing to help someone else. He always told his daughters, someone else needs it more than I do regardless of this were true or not. Kiff was an avid fisherman, teaching his children and grandchildren the joys and art of being on the water, nature conservation, how to catch night crawlers, rehabilitate injured animals and to love and respect nature. There were many times when his fishing was how his family survived the lean times. Kiff loved his family above all things and always did everything he could to protect them and make them smile. If one of his princesses or princes was sad, he would say “Hey what’s the rule here, there are no tears in the Happy Hotel” then he would hug them, wipe their tears and do everything he could to make them smile. He is survived by his beloved wife and caregiver, Debbie (née Howett) Caffo; two daughters Renée Caffo Holt and Melanie (Stephen) Keenan; five grandchildren, Jessica (John) Johnston, Samantha (Camuel) Whaley, Olivia Kluge, Benjamin Holt and Jonathan Keenan; five great-grandchildren, Reilly, Samarita (Sami), Camuel (CJ) and the newest edition Samson; as well as his sisters, Elvira (Bruce) Hedge and Betty Petit de Mange; brother, David (Susan) Caffo, and; an abundance of nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Kiff was preceded in death by his mother, Esther Caffo (Samuel), father, Tony Caffo Sr., brother, John Caffo, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. Kiff was buried at the Veterans Cemetery in New Castle, Delaware. All services were private. His family asked that in lieu of

flowers donations be made to the Veterans United Outreach, PO Box 1045, Clayton, DE 19938 or to the charity of your choice. Kiff donated quietly every year to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



HAROLD EUGENE "Kit" CARSON, JR. (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret.) - Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, Retired of Tampa, Florida Died Thursday, October 6, 2022 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. Col. Carson was born in Monson, Maine on October 10, 1933 to the late Harold Eugene Carson, Sr. and Ernestine (née Averill) Carson. He grew up in Hartland, Maine and graduated from Hartland Academy in 1951. He went on to graduate from Boston University with a BS degree, Syracuse University with an MBA degree, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Col. Carson was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Sandra (née Humphrey) Carson, formerly of Pittsfield, Maine. He is also survived by a sister, Patricia Carson Crowe and her husband, Guss of Pasadena, CA., and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Ernestine Carson of Hartland, Maine, a daughter, Deborah Susanne Carson, formerly of Fairfax Station, Virginia. Upon graduating from Boston University, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, and completed pilot training in Hondo and Laredo, TX. He flew as pilot or instructor pilot in 11 types of aircraft during his career including the T-33, T-39, C-47, C-131, O-2B, KC-97, KC-135 and several versions of the EB-66. During the Vietnam War he flew 117 combat missions over Laos and North Vietnam in EB-66 electronic warfare aircraft. He completed his flying career with a command pilot training. Col. Carson's staff assignments included tours at Pacific Air Force HQ in Hawaii, with Air Staff at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. and with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Alexandria, VA. He retired at MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida in 1985. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medals, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, and six Air Medals. He was a life member of The Military Officers Association of America, a member of the Air Force Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**, the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, the Maine Aviation Historical Society and the Emerald Greens Golf and Country Club. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Col. Carson was employed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Resolution Trust Corporation in Tampa, Florida where he served as Administrative Officer and Director of Administration. He was an active volunteer with Hands On Tampa Bay, Metropolitan Ministries and Habitat for Humanity. There were no local services. The inurnment was in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



CLAUDE M. CASEY - Died Thursday, November 3, 2022 in Wadsworth, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus-Type II. He was born on October 23, 1947 in

Logan, West Virginia. Claude served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Columbus Chapter #255** in Wooster, Rolling Thunder Chapter #2 in Akron, American Legion in Loudenville, and Veterans of Foreign War in Wadsworth. He enjoyed the Biannual Reunions of the 3/60th B Company 9th Infantry. Claude retired in 2002 from the Barberton Post Office. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed his motorcycle and cruising around town. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Claudia; children, Angela Casey and Matthew Casey; grandchildren, Jordan Casey and Tyler R. Jones. Visitation was on Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Cox-McNulty Funeral Home, 1376 High Street, Wadsworth. The interment with military honors was at 2:30 PM at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, OH.



CLARK DENNIS CHERRY - Died peacefully, Thursday, November 10, 2022 in Utica, Michigan at the age of 83, surrounded by his family. He was formerly of Sterling Heights, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. Clark was born on February 3, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Edward and Madeleine Cherry. Loving father of Denise (the late Ronald) Szewczul, Clark (Patty) Cherry, Christopher (Sherri Siems) Cherry, Carl (Kerri) Cherry, and Michael (Cara) Cherry. Loving grandfather of Renee (Nick) Somers, Kayla (Joey) Hatt, Sarah (Jacob Hasselbach), Matthew, Kyle, Nicholas, Rachel, Jacob, Logan, Sierra, Caitlin, and Colin. Dearest brother of Cliff Cherry, and Curt Cherry. Loved brother-in-law of Barbara (the late Ralph) Nowak, Annette (the late John) Soave, Judy (Robert) Preston, Cynthia (the late Robert) Hecker, Alice (Philip) Adams, and Marcia (Gordon) Book. Clark is preceded in passing by his beloved wife Patricia Cherry, parents Edward and Madeleine Cherry, siblings Edward, Betty, and William, sister-in-law Mary Ereaux, and brother-in-law David Baginski. Clark was always an incredibly hardworking family man, working three jobs during most of his life to provide for his family that he cherished. Clark was also a proud veteran, joining the United States Army after high school. He continued to support his fellow veterans throughout his life by volunteering and helping with many fundraisers. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Clark met the love of his life and future bride, Patricia, on a blind date set up by Patricia's cousin. They quickly fell in love, and married in 1963 at Saint Dorothy's Church in Warren, Michigan. Clark and Patricia were always very active for many years at Saint Dorothy's, and later in their lives became parishioners at St. Paul of Tarsus when they moved to Macomb Twp. Family was always everything to Clark! He cherished every family get together, and loved spending time with his children, their spouses and his grandchildren. Clark will be forever remembered by all who loved him. Visitation was held on Monday, November 14th from 2:00–8:00 PM with a scripture service at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Mass took place on Tuesday, November 15th at Saint Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church. Gathering, or instate time was at 9:30 AM. The Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM. Clark was laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery next to his beloved wife at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Clark's honor can be made to a donation to a Veteran organization of one's choice.



BRUCE ALAN CHITWOOD - Died Thursday, October 27, 2022 in Union Township, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 31, 1951 to the late Ronald D. Chitwood, Sr. and Anna M. (née Buchtmann) Chitwood. He was the beloved husband of Marian "Lexi" (née Plunkett) Chitwood; loving father of Danielle S. Chitwood and Joshua A. Chitwood; cherished grandfather of Blayden Chitwood and Alexis Chitwood; brother to the late Ronald, Jr. (surviving Vivian) Chitwood, Jerry (Mimi) Chitwood, Tom Chitwood, Jim (the late Ruby) Chitwood, and Dianna (the late Don) Tobler, and; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Bruce never met a stranger. He grew up in Norwood, graduating as a Norwood Indian in 1969. He would raise Danielle and Josh in Norwood as well, just blocks from his corner store, Bruce's Beer Barrell. He loved going to family reunions, and would be the families travel agent when planning, thus securing large discounts on travel by booking a large group. Coupon-ing was a hobby for Bruce, but only so he could use the money saved on his kids and hobbies. He had a large baseball card collection he was quite proud of and enjoyed going golfing and bowling in his free time. After he closed his corner store in '83, he went to work for the United States Postal Service, working as a mail handler in the backrooms, mostly getting the large crates unloaded with a forklift. This came naturally to him as he spent time as a Sergeant in the US Air Force in Cargo Logistics. His time in the United States Air Force was dear to him. He was a proud veteran, and anytime he saw another veteran in public, he would go introduce himself, make sure to shake their hand and thank them for their service. Bruce volunteered with the DAV when he was able. He also helped out with the activities of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union. These gave him many opportunities to meet new friends, share life stories, and make sure everyone around him was loved and taken cared for. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. A Mass of the Christian was celebrated for Bruce on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 11:00 AM in Saint Veronica Catholic Church, 4473 Mount Carmel Tabasco Road, Cincinnati, OH. Visitation was held prior to Mass at 10:00 AM. The burial was at the convenience of the family at Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton, OH.



JAMES DURBIN CHRISTIAN – Died Monday, November 28, 2022 in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on September 19, 1947 in Columbus, Indiana to the late Paul Durbin Christian, Jr. and Louise (née Hopkins) Christian. He was the husband of Sally (née Cooke) Christian. After graduating from Indiana University High School in Bloomington Indiana, James enlisted in the United States Navy. He served eight years, including two Vietnam tours. After leaving the Navy James became an Industrial Electrician, specializing in troubleshooting industrial equipment. He was a member of I.B.E.W. and I.U.E. While still working James earned a Bachelor of Arts in

Communication from the College of Charleston in 1997. He then became a Technical Writer at Blackbaud writing user manuals for software programs. He then earned a Master of Public Administration from a joint University of Charleston-University of South Carolina program in 2000. James relocated to Columbia to attend the University of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication, earning a Master of Arts degree in Journalism in 2004. He continued working as a Technical Writer during this time. He served as the President of the South Carolina chapter of the Society for Technical Communication and the Lowcountry chapter of Mensa. He was also a writer and editor of the Ifra Trend Report and a writer for Dr. John Palms in the University of South Carolina President's Office. As a doctoral student he began teaching undergraduate classes in Research Methodology and Media Law at the University of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication. After becoming a Doctoral Candidate, he taught at Francis Marion University, Coker College, Columbia College, and Kan Shan University (Tainan, Taiwan). James was proud to be a *Life Member* of the following organizations: National Eagle Scout Association, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**, AMVETS, and Harley Owners Group. He has been a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels since January 1979. As a member of the American Legion Riders he focused on raising money for the Legacy Fund. He proudly served as a Ride Captain with the Patriot Guard Riders.

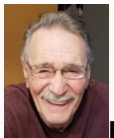


DENNIS RALPH COE - Died Sunday, October 30, 2022 at home in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 77, with his wife and family by his side. The cause of death was cancer. Dennis was born in New London, Wisconsin on September 8, 1945 to the late Ralph and Mavis Coe of Shiocton. Started his education at the Liberty Bell School, a one room school house, and graduated from Shiocton High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam where he came in contact with Agent Orange. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**. When he returned to the states, he started his career in law enforcement until his retirement in 2003 from the Outagamie Sheriff's Department. Dennis married Cathy (née Wittwer) Larsen in Wyoming on June 18, 2007. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching his boys play baseball, and traveling/camping to different states with Cathy. Dennis is survived by his wife, his children Jack (Amy) Coe, Jennifer Coe (Jim Miller), Scott (Cari) Larsen, Lisa Larsen, and Doug (Marcy), Rob (Amber), and Jeff Coe, and grandchildren Megan and Nathan Schmidt, Shayne and Finley Larsen, Kinsley, Tytus, and Toretto Coe. He is also survived by his siblings Bonnie (Gerald) Blink, Mamie Buelow, Jim (Janet) Coe, Edie Berto, and Kenny (June) Coe, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Cathy's parents, his brother Randy, brothers-in-law Don Buelow, Tom Berto, and Curtis Wittwer, and his son-in-law Bryan Schmidt. A visitation for Dennis was held at the Valley Funeral Home, 2211 North Richmond Street on Friday, November 4, 2022, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The following day, Saturday, a service with military honors took place at 11:00 AM with visitation beginning at 9:00 AM. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Beth and Joan of Hospice, the

ThedaCare Cancer Center team and the many family and friends for their support. In lieu of flowers, a memorial was established for Dennis's favorite cause, Saint Jude Children Research Hospital.



GAIL JOAN (née Tink) COLES - Died Friday, September 25, 2020 at the Foothills Hospital at the age of 68 years. The cause of death is unknown. She was the beloved wife of Maurice Coles of Airdrie, Alberta, Canada. Gail was born and raised in Montréal, Quebec, Canada in 1952 to Margaret Tink and the late Milton Tink. She was the loving mother of Monte (Iva) Coles of Calgary and Danny (Laura) Coles of Airdrie. She will also be dearly missed by her four grandchildren; her mother Margaret Tink, sister Debra Tink and brothers Robert and Steven Tink. She was predeceased by her father Milton Tink and grandson Braiden Nathaniel Diamond Coles. Gail moved to Alberta in 1984 with her husband and two young children. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and a dear friend to many. Her world was centered around her family and was always ready and available to help a friend in need. She loved to go and play the slots and meet new and interesting people while doing so. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers (Montana) Chapter #1087**. A Visitation was held at Mountain View Funeral Home, (Prairie View Chapel, 1605 – 100 Street SE, Calgary) on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A Funeral Service was held at Mountain View Funeral Home on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 10:00 AM. In lieu flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. To express condolences, please visit: www.mountainviewmemorial.ca.

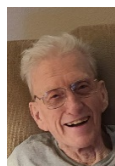


HERBERT A. COLIE, JR. – Died Friday, October 28, 2022 in Bridgewater, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Herbert was born in Newark, New Jersey on June 28, 1946 and formerly of Manville before moving to Bridgewater in 1973. He was first employed as a labor union worker before becoming a self-employed carpenter. Herbert was a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #12, the Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post #2290, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Flemington Chapter #452**, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #27. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. Herbert was an avid NY Giants fan. He will be sadly missed by all. He is predeceased by his sister Catherine Tugend who died in 2020. Surviving is his wife of 55 years, Lydia A. (née Zeban) Colie, sons Kevin Colie and his wife Jennifer and Jason Colie and his wife Jennifer, two sisters Elizabeth Gladkowski and Sharon Julius, and two grandsons Kevin Colie Jr. and Trevor Colie. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday at the Bruce C. VanArsdale Funeral Home, Somerville. The entombment was in the Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge. Visitation hours were held from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral

home. Donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. To send condolences, visit brucecvanarsdalefuneralhome.com.



GARY DAVID COMPHER - Died Tuesday, October 18, 2022 in Frederick, Maryland at the age of 76. The cause of death was ALS – Lou Gehrig’s disease. Gary was born in Frederick on June 2, 1946 to the late Atlee and Virginia Compber. Gary leaves behind his beloved bride and wife, Kathleen, with whom he has spent the last 33 years. He graduated from Frederick High School in 1964 and was drafted by the United States Army in 1966. He faithfully served his country in C Company the 92nd Engineer Battalion and was honorably discharged in 1968 after a tour in Vietnam. In 1977, Gary graduated from Hood College with a bachelor’s degree of Political Science and worked as a human resources director and retired from the State of Maryland’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in 2008 after 28 years of service. Duck hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family were his passions. He was the *President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Frederick Chapter #304** for 20 years. His work with the VVA helped improve the lives and treatment of veterans. Gary was loyal and kind, always a jokester, an outdoorsman, and a loving husband, and father. Gary is survived by his children, Christina, Vallie, Ted (Katie), and John (Kristy); and his grandchildren, Jeremy, Tymber, Shelby, David, Lexie, Emory, and Annie. He is also survived by his siblings, Atlee C. Compber (Mary Ann), Donna Kester (Arthur), and Kevin Compber (Donna). Gary was preceded in death by his niece, Susan Kester; great-nephew, Jacob Tribbett; in-laws, Richard and Pauline Cover; and brother-in-law, James Cover. The family received friends from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike in Frederick. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 28, 2022 at Saint Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor Catholic Church, 5843 Manor Woods Road, Frederick. The family asked that any memorial donations be made to the ALS Association DC/MD/VA Patient Services Fund online at www.als.org or mail to 30 West Gude Drive - Suite #150, Rockville, MD 20850.



JOHN F. CONGER – Died Saturday, November 5, 2022 in Montrose, Colorado at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. John was born in Pueblo, Colorado on April 25, 1941 to the late Dorothy and Lloyd H. Conger. John graduated from West High School in Denver, Colorado and began working for the Denver Water Board on April 24, 1961. He married Connie Sue Fowler on June 23, 1961. John served in the United States Army from September 23, 1966 to August 19, 1968, including one tour in Vietnam. John separated as a Specialist 5 and earned the National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal and Sharpshooter Badge (M-14). John and Connie had one son; Larry S. Conger born 30

November 1970. John retired from the Denver Water Board on June 23, 1996, after 35 years of service. John was an avid hunter and fisher. He taught Hunter Safety and was issued the First Hunter Safety certificate (No. 1) from the Colorado Division of Wildlife. John was also active in Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and served as the Post Commander for the Golden Post #4171 in 1998 and 1999. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denver Chapter #1071**. John is survived by his wife Connie, and their son, Larry and his wife Brenna, and his Grandchildren William (Kaden) Taylor, Kiera S. Taylor, Kylin (Annie) Taylor and Vonnegut (Vonn) Conger. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.MartinMortuary.com for the Conger family.



DENNIS P. CONLY, SR. - Died Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at home in Jeffersonville, Vermont at the age of 76. He was formerly of Cambridge, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis was born February 1, 1946 in Saint Johnsbury, Vermont to the late John Raymond Conly, Sr. and Dorothy (née Richards) Conly. He was the beloved husband of Cora Lynn (née Stabile) Conly. Dennis was a graduate of Saint Johnsbury Academy and proudly served his country as a decorated soldier with the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam War Service Medal with Bronze Star as well as others. Dennis spent 36 years working for General Electric and General Dynamics in Burlington as a machinist fabricating defense systems for fighter jets until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a long-time loyal NASCAR fan. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife and faithful fur traveling partner "Nikki. Denny loved camping and was an active member of the Champlain Valley Road Runners Campers Club. He was also an active member of the American Legion Post #35 in Cambridge and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**. Dennis was a talented woodworker and enjoyed crafting things at home and had the ability to repair almost anything that was broken. Dennis will be sadly missed by all who were blessed to know and love him. Left to honor his legacy and cherish his memory, besides his wife, Cora of 42 years he leaves, his son, David P. Conly, Jr. and his wife Meaghan of Swanton, VT, Sharon Casey of Oakville, CT and Garrett Casey, Jr. and his wife, Sherri of Waterbury, CT. He also leaves his brother, John Conly, Jr. of North Haverhill, NH, his grandchildren; Stephanie Casey and her fiancé Nick Houtt, Madyson and Makayla Casey and Jace and Aiden Conly as well as many other extended family members and friends. Per Dennis' request a graveside service with full military honors was held on Monday November 7th at 12:00 Noon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, 352 Mount Pleasant Street, Saint Johnsbury, VT. Loving-kindness is always welcome, and it only takes a moment to offer a message of condolence and share a memory or words of comfort with the family and friends of someone that was important to you. Please visit the funeral home tribute page at www.caledonialifeservices.com to write a message of condolence.



JAY C. COPLEY (USA, CPT-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 29, 2022 in Columbus, Georgia at the age of 90, after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. Captain Copley was born on November 3, 1931 in Buchanan Kentucky. Captain Copley entered the United States Army in November 1949. He served two tours of duty in Korea from 1950-1951 and from 1952-1953. He went to Vietnam in 1967. On May 5, 1968 he led the attack on LZ Ichiban, during the battle of An Bao, to relieve Alpha Company. He was gravely wound during this conflict and received the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions. In 1969 he returned to Vietnam for a second tour of duty. His other awards and decorations include the: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantry Badge with Star. Captain Copley retired from military service in 1973. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. He is survived by his wife, Wilfriede, daughter Evelyn Perry (Rick) and son Jay Copley (Bridgyt). He leaves behind four grandchildren: Ben, Lauren, Calee, and Carly. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on April 1, 2022 at the Chapel of McMullen Funeral Home and Crematory, 3874 Gentian Boulevard. Columbus, GA 31907. Interment with full military honors was held at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery following the service. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Infantry Museum or Columbus Hospice.



STEPHEN ANTHONY CORRETTO – Died Friday, October 21, 2022 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn on June 15, 1949. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. Visitation was held on November 6, 2022 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the McManus Funeral Home, 4601 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY. The funeral service was held on November 7, 2022 at 9:45 AM at Saint Helen Roman Catholic Church, 157-10 83rd Street, Howard Beach, NY. The arrangements were made by the McManus Funeral Home - Brooklyn in Brooklyn, NY.

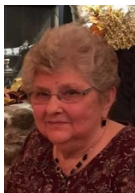


ALBERTO JOSÉ “Joe” CORTEZ - Died Saturday, September 10, 2022 at his home in Selma, Texas at the age of 74, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on February 24, 1948 to the late Luis Cortez and Melchora (née Telles) Cortez. Alberto belonged to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Selma. He joined the United States Marine Corps in February of 1968 and served in the Vietnam War. Alberto received a Purple Heart when he was wounded by the enemy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, all in San Antonio, TX; and USMC Association and the American Legion. Alberto retired from Chrysler, Perrysburg, OH in 2000 after 30 years of dedicated service. He loved music, especially conjunto music. Alberto was a drummer for several bands in Ohio. He loved to watch The Ohio State Buckeyes football and was also a fan of the Cleveland Browns, and San Antonio Spurs. Alberto was a constant jokester with an exceptional sense of humor making him easy to love and fun to be around. His smile, spirit and caring nature will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. Left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Juanita “Janie” who lovingly supported and cared for him physically during their last days together; son, Alberto (Angelina) Cortez, Jr.; daughters, Cristina (Joe) Villanueva, Marisela (Mark) Russell, and Dalia (Robert Taylor) Cortez; grandsons, Garrett Cortez, Noah and Orlando Villanueva, Benjamin McVey, and Mauricio Russell; granddaughters, Ella Taylor, Olivia Cortez, Stephanie Madrid, Sidney, Sami and Sofie Taylor; brother, Luis (Sara) Cortez, Jr.; sisters, Velia (Joe) Serratos, Amelia (Steve) Salas, Irma (Tony Avila) Cortez and Lydia (Mario) Dias; brothers-in-law, David Hernandez, Roberto Rios, and Ricardo (Angie) Rios; sisters-in-law, Hilda Rodriguez, Lydia Franco, and Rosie Acosta; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his twin brother, Jesus; brothers, David and Rogelio Cortez; and sister, Oralia Hernandez. The family received guests on Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 2:00 –8:00 PM at the Newcomer Funeral Home – Southwest Chapel, 4752 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo with a Scripture Service at 7:00 PM that evening. Funeral services began on Friday, September 23, 2022 at 10:30 AM in the funeral home. The interment was in Restlawn Memorial Park. Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the Disabled Veterans of America.



BARRY R. CULHANE - Died unexpectedly on Sunday, November 13, 2022 in Florida at the age of 76. He was a resident of Pittsford, New York. The cause of death is unknown. A native of Rochester, New York, Barry was born on October 13, 1946 to the late John D. Culhane, Jr. and Beatrice M. (née Gell) Culhane. He was a man who served the nation, Rochester community, and Rochester Institute of Technology for more than five decades, Barry graduated from Gates Chili High School, the University of Windsor and received an

Ed.D from the University of Rochester. He served as a medic in the United States Army from 1969-1971. Barry was very instrumental in building the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park and the Gold Star Memorial in White Haven. He helped establish the Veterans Day Breakfast at RIT ten years ago as a way to honor veterans and active service military members of the community and their families. Barry was a patriot to the core. He recently retired after a 47-year career at RIT which included many leadership roles, including serving as executive assistant to three RIT Presidents, the first student Ombudsperson, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, and associate professor at NTID, where he also served as a department chair and Associate Dean. Barry is credited for helping to create the Imagine RIT: Creativity and Innovation Festival which has brought tens of thousands of visitors to RIT each spring since 2008. Barry's service to community organizations was vast, through volunteering or serving on their boards, including Hope Hall, the Al Sigl Community of Agencies, Upstate New York Multiple Sclerosis, Junior Achievement of Rochester, and Rochester Rotary, where he served as President. Barry's achievements, awards and recognitions were also extensive, and included induction into the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame; RIT's Four President's Award for distinguished public service; RIT's Lifetime Service Award for service to veterans; the Rochester Press-Radio Major Donald Hollender Award; and the Veteran's Outreach Center's Edwin and Jacqueline Harris Award for service to veterans. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20*. Barry also was honored with the American Spirit Award from the Reserve Officers Association, and the United Way's Golden Rule Award. Barry will be remembered for his amazing intellect, quick wit, stalwart courage, endearing smile, incredible sense of humor and the kindness he showed to everyone who had the privilege of knowing or interacting with him. He made a profound impact on this world, loved deeply and was loved by everyone. Barry was larger than life and his legacy will live on in our hearts. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Christine Carroll Licata, daughters Katherine (Katie) B. Culhane of Bonita Springs, FL and Cari T. Culhane of Cornelius, N.C.; 4 brothers, a sister, many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Calling hours at Miller Funeral and Cremation Services, 3325 South Winton Road, Rochester, NY were held on Friday, December 2nd from 2:00 to 7:00 PM and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 3rd at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 601 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, NY. Private interment with military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested those who wish to remember Barry in a special way make gifts in his name to: Hope Hall, 1612 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624; Al Sigl Community of Agencies, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 or to Honor Flight Rochester, Inc., P.O Box 23581, Rochester, NY 14692. To view a livestream of Mass visit, <https://olqpstm.com/> and search for the link to the YouTube page. www.Miller1889.com.



JANICE DAHLKE - Died Thursday, April 4, 2019 in Denmark, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. A lifelong resident of Denmark, she was born in the Township of New Denmark, Wisconsin on September 22, 1943 to the late Eugene F. and

Gertrude (née Krueger) Dahlke. She worked 39 plus years at Mirro Aluminum in Manitowoc, she also waitressed and cooked at various restaurants and taverns in the area. There was not a cookbook she hadn't browsed through, nor a family gathering without her bringing two or three desserts or salads she "wanted to try" "so we don't run out". She always was eager to cook a meal for her son Paul (Lynn) and her biggest critics, grandsons, Sam and Nic, all of Green Bay. Janice is further survived by her brother, Eugene (Linda), sister in law, Louise, sisters; Shirley, Marion and Carol (Gerald) Peterson, all of Denmark as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Preceding Janice in death are her parents, her brother Glenn and great nephew Nathan Tilot. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. Family and friends gathered from 9:00 to 11:15 AM on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 503 Grand Avenue, Denmark where a memorial service was held at 11:30 AM with Pastor Dan Schmidt officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established. Cotter Funeral and Cremation Care is assisting the family. Online condolences can be offered at www.cotterfuneralhome.com.

DANIEL J. "Dan" DALLAS - 72 of Gaylord, Died Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at Munson Healthcare McReynolds Hall in Gaylord, Michigan at the age of 72. He was a resident of Gaylord. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Munising, Michigan on November 6, 1950. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**. Dan was retired from the City of Gaylord Police Department. In keeping with his wishes, his family kept all funeral services private.

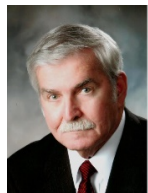


JAMES HERBERT DAVIS - Died Saturday, December 3, 2022 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cleveland on October 9, 1944 to the late Charlie Lee and Virginia (née Abi) Davis. He was also predeceased by his granddaughter, Courtney Grace Rench. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1965-1968 aboard USS Epperson DD-719 and USS Lofberg DD-759. "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. Survived by his children Jeremy (Jennifer) Davis, Cecilia (Brian) Rench, Norman Davis, and Kimberly (Corey) Cavett; siblings Larry (Patsy) Davis, Alene (Harvey) Cronan, Jerry (BJ) Davis, Mary Ann Davis; mother of his children Alleen Davis; grandchildren Caleb Rench, Christina Morgan (Toby), Aidan Davis, Kinsley Cavett, GraceAnn Rench, Owen Cavett, and Elijah Rench; great-grandchild Everleigh Morgan; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. The visitation was private for the family. Graveside service were held at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with military honors. The pallbearers were Jeremy Davis, Norman Davis, Brian Rench, Corey Cavett, Caleb Rench, and Greg Davis. Memorial contributions can be made to: Bradley County Veterans Honor Guard, 227 James Asbury Drive NW, Cleveland, TN 37312.

JUDITH ANN DAVIS - Died Friday, July 8, 2022 in Saint Augustine, Florida at the age of 77, from an un-diagnosed condition. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 8, 1945 to the late Joe and Helen. She was predeceased by her husband Jim, her parents Helen and Joe, her brother Tommy and her daughter Marie. She is survived by her grandchildren, Brendan and Kayla, her brother, Art, her stepson, Jonathan, her brothers-in-law, Holley (Gayle) and Rick (Jackie). Judy served in the National Guard for over 20 years. She was a kind and generous person who gave freely of her time and talents working with a multitude of charities and organizations like Wreaths Across America, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Red Hat Society, the VFW and Disabled Veterans causes. She was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Augustine Chapter #1084*. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory can be made to organizations like Saint Jude's Hospital and Tunnels to Towers. A Memorial Service took place on Tuesday, July 19th at 11:00 AM at the Ancient City Baptist Church, 22 Sevilla Street, Saint Augustine, Florida.



MATTHEW DIGGS III - Died Thursday, November 3, 2022 at Christus Saint Frances Cabrini Hospital at the age of 72. He was a resident of Jena, Louisiana. He was born on March 7, 1950. He was a veteran of Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131*. Visitation was held from 12:00 Noon at L&A Baptist Church. The funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at L&A Baptist Church, Jena, LA. Reverend Chauncy Hardy officiated. The interment was in the Webster Cemetery, Jena, LA.



JOHN J. "Jack" DONNELLY - Died Thursday, June 18, 2020 at home in Windber, Pennsylvania at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on July 30, 1938 to the late John and Grace Donnelly. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his in-laws Nick and June Occhino, sister-in-law Josephine Occhino and son-in law Chuck Sturniolo. He is survived by his wife Debbie, daughters Jaclyn Donnelly and Valora Sturniolo, grandson Nicholas Sturniolo, brothers-in-law, Nick, Rick and Michael Occhino, special niece Jenine Morga, numerous other nieces and nephews and his canine companions McKenna, Savanna and Belle. Jack honorably served his country in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1962. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364*. Immediately upon honorable discharge Jack embarked on a 50-year career in the defense industry which brought his family to Johnstown in 1993 when he accepted the position as President of the then DRS Laurel Technologies. During Jack's tenure the company

grew from less than 50 employees to more than 1000 and under his guidance constructed the building currently in use by the John P Murtha Airport. Upon his retirement Jack continued as a consultant for various defense companies. All who knew Jack know that his passion was his orchard where he had hundreds of fruit trees, blueberry bushes and vegetable gardens which he gladly shared with friends and neighbors and for many years the fruits of Jack's labor were donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Kitchen. During his years in Pennsylvania Jack was involved in many organizations and received numerous awards and was always available to help someone in need. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends were received from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday at the Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Richland. Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 AM on Monday at Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Geistown with Reverend Father David S. Peles, Pastor as Main Celebrant. The committal service with military rites by the Marine Corps League was at the Richland Cemetery Mausoleum. (Online condolences may be posted to www.wharrisfuneralhome.com).



RICHARD ALLAN DOYLE - Died unexpectedly Monday, September 26, 2022 at his residence in Brunswick, Maine at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. Richard was born in Bath, Maine on January 5, 1955 to the late Leon D. and Annabelle (née Lancaster) Doyle. Richard graduated from Morse High School in the Class of 1974. Upon graduation Richard joined the United States Marine Corps. Upon discharge Richard returned to Bath and started work at Bath Iron Works where he worked as a material handler for 43 years until retiring in 2021. A majority of those years Richard proudly served as a L6 Union Shop Steward.

On January 15, 1982, he married Susanne R. Clough. Richard was a loyal member of the POW * MIA committee and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044**. Richard was active in assisting any veteran in need. He willingly gave his time to help the VFW Post #7738 of Bath for which his wife, mother-in-law and sister-in-law were Auxiliary Life Members. Richard had a lifelong love of music whether it was DJ jobs with his brother Ed, jamming with his nephew Leon or dancing with older women at various family and public functions. Richard and his wife enjoyed many years of bowling together which Richard said was his exercise for the week. Richard for many years enjoyed playing Santa at Christmas time whether for family or friends. For many years he was Santa for the US Marine Corp Toys for Tots at Bath Iron Works. Richard also had a deep love for all animals and living things. After complaining about his wife feeding the birds, squirrels, and chipmunks, he soon took over that responsibility and had immense joy. Richard is survived by his wife, Susanne R. Doyle of Brunswick, one brother, Edward D. Doyle and his wife Cindy of Bath, two sisters, Ellen "Dolly" L. Leask and her husband John of Fryeburg and Sarah L. Hodgdon and her companion Lloyd Jacobs of Westport Island, one half sister, Mary Roberts and her husband Charles of CA, mother-in-law, Sally Clough of Bath, two sisters-in-law, Sally Hordeman of Bath and Joyce Doyle and her companion Albert Reno of West Bath. Richard is survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins who brought much joy to his life. Richard was predeceased by three brothers, Leon D.

Doyle Jr., William H. Doyle, and Charles Doyle, two sisters, Dorothy Hamilton, and Margaret Doyle, one half-sister, Vera Boerstler, one nephew, John Doyle, and one great nephew, Stephen Kinney. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Oak Grove Cemetery in Bath with military honors. A celebration of life was held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Midcoast Humane, 5 Industrial Parkway, Brunswick, 04011. Condolences may be made online at www.Daiglefuneralhome.com.



VERNON EUGENE DUTY, SR. - Died Thursday, December 8, 2022 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Houston, Texas on August 11, 1947 to the late Robert B. and Charlotte (née Williford) Duty. After high school he joined the United States Navy. After his discharge from the Navy, he worked for his uncle's construction company before finishing his career with Harris County Precinct 3. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hallettsville Chapter #854**. Vernon married Kathleen Rodgers in 1971 and four sons followed. He moved to Hallettsville in 1994 with his family and spent his time farming, hauling hay, and enjoying daily trips to town. He enjoyed rodeos, watching westerns, and anything with John Wayne in it. Vernon was one of a kind, he would do anything for a friend at the drop of a hat. Vernon is survived by: wife Kathleen; three sons, Jarrod Duty and wife Lindsay of Hallettsville, Randall Duty and wife Laura of Austin and Patrick Duty of Austin; sister Carol Gay; four grandchildren, Ryan Duty, Alexis Duty, Caroline Duty and Kate Duty; and, several nieces and nephews. Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Vernon E. Duty, Jr. and his brother William David Duty. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville. Visitation began at 5:00 PM on Tuesday at the Kubena Funeral Home, with the recitation of the Rosary starting at 7:00 PM. The Pallbearers were Michael Appelt, Darrell Appelt, Dr. Forrest Kroschel, Richard Renger, Palmer Sommer and Kevin Busselman. The Reverend Monsignor John Peters was the Main Celebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial. Memorials may be given to Hospice of South Texas or donor's choice. The burial was in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.



MIGUEL A. "Mike" ESCOBAR - Died Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at home in Goshen, New York at the age of 74, with his loving family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 8, 1948 in Ponce, Puerto Rico to the late Abraham Escobar and the late Maria (née Vega) Escobar. Mike grew up at Saint Dominic's in Blauvelt and Pius XII School in Chester and graduated from Warwick High School. After graduation, Mike enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 82nd Airborne Division and as a Green

Beret in the Army Special Forces during the Vietnam era. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant in 1971. After his stint in the Army, he attended Dominican College on the GI Bill and graduated as a social worker. Mike joined the New York State Police in 1979. He worked out of Troop F, Monroe barracks, and retired 20 years later as an investigator with the Drug Enforcement Task Force. Mike believed in loyalty and has been a lifelong member of: The Association of Former New York State Troopers-Tri-state Chapter (Treasurer), Orange County Shields, American Legion Post #377, Disabled Veterans Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**, 82nd Airborne Division Association (Walter E. Hughes Tri-State Mid-Hudson Chapter). Married for 41 years, he is survived by his loving wife Terry, beloved daughter Shaunna L Escobar, MD, MPH, CPH, EMHL and her partner Corey Christensen, brother Abe and sister-in-law Marena Escobar of Middletown and their sons, Brian/Sara Escobar (Hayley, Sophia, AJ) and Michael/ Denise Escobar (Matteo). He will be lovingly remembered by his in-laws Jack and Bobbi Gartner, Joe Gartner, Kathy and Lance Raffe (Kaitlyn, Brenna), Jim and MaryAnne Gartner (James/Alyssa) and cousins Rich Roper (Nicole, Christine, Katie). Mike gathered friends who became family, Vito/Lisa Russo (Kaitlyn, Vito, Matthew), Rosie Horn/Denis (Samantha, Walter), Magda Russo, Helen Huffman, Jenny/Marc Sorondo (Kayla, Aidan, Maddie, Sophie, Liam), the Vyskocil family, the Irizarry family, his many State Trooper friends, and his Pius brothers. He will be remembered by these people and so many more because as Nat King Cole would sing, Mike was “Unforgettable”. Visitation was held on Monday, September 26th from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Donovan Funeral Home, 82 South Church Street, Goshen, NY. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, September 27th at Saint John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 71 Murray Avenue, Goshen, NY. The burial was at the Orange County Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery, Goshen, NY. In lieu of flowers please donate in Mike’s memory to: the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, NY, 496 Western Highway, Blauvelt, NY 10913 (*Include a note to direct your donation to the infirmary), The Michael J. Fox Foundation(michalejfox.org), or HOSPICE of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550.



ROBERT JOSEPH “Bob” FABRIZIO - Died peacefully, Wednesday, August 24, 2022 in Warwick, New York at the age of 74, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1947 in Bronx, New York to the late Patsy and Louise (née Cacchione) Fabrizio. On December 29, 1968 Bob married the love of his life and soulmate Linda (née Winners); they had one daughter Deborah Kim. Before his illness he was a longtime parishioner of Christ Episcopal Church, Warwick, where he served as a member of the Vestry, men’s club and as an usher. Bob was a skilled master mechanic who owned his own Sinclair gas station and repair shop in Rochelle Park, New Jersey. He went on to work at numerous dealerships in Orange County ultimately retiring from Suresky Chrysler/ Hyundai in Goshen. Besides his family, Bob’s passion was serving the veterans’ community. A proud United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, he served in country from January 1966-January 1968 when

he was honorably discharged as a Specialist 4. He received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and the New Jersey Vietnam Service Award for service in a combat theater. Bob's passion for all veterans led him to serve six years as the Commander of the Warwick American Legion, Nicholas P. Lesandro. Jr. Post #214, and as Commander of the Orange County American Legion. He was also recognized as Legionnaire of the Year for his years of distinguished service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**. Bob's expertise in veterans' matters was sought out by many national, state, and local leaders. He served on the Veterans Advisory Committees for Congressman Ben Gilman, Congresswoman Sue Kelly, and the Orange County Veterans Advisory Committee, serving with three County Executives: Joe Rampe, Ed Diana and Steve Neuhaus, where he and other veterans advocated for the establishment of the Orange County Veterans Cemetery. He worked closely with NYS State Senator Joe Holland, NYS Senator Thomas P. Morahan, and Assemblymen John Bonacic, Howard Mills, and Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt. He was a founding member of the Orange County Veterans Coalition, an organization that makes a significant difference in the lives of Orange County veterans. He was dedicated a fan of NASCAR and spent many seasons enjoying the dirt track at Orange County Fair Speedway. Bob and Linda were very involved in equestrian activities and owned an award winning palomino, named Even Exchange of Gold whom they showed in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Bob was predeceased by his parents, and his sister Patricia (Patty) Becker. He is survived by his loving wife Linda, his adoring daughter Deborah Mayfield (Richard), his sister Linda Nemeth (Michael), brother-in-law Frank Becker, several nieces and nephews, and his faithful cat Butternut. The family would like to thank all the caring members of Saint Anthony's Community Hospital, Warwick, especially Dr. Petr Bezdicek, Dr. Deogenes de Leon and the staff of the critical care and intensive care unit for their many kindnesses during his long illness. In addition, the family would like to acknowledge the faithful friendship of fellow veteran Fred Houston. Memorial visitation was held on Friday, September 2, 2022 at the Lazear-Smith and Vander Plat Memorial Home, 17 Oakland Avenue, Warwick, NY from Noon to 1:00 PM with the interment at his beloved Orange County Veterans Cemetery, 111 Craigville Road, Goshen, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made in memory of Bob to the Warwick Valley Ambulance, Inc., P.O. Box 315, Warwick, NY 10990.



MARIANNE FALCONE – Died Friday, March 25, 2016 in North Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 53. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 28, 1963 in Providence, Rhode Island to Judith (née Ruggiero) Roderiques and the late William V. Rossi, Sr. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**.



EDDY RAY FINCH - Died Sunday, December 4, 2022 at home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was being cared for by a dedicated team of compassionate caregivers and Alive Hospice. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee on February 11, 1949 to the late William Henry and Hester Jane Finch. After high school, Eddy pursued his Bachelor of Industrial Technology at Tennessee Tech, serving his community as an Electrical and Automotive Engineer; Eddy also served his country in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089**. As a child, Eddy was a member of the Church of Christ and had also been attending World Outreach Church. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Finch; nephews, Ron (Laura) Waggoner, Bill (Jennifer) Waggoner, Michael Doyle Finch; niece, Jennifer Finch; sister-in-law, Mary Finch and a host of other nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Hester Finch; brothers, William Doyle Finch, James Larry Finch; and sister, Julia Ann Waggoner. A visitation with the family was held at the Woodfin Memorial Chapel in Murfreesboro on Saturday, December 17, 2022 from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM with military honors opening the funeral service at 2:00 PM. Eddy's interment was held at the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery later in the spring.



BERNARD C. FLORY - Died peacefully Saturday morning, October 29, 2022 at Saint Luke Hospital in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was a resident of Northampton, Moore Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania to the late William E. and Elda M. (née Hess) Flory. He was the husband of Linda E. (née Remaly) Flory since July 26, 1997. Bernard was president and CEO of Keystone Farm Credit, Shoemakersville, Berks County and also the Lehigh Valley Farm Credit, Fogelsville. Formerly, he was employed by Montgomery, Bucks Farm Bureau Credit Office Manager, AVCO Financial Services, Harrisburg, Reading, Allentown, and Lockhaven Branches. Bernard was a 1964 graduate of the Northampton High School, and attended Waynesburg College, Greene County. A United States Army Veteran of Vietnam, he served with headquarters company, 8th Army, Korea, and Vietnam, and achieved rank of SP5. Bernard was a member of Saint Peter United Church of Christ, Seemsville, in which he served on church consistory. He was member and past president of the Upper Saucon Lions Club and visiting veteran volunteer of the former Heartland Hospice. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**. Survivors include his wife, Linda; his daughters, Alicia S. wife of Anthony Smolar of Haverhill, MA, Sherry wife of Michael Eyre, Beth E. Smith, all of Northampton; his son, Mark Roth of Walnutport, and; six grandchildren. Larry, Matthew, Robert, Daniel, Megan, and Sofia. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday at Saint Peter UCC, Snyder's Church, 8142 Valley View Road, Northampton, PA. Visitation was from 10:00-11:00 AM on Thursday in the church. The interment with full Military Honors was at 2:30 PM on Thursday in the

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. The arrangements were made by the Schisler Funeral Home, Northampton.

DALE J. FRAHM – Died recently in 2022 Dallas, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 15, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dallas Chapter #137**.



ROGER DALE FRANKLIN - Died Sunday, November 6, 2022 at home in Concord, North Carolina at the age of 76. The cause of death was a heart attack. Roger was born in Cabarrus County on November 3, 1946 to the late Viola (née Pressley) Hinson and raised by his stepfather, Melvin Hinson. Roger graduated from Hartsell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**. In 1982 he founded R.D. Franklin Electric where he specialized in commercial electric services. He still used his career skills by assisting Mr. Reid Mullis whenever needed. He was a diehard Tarheel basketball fan. Mr. Franklin is survived by his daughter, Kelly Yandow(Dave) of Chesapeake and Leslie Hamilton(Mark) of Charlotte; the mother of his children, Sue Maxwell; and grandchildren, Jasmine Herbert and Paxton Herbert. A 2:00 PM memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 8th at the Wilkinson Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Mike Farley officiating. Military honors were rendered at the service. A private family burial was held at the West Concord Cemetery. The family received friends from 1:00 to 2:00 PM prior to the service. Memorials may be made to American Legion-Beaver Pittman Post #115, PO Box 123, Kannapolis, NC 28082.



FRANCIS WILLIAM "Frank" FURLEIGH (USMC, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Friday, June 3, 2022 in Webster, Texas at the age of 78. He was a resident of Texas City, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 16, 1944 in Mason City, Iowa to the late Philip and Anna Furleigh. Frank served in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and retired as First Sergeant in 1984, after 22 years of service. He also worked and retired from the Texas City and La Marque 911 Dispatch and the Galveston County Veteran Service Office giving him a total of 52 years of public service. He was also a lifetime member of VFW Post #8248, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Chapter #685** and numerous other Veteran organizations. Frank has been a resident of Galveston County for over forty years. Frank is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Karen Shouse, two sisters: Phyllis Pedersen and Roberta Goodman; four brothers: Pat Furleigh, Dick Furleigh; Tom Furleigh, and Jack Furleigh. He is survived by his wife of twenty years, Gayle Furleigh of Texas City, TX; daughter Michelle

Chapman of Mesa, AZ; two sons John Furleigh of Mesa, AZ and William Furleigh of Houston, TX; stepdaughter Kristine Weekly of Texas City, TX; stepson Rocky Weekly of Texas City, TX; brother James "Jim" Furleigh of Fallbrook, CA and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A visitation was held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 10:00-11:00 AM with a Vigil service at 11:00 AM at the James Crowder Funeral Home, La Marque. The interment was at the Houston National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VFW Post #8248 in La Marque, TX.



ROBERT ALLAN GABRYS – Died Sunday, November 27, 2022 at his home in Belleville, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 18, 1947 in Romulus, Michigan to the late Joseph Gabrys, Sr. and Genevieve (née Wegrzyn) Gabrys. Robert was a proud Veteran that served in the Vietnam War from 1967-1969. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310*. Robert loved to do crafts. He was especially into wood working. He also had a green thumb, and took pride in the maintenance of his yard. Robert drove a bus for Willow Run Public Schools for many years, and retired as a custodian there after 20 years of loyal service. Robert is survived by his former wife Betty K. Gabrys of Ypsilanti, MI, sons: Robert (Heather) Gabrys Jr. of Belleville, MI, James (Nikki) Gabrys of Westland, MI, and Shawn (Michele) Gabrys of Ypsilanti, MI; grandchildren: Melissa, Brandon Robert, Jasmine, Caitlyn, Brandon Michael, Hayley, Devin, Shawna, and Stephanie; great-grandchildren: Deliah, Waylon, McKinley, Jacob, Jr. Harper, Zayne, Aiden, Olivia, Caleb, Paisley, Keegan, and Chase; brothers: Ron Gabrys of Belleville, MI, Dennis Gabrys of Indiana, and Bill Gabrys of Romulus, MI; also his longtime friend and fellow veteran Bob Pulczewski. Robert was preceded in death by his sister Sandy Gabrys, also his brother Joe Gabrys. A Memorial service occurred at the David C. Brown Funeral Home on Monday December 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM with a gathering from 4:00-7:00 PM. Thank you and please keep the Gabrys family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.



THOMAS J. "Tom" GALICA - Died Wednesday, November 9, 2022 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 76. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Oshkosh on September 21, 1946 to the late John and Betty (née O'Connor) Galica. Tom proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1971. A year after being set up on a blind date with the love of his life, Marcia Lyness, the couple wed on July 3, 1971, their marriage was blessed with two daughters. Tom worked at various places before retiring as a tool and die maker from Rockwell International after 44 years. Tom was a faithful member of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church. To our community, Tom was not only a friendly face and a friend to talk to; he was a humble man who served others before serving himself. Tom was active in the American Legion Post #70, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437* and the United Honor Veterans Guard. He volunteered at various places throughout the community but had a passion for the Day by Day Warming Shelter, and EAA.

He was a devoted husband and loving father who cherished his wife and daughters. He enjoyed traveling, and spending time with family and friends. As a natural social butterfly, he had a way about him that would light up any room he entered; people were drawn to him. He was a faithful friend who was loved by many. He is lovingly survived by his bride of 51 years, Marcia Galica; daughters: Heidi (Shawn) Christian and Buffi (Jason) Kremers; siblings: Sandee (friend, Richard Mohr) Boe, James Galica, Dan (Roxanne) Galica; sisters-in-law: Sandy Galica, Judy (Don) Schultz, Darlene Lyness. He is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his brother, Bob Galica, mother-and father-in law, Ruby and Raymond Lyness, and brother-in-law, Kenneth Lyness. A visitation for Tom was held at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, 1100 East Murdock Avenue, Oshkosh on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. It resumed on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the church from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM. A memorial service with Military Honors followed at 11:00 AM with Reverend Karen Jewell officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial was established. The Galica family would like to extend their deep appreciation to Pastor Karen Jewell and the amazing support system of family and friends during this difficult time. Your love, compassion and prayers have been felt tenfold.

JOHN GIBSON – Died Sunday, September 4, 2022 in Bowling Green, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *Incarcerated Veteran* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tommy Bill Memorial (Bowling Green) Chapter #833** in Bowling Green, Missouri.

EDMUND D. GILLET – Died Sunday, November 20, 2022 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 2, 1945. He served in the United States Marines Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**.



JIMMIE GONZALEZ, JR. (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died peacefully Monday, October 24, 2022 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Jimmie was born in San Antonio on January 15, 1943 to the late Jimmie Gonzalez, Sr. and Eloisa Gonzalez. He was a graduate of Sidney Lanier High School Class of 1961. He was also predeceased by his son, Jimmie III, daughter Diana, siblings: Diana, Guillermo, Maria Luisa and Gabriel. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, M. Dolores Arredondo Gonzalez whom he thanks for returning him into the house of the Lord, his eldest daughter, Rossana Apodaca and son, Cesar Gonzalez; grandchildren Christina, Michael, Amber Apodaca and Stephanie Crutcher; great granddaughter Arianna, great grandson Armani and siblings, Gloria Medrano (Danny), Rosie Ann Cuellar (Joe), Edward Gonzalez (Susan) and multiple nieces and nephews. Jimmie joined the United States Army immediately upon graduation from Lanier High School in 1961 and

began his career in electronics as a repairman with the Army Signal Corps. While stationed in Europe, Jimmie took the opportunity to learn and speak French, German, Italian and the Luxembourg dialect. In 1967 he applied for and was selected to attend the Vietnamese language school at Biggs Field, TX in El Paso followed by deployment to Vietnam from December 1968 – March 1972. He was extremely proud of his ability to learn languages and the fact that he could still communicate in most of them. He credited learning languages to his knowledge of Spanish. In Vietnam he served as a team leader and interpreter (Vietnamese and French), team sergeant and as an advisor to the Vietnamese military. His fluency in Vietnamese enabled him to become a vital part in the collection of intelligence information from the local populace and captured Viet Cong. In 1974 Jimmie transferred to the Military Intelligence branch of the Army and served as an Interrogation Instructor for seven years at the Army Intelligence Center and School at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Other key assignments in his career were as: Brigade Intelligence and Security Officer (S2 normally an officer position) where he was instrumental in the combat certification of three Patriot Missile battalions; Intelligence and Security NCO for a Military Community in Rheinberg, Germany; First Sergeant (his favorite position); and his final assignment just prior to retirement as Command Sergeant Major of the 163rd Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas. During his tenure as First Sergeant and Command Sergeant Major, he felt great pride for the soldiers in his units that repeatedly demonstrated their intellectual abilities, high scores in physical fitness and skills qualifications tests. Soldiers attending leadership schools always finished in the top 10 percent. In June 1990 he predicted to his battalion's noncommissioned officers that our next conflict would be in the Middle East and not in Europe as expected and so it was in January 1991. His military awards are: Legion of Merit; Bronze Star with 1 Oak Leaf awarded for his service in Vietnam; Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf; Army Commendation Medals with 2 Oak Leaf clusters; Army Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 8 campaign stars; Vietnam Presidential Citation; Vietnam Civic Action Medal; and numerous certificates of appreciation/achievement and was an expert marksman with rifle and pistol. Jimmie felt that the best awards he ever received were from seeing his subordinates (military and civilian) succeed and achieve positions of higher responsibility. Upon retirement from the Army in August 1990 after twenty-nine years, Jimmie began his civilian life as a private investigator. Later went on as Director of Security of the St. Anthony Hotel, La Mansion del Rio Hotel and the Sheraton Gunter Hotel in downtown San Antonio. After a brief retirement in 1999, he needed something to do and went to work as a part-time bus operator with VIA for 6 years. In 2004, he returned on-call to work part-time, while continuing with VIA, at the Historic Gunter Hotel eventually coming out of retirement and taking the job full time as the Safety/Loss Prevention Manager and later agreed to also manage the Valet Department. He also served for one year as the Director of Engineering at the Gunter Hotel. In 2014, he returned to The St. Anthony Hotel. Jimmie was known to be a jack-of-all-trades, and he believed that there was nothing he couldn't do and nothing prevented him from undertaking any task. He was also known for his willingness to always lend a helping hand and teach others. Every day Jimmie was able to make the day with his humor and at least one joke a day. Jimmie was a former member of the Federal Criminal Investigators Association; National Rifle Association; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alamo (San Antonio) Chapter 366**. He also was instrumental in establishing a security network for downtown businesses getting

together and communicating concerns and issues with local law enforcement agencies. Later on there were other networks organized for the Loop 410 and 151 areas; 410 – IH10 corridor and the airport region of 410 and Highway 281.

JAMES L. “Jim” GRESH - Died Monday, October 17, 2022 in Landsdale, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death was multiple sclerosis. He was born on December 31, 1948 in Norristown, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Donna; his son and daughter-in-law, Russ and Crystal; his daughter and son-in-law, Jaime and Steve Gibson; three grandchildren, Andrew Gibson, Stephanie Gibson and Phoenix Gresh, and; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cheryl and John Posen and Nancy and Carlos Thillet and their families. He served in the United States Army from May 31, 1968 to December 5, 1970. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quakertown Chapter #468*. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.cremationofpennsylvania.com/location/king-of-prussia-pa for the Gresh family.

DONALD B. “Don” GRIFFITH - Died Sunday, July 3, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics at the age of 82. He was a resident of West Liberty, Iowa and formerly of Tipton, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born on May 20, 1940 in Storm Lake, Iowa to the late James M. and Anna Belle (née Blake) Griffith. He married Deone Newman on March 22, 1980 in Fort Madison, Iowa. She passed away on March 17, 2010. There were no immediate survivors. Don was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. He honorably served his country in the United States Army, was a Vietnam Veteran, and was a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299*. There were no services and his cremains were buried in the Clarence Cemetery.



JOHN ANDERSON LEON “Nacha” GUERRERO – Died Saturday, July 30, 2022 in Yigo, Guam at the age of 77. He was formerly of Dededo, Guam. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on September 19, 1944 to the late Juan Cruz Leon Guerrero and Joaquina Miner (née Anderson) Guerrero. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668*. Viewing and last respects may be paid from 9:00-11:00 AM on August 15th at Our Lady of Peace Funeral Home, Barrigada. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 12:00 Noon at Santa Barbara Church (lower level), Dededo. Interment services were immediately after at Guam Veterans Cemetery, Piti.

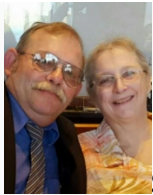


FREDRICK E. "Butch" HAGAMAN - Died peacefully Saturday morning, March 26, 2022 at Brian's House in Essexville, Michigan at the age of 76. He was a resident of Essexville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 2, 1945 in Bay City, Michigan to the late Fredrick D. Hagaman and Marjorie R. (née Shaw) Hagaman. Butch proudly served his country with the United States Marine Corps, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant with the USMC 2nd Marine Division. Butch worked for over 35 years at Bay City Powertrain. He was a member of UAW Local #362 and served many years as a Benefits Plan Representative. Always active in his community, Butch has been a member of several organizations, including the Bay County Veterans Council which provides Military Honors throughout the area. He is also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bay City Chapter #494**, the AMVETS Post #22, the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post #162, the Marine Corps League Edson Kline VanSlyke Bay County and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Flint Dawgs. Butch was his son's Scout Master for many years and volunteered with the local Food for Faith and at the Saginaw Soap Box Derby for Super Kids. On September 28, 1968 Butch was united in marriage to the former Judy A. Gillisse and she survives his passing along with their two sons, Fredrick C. (Jodi) Hagaman of Bay City and Matthew Hagaman of Alpena; his brother, Dave (Steph) Hagaman; three brothers-in-law, Bill Klein, Ken Gillisse and Rocky Gillisse; and his special friends, Ron and Pat View and Pam White. Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Fredrick C. Hagaman, Marjorie R. (Shaw) Hagaman DeClerck and George DeClerck; father and mother-in-law, Charles and Midge Gillisse; his sister, Sandy Klein; a sister-in-law, Debra Gillisse; and a brother-in-law, Jeff Gillisse. The Funeral Service was held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the Trahan Funeral Chapel with Reverend Charles Campbell presiding followed by Military Honors conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps and the Bay County Veterans Council. The private interment was at Floral Gardens Cemetery. Visitation was on Tuesday from 2:00 to 8:00 PM and on Wednesday after 11:00 AM. On Tuesday evening there was a Marine Corps League Ceremony at 5:00 PM, a PLAV Service of Remembrance at 6:00 PM and the AMVETS White Clover Leaf Ceremony at 7:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Bay County Veterans Council, Brian's House or McLaren Hospice. For on-line sentiments: www.trahanfc.com.



MEL O. HANSEN - Died Saturday, November 19, 2022 in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was formerly of Bushkill, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 3, 1948 in Staten Island, New York to the late Olaf and Marilyn Hansen. He attended Port Richmond High School and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1966. After his tour of service in Vietnam, he worked for the City of New York for 35 years in the Dept. of Sanitation at Fresh Kills Landfill and the Department of

Environmental Protection. During his time at DSNY he became a 9/11 Recovery Worker. He retired in 2010. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421** since 1988, Marine Corps League Detachment 492 since 2006, and Disabled Veterans of America. He was a recipient of many charity service awards. Mel was known as a loving husband, a caring father, everyone's favorite uncle, an avid fisherman, a motorcycle enthusiast and a professional Santa Claus. He did many Santa events across Staten Island, the Poconos and beyond. Mel was predeceased by his parents Olaf and Marilyn Hansen, three siblings, Lee Hansen, Kim Scalici and Richard Rhinestone and his daughter, Heather Hansen. He is survived by his wife of 34 years Susan Hansen, his two daughters Annacathrine Hansen and Margret Hansen, seven grandchildren, his sister Ann Scarlotta and his brother Roy Hansen, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. A memorial service was held at the William H. Clark Funeral Home, 1003, Main Street, Stroudsburg on Saturday, December 10th from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers please donate to your local USMC Toys for Tots program. www.wmhclarkfuneralhome.com.

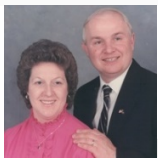


STEVEN HARAMIJA - Died Saturday, November 12, 2022 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. Steven was born on June 11, 1957 in Detroit, Michigan to Nicholas Haramija and the late Mary Louise (née White) Haramija. Steve was a Veteran, retiring from the United States Navy after 28 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He enjoyed spending time with family, fishing, and his beloved dogs Peaches and Peanuts. Steven is predeceased by his beloved Wife, Evelyn Haramija and Mother, Mary Louise Haramija. Loving Son of Nicholas Haramija. Caring Brother of the late Mary Catherine (Kenneth) Anderson, Cheryl (Robert) Zielonka, Frances (William) Kane, Nicholas (Rita) Haramija, Anna (John) Daly, and Warren (Rosalie) Haramija. Beloved Uncle to many Nieces, Nephews, Great Nieces, and Great Nephews. No public services were held for Steven at this time, but we ask that you keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. The interment with honors was at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. Please share a memory on our tribute wall.



EMMA F. HARRISON - Died at 3:30 pm on Monday, November 21, 2022 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 90. The cause of death was glioblastoma. She was born on October 31, 1932 in Bloomfield, Kentucky to the late Milton and Eva (née King) Richardson. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Howard Harrison, Jr., and loving companion Robert Alspach, son, Robert L. Harrison, daughter, Carolyn S. Vires, great-great-grandson, Xander L. Hughes and siblings; Doug Richardson, Herbert Richardson, Milton Richardson, Jr., James "Buckie"

Richardson and Alma Curtsinger. Emma was known for her tenacious personality and her huge heart. She had countless friends and devoted most of her time through volunteer work with multiple Veteran organizations such as VFW Post #1170, GI Joe Lodge Post #244, American Legion Post #180, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge in Jeffersontown, Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge in Jeffersontown, and many other organizations throughout Louisville. She was also a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. Emma is a true blessing to all who have been touched by her selfless time, generosity and love. Emma is survived by her daughters, Barbara Lynn Haycraft (David), Anna Morrow, Laura L. Shuck, two sisters; Alice Gelhaus, Jean Humphries, sixteen grandchildren; Shawna Harrison, Mark Morrow, Kelly Jones, Adam Morrow, Bessie Morrow, Stephanie Harrison, Beth Harrison, Josh Harrison, Pamela Vires, Kevin Vires, John Henry Adams, Taylee Hughes, Michael Haycraft, Cameron Haycraft, Laney Haycraft, London Arbuckle, and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation was from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at the Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and Receptions, 235 Juneau Drive, Louisville, KY. Visitation was also from 9:00 AM until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 28, 2022 at the funeral home with burial at the Louisville Memorial Gardens East. The family requested that contributions in Emma's memory be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation.



ROBERT FRANCIS HATHORN - Died Friday, November 18, 2022 at the Community Hospice Truman House in New Philadelphia, Ohio at the age of 77, after a period of declining health. He was a resident of Dover, Ohio formerly of Dennison, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 3, 1945 in Wadsworth, Ohio to the late William F. and Leota (née Brown) Hathorn. Robert was a 1963 graduate of East Liverpool High School who then earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Malone College in 1969. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 during the Vietnam War. Throughout much of his life, he was active with American Legion Post #491 in Dennison where he served as Post Commander and Adjutant. He was also a Past County Commander and District Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. He retired from his 24-year career as a letter carrier for the U. S. Postal Service on July 31, 2008. Robert was a longtime, faithful member of the Dover/New Philadelphia Salvation Army where he will be remembered for his work with their music ministry – playing his cornet. On December 2, 1969, Robert married the former Linda Lauer with whom he enjoyed 47 years of marriage until her passing on June 11, 2017. Robert is survived by his siblings, all of whom are officers in The Salvation Army, Majors Richard and Stefanie Hathorn, Majors William and Brenda Hathorn, and Major Dr. Eva R. Geddes; sister-in-law, Major Alice Hathorn; several nieces and nephews; and his church family at The Salvation Army. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Lyle Hathorn and Major David Hathorn, and brother-in-law, Major Wesley Geddes, as well as his wife and parents. Captain Andrew Behr officiated a 1:00 PM funeral on Tuesday, November 22 at the Dover/New Philadelphia Salvation Army where Robert's family received callers for two hours prior to the funeral. He was interred beside his

beloved wife at Uhrichsville's Union Cemetery following a military committal service by the Newcomerstown VFW Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army.



JOHN NICHOLAS HATZIKALFAS - Died Monday, October 3, 2022 at his home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. John was born in a small town near Kavala, Greece on October 28, 1945 to the late Nicholas and Zafiro Hatzikalfas. In 1956, the family, including his sister Anastasia Vlahakes, immigrated to the United States first settling in Atlantic City, NJ, then the Bronx, NY and finally to Queens, NY. He was a 30-year resident of Raritan Township, NJ and spent the last 7 years in Myrtle Beach, SC. John graduated from William Howard Taft High School and the NY School of Visual Arts where he met his soulmate, Eleanor (Anthony) Hatzikalfas. In 1967 John was drafted to the Vietnam War where he served in the United States Army as a combat artist. Upon returning from Vietnam in 1969 John and Eleanor married and began their life together as not only husband and wife but best friends. John's creativity led him to a career in advertising where he worked his way up through the ranks at various agencies to ultimately become VP Associate Creative Director. Eventually he started up two advertising agencies, Pharmaka, LLC focusing on pharmaceuticals and Team Graphics, LLC for sports marketing. One of his most known works of art happened in 1990 when he redesigned the current Chicago White Sox logo. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington (New Jersey) Chapter #452*. He gave his amazing talents pro bono to many organizations such as the NJ Chapter of Vietnam Veterans where he served as president in 2004 and was commissioned by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to design the Hunterdon County Veterans Recognition Medal. He also served for the State Guard of SC after relocating to Myrtle Beach. John's Greek heritage was a big part of his life and he loved his wife's Greek cuisine so much that one day he decided to open a restaurant called the Garden of Eat'n in downtown Somerville, NJ. John will be memorialized in our hearts for his love and devotion to his family and his kindness and generosity toward others. John is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Eleanor Hatzikalfas, their two children, and four grandchildren. Tina and Doug Prew, and their son Doug Prew, Jr.(19yrs), Nikól and Mitch Hladky and their son Noah(17yrs) and two daughters Madisen(14yrs) and Samantha(11yrs). All arrangements and cremation services were under the direction of the Grand Strand Funeral Home, 9020 Frontage Road, Murrells Inlet, SC. For further information or to send an online condolence, please visit John's Tribute Wall at <https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/south-carolina/murrells-inlet/grand-strand-funeral-home-and-crematory/fh-41800>.



WILLIAM BERNARD "Bill" HAYWARD, JR. - Died Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Hendersonville Hospital in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 80. He was a resident of

Hendersonville. The cause of death is unknown. Bill was born on March 16, 1942 in New York City, New York to the late Susan (née Vander Heyden) and William Bernard Hayward, Sr. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Susanna Knight Hayward and his son, Duane Exton Hayward (Lisa), two grandsons, Joshua William Hayward and Seth David Hayward and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces throughout the country with whom he remained close. He attended PS-7 and DeWitt Clinton High School in Bronx, NY. He graduated in 1963 from Marietta College, Marietta, OH where he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. Upon graduation, Bill joined the Peace Corps and served from 1963 to 1965 in Nyasaland (now Malawi) as a school teacher. In 1966 he volunteered for the United States Army and was commissioned a Lieutenant (Infantry) after OCS at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He volunteered for service in Vietnam and served as a mechanized platoon leader with 2/22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division and later as company commander of D/52nd Infantry. He was a Captain at the time of his last assignment at the US Infantry Board in Fort Benning, Georgia. Among multiple honors, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Following his discharge, Bill worked for the Veterans Administration as Admin. Division Chief in Columbia, SC and Fort Snelling, MN. He is a past State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans and was commissioned an honorary Lieutenant Colonel by then Governor Jimmy Carter in recognition of his service to disabled veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**. In 1978 he moved to Tennessee to work as Administrative Manager for Service Merchandise and later in the same capacity with Nissan Motor Corporation in Smyrna. He was active in community organizations serving as Board Chair of the Nashville Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, Board Chairman of the Nashville Urban League and founding Board Chairman of the Combined Health Appeal. He was employed as Business Manager for Harpeth Hall Schools as well as teaching economics for eight years before retiring in 1999. Bill loved family, friends, gardening, travel and spending his summers as a youth with family in Windham, NY. He was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church which he attended in Hermitage, Forrest Hills and Hendersonville. He taught adult Sunday School for many years and was a member of the Poe Williams class at Hendersonville. His chocolate chip cookies are practically famous and his jams and chutneys earned awards at the Tennessee State Fair. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Children Are People (CAP) in Gallatin, Harpeth Hall School in Nashville, Hendersonville First United Methodist Church or a charity of your choice. A Celebration of Life for Bill was held at 2:00 PM on the afternoon of Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Hendersonville First United Methodist Church with Pastor Don Hutchinson officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the start of service. Interment with Military Honors was held at 10:00 AM on the morning of Monday, October 24, 2022 at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Nashville, TN.

MICHAEL STEVEN HIGGS – Died Tuesday, January 15, 2022 in Thornton, Colorado at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 2, 1953. He is survived by his wife Linda; his children, Mike and Michele; and his granddaughter Ella. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.



RONALD JAMES HINKS - Died peacefully and in his sleep, on Monday, October 10, 2022 in Las Cruces, New Mexico at the age of 76. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born on August 5, 1946 in Racine, Wisconsin. Ronald graduated from Washington Park High School in Racine and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1966, where he served 13 months in Vietnam and earned two bronze stars. He earned the rank of Corporal before receiving an honorable discharge in 1968. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesilla Park Chapter #431*. From there he attended the University of Wisconsin-La-Crosse, and Gateway Technical College, where he earned an Associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He spent his career as a Mechanical and Civil Engineer, and retired to Las Cruces, New Mexico in 2008. Ronald enjoyed hunting, horseback riding, cowboy mounted shooting, and was a devoted father and grandfather. Ronald was a hard worker who loved life and had a great sense of humor. He touched many lives with his big heart and taught his family to treat others with respect and dignity. He will be greatly missed but his legacy will live on in the hearts of those who loved him most. Ronald is survived by his loving partner Barbra Hayes (Jedlicka); daughters Sarah Hinks and Renee Hinks Yadav, her husband Rohit Yadav; grandchildren Hassan Hinks (25), Jonah Allen (19), Stella Ojeda (17), Arya Yadav (5), and Neel Yadav (3). He is also survived by his sister Lorraine Hinks Simmons, her husband Arthur Simmons, and their daughters Lisa Simmons Castelli, and Laurie Simmons. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project, or the Alzheimer's Association. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 14, 2022 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 East Boutz Road. Military Honors were accorded by the Marine Corps League El Perro Diablo Detachment. The service arrangements were entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapel of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. Your exclusive provider for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com.



CHARLES HROPVICH (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Sunday, October 23, 2022 at Kent General Hospital in Dover, Delaware at the age of 90. He was a resident of Dover. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 13, 1932 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Air Force retiring after 24 years as MSgt. After his military career he worked for Farm Home as Federal Home Inspection. Mr. Hropvich was a member of the VFW in Camden, DE, American Legion Walter L. Fox post #2 and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850*. He enjoyed fishing and being outside watching the birds and feeding the animals he also enjoyed going to the slots He also enjoyed going to public auctions and buying property. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn. He is survived by his second wife Gloria (née Small) Hropvich of Dover; her children, Colin Devault, Becky Devault Murray and Kevin Devault; his close friends, Ron and Gilbert

Howdershelt. A memorial celebration service was held on November 12, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Woodside United Methodist Church on Main Street, Woodside. The interment was in Arlington Cemetery at a later date. Letters of condolence may be sent, and guestbook signed at www.torbertfuneral.com. Charlie would like anyone who wants to donate to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850 at PO Box 1718, Dover, DE 19904.



TOMASA QUENGA “Tammy/Bacha/Mai” IGNACIO - Died Wednesday, April 27, 2022 in Leyang, Barrigada at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Guam on December 7, 1942 to the late Enrique Chargualaf and Mercedes Hernandez (née Quenga) Ignacio. She is survived by her husband, Vicente Leon Guerrero Ignacio. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. Last respects were from 8:00 to 11:00 AM on May 27th at Guam Memorial Funeral Home in Leyang, Barrigada. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 12:00 Noon at San Vicente/San Roke Catholic Church in Barrigada. The interment was at Guam Memorial Park.



JOHN D. “Jack” IMHOF (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, November 3, 2022 in Westhampton, New Jersey at the age of 96. The cause of death was Alzheimer’s disease. He was born on February 13, 1926. He was the loving husband of 48 years to the late Maria Imhof. Jack was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army and served in WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. He is survived by his children, Carol (Ron) Martin, Karl Imhof, and John Imhof; grandchildren, Stacey Imhof, Carley Imhof, Angela Imhof, Gabriella Faravanti, Brandon Martin, Tracy Walker, Christopher Bass, Sr., William Bass, Jr., Bobbi (Robert) Okesson, Edward Bass, and Mary (Don) D’Arcy; 13 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his daughter, Josephine Imhof and step-daughter, Sandi Drusilla Haury. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his visitation on Tuesday, November 15th from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street, Mount Holly. A memorial service was held at 12:00 Noon at the funeral home. The interment was at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Jack’s memory to Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org).



JOSEPH J. “Joe” INGINO, SR. – Died Saturday, December 3, 2022 in Lindenhurst, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on December 18, 1947. The streets of heaven got a little more crowded with Angels today as the Vietnam War claimed the life of Joseph Ingino. Joe fought his years long battle with Agent Orange with the courage of a member of the United States Army’s Big Red 1 Division. He was

surrounded by his family at his passing. Joe served with the First Infantry Division in 1969-70. In 1971, he met the love of his life Joan and in 1972 they married. Joe was an in-country Vietnam Veteran who served between 1969 and 1970 with the First Infantry Division. His meritorious service earned him the National Defense Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and the Army Commendation with Oak Leaf cluster. In 2010 he was inducted into the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame. Joe's advocacy for Agent Orange exposure awareness was well known and had earned him the nickname "Preacher." In 2005, he worked with the Town of Oyster Bay to bring the "Vietnam Wall Experience" to Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. He was proud to have been instrumental in establishing the nation's first visible legacy to the more than 300,000 Vietnam Veterans chemically wounded or killed by Agent Orange dioxins. The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross also known as the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry is a military decoration of the former Government of South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam). The medal was awarded in recognition of deeds of valor or heroic conduct while in combat with the enemy. Individuals who received the medal, ribbon, and a citation were personally cited at the Armed Forces, Corps, Division, Brigade or Regiment level. Joe was a long time Board Member of the New York State Veterans Home in Stony Brook. Joe was a tireless worker and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11** and Rolling Thunder Chapter #6, and was called Papa Duck by his ducklings (Gold Star Moms). During the first six months of 1969, the Division conducted extensive reconnaissance-in-force and ambush operations in the Iron Triangle and Trapezoid jungle areas as well as in the vicinity of An Loc. On 18 March, the Big Red One joined with the 25th Infantry and 1st Cavalry Divisions in a joint operation northwest of Lai Khe called Atlas Wedge. In late May and early June several elements of the Division were involved in the Battles of An Loc I and II. In June 5th ARVN Division and Big Red One soldiers constructed and opened the 90-kilometer road from Phuoc Vinh to Song Be – a milestone in the struggle for freedom in South Vietnam. During the latter part of the year, the Division's participation in the "Dong Tien" (Progress Together) increased. This joint US and South Vietnamese military program was designed to enable the South Vietnamese Army to take on a more demanding part of the Vietnam conflict. Fire Support Bases were jointly manned; joint operations were conducted; patrols contained soldiers of both armies; tactical operations centers were jointly manned; training in each other's tactics and techniques were conducted; and ARVN units were introduced to Big Red One support capabilities. These aggressive steps forward lead the way for other joint military partnerships in Vietnam. On 10 August 1969, MG A. E. Milloy assumed command of the Division. In August and September, elements of the Division were involved in several Battles along Thunder Road (National Highway 13) as enemy forces tried to disrupt convoys or attack Fire Support Bases. During October and November, Big Red One units discovered numerous enemy base camps and caches of weapons and supplies. When it was announced that the Big Red One colors would soon be returning to Fort Riley, the reason, as stated by the Division Commander, MG Milloy was "we have worked ourselves out of a job!" The Big Red One returned to Fort Riley in April 1970. Joe is survived by his wife Joan, children; Annmarie, Joseph, Stephanie, Lisa, Katy, grandchildren; Bryan, Isabelle, Anthony, Charlie, Josephine, Salvatore, Giuliana, Angelina, Lauren and Dominic along with daughter-in-law; Loni, and sons-in-law; Charlie, Phil and Angelo. Rest easy my brother. In lieu of flowers, the family would

appreciate donations be made to the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook: <https://veteranshome.stonybrookmedicine.edu/donate>.

HAROLD A. JENSEN – Died Monday, May 23, 2022 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 5, 1930. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**.



JESSE LOFTIS JOHNSON (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in Dahlonega, Georgia at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pocahontas, Arkansas on December 2, 1939 to the late Daily M. and Hattie L. Johnson. He was one of the most highly decorated Army special operations veterans in United States history. Growing up in Pocahontas, Arkansas, rural town nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains, the little farm-boy with an eidetic memory devoured every book he could find on World War II and the heroes that won it. All those hours pouring over their famed exploits, he had no idea that some of those same iconic names would one day become his real-life mentors, leading him into the most legendary battles of the Vietnam War—from the thick jungle mountains of the Central Highlands to the booby-trapped rice paddies of the Mekong Delta. Hitting the beach with the 1st Cavalry Division at Qui Nhon, South Vietnam, in September 1965, the then-young Sergeant had no idea that he'd just taken the first step in an odyssey of warfare that would span five decades and several conflicts across the globe. In 1968, the newly commissioned Captain volunteered to return to Vietnam as a rifle company commander operating in the Mekong Delta with the 9th Infantry Division. In just his first few months of combat—leading bayonet charges, fighting the enemy hand-to-hand, clearing bunkers, negotiating minefields, and writing too many “next of kin” letters—he would earn his third Bronze Star, three Silver Stars, and three Purple Hearts. On the night of July 23rd upon receiving reports that his men were about to be overrun by a full battalion of NVA, Johnson ordered a chopper to insert him alone at “the point of heaviest contact.” Rallying his men in a desperate, pitched battle, he killed scores of enemy fighters and organized the rescue of a downed helicopter crew. Despite a gaping chest wound off a VC rocket attack, he refused medical evacuation and continued fighting until he was sure the enemy was in full retreat and his men were safe. For his brave actions that night, he would receive the Distinguished Service Cross. A decade later, after twice earning the Legion of Merit for his work as Deputy Commander of Delta Force and then commanding officer of the 10th Special Forces Group, Johnson would go on to command all special operations during Desert Storm, reporting directly to General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who commended him as an “unsung hero of the Gulf War.” After almost 35 years of military service, Colonel Johnson “retired” from the Army in 1993, going on to launch Cochise MTS, one of the first private military contracting firms. By 2005, at age 65, he would once again find himself in frontline combat, this time leading a team of mostly former Delta Force operators in clashes against al-Qaeda insurgents along “Route Irish,” touted as the most dangerous road in Iraq. Johnson offers a

much deeper examination of his extraordinary life and hero's journey in his bestselling memoir, *Warfighter: The Story of an American Fighting Man*, which recently earned a gold medal from the Military Writers Society of America—his last decoration. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**. A great believer in education, Johnson held a Master's degree and honorary Doctorate in international relations from Boston University. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judith Johnson; sisters, Lois Rogers, and Betty Cooper; and daughters Tambra, Felicia, and Shannon; grandchildren, Stephanie, Ashley, Jesse and Jacob great-granddaughter, Jamison. He is preceded in death by his parents, Daily M. and Hattie L. Johnson, brother Daily O. Johnson, and sister Mona Baker. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to Special Operations Warriors Foundation.



WILLIAM LEWIS "Billy" JONES - age 77, Died Friday, November 19, 2021 in his home in Blackville South Carolina at the age of 77, with his wife at his side and surrounded by his loved ones. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Blackville on August 18, 1944 to the late Morris Newton "Coach" and Lexsy (née Sowell) Jones. In 1964 Billy joined the United States Marine Corps, Platoon 339, where he served for four years, one year being served in Vietnam. He was also a 20-year Veteran of the U. S. Army National Guard. Billy was a graduate of Newberry College where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He also attended the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. He retired from SRS as a Power Department Operator and Instructor. Billy was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing at the coast and Lake Cynthia. He always looked forward to spending time with family and friends. He was a member of Blackville First Baptist Church. He was a member of the Blackville Masonic Lodge # 63, Barnwell County Leathernecks - Detachment #1227 of the Marine Corps League, Pat B. Coggins American Legion Post #91, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**, and the Wounded Warriors. Billy is survived by his wife, Margaret (née Browning) "Betty" Jones; sister Joy J. Newman of Lyman, SC; brother John Morris "Johnny" (Brenda) Jones of Blackville, SC; daughters, Janice Tuten of Lexington, SC and Cathryn (Tim) Doniphan-Barber of Charleston, SC, and son, Ricky (Terri) Doniphan of Lake Murray, SC; grandchildren Sonia Leigh Baker, Charles "C.J." Edward (Nicole) Baker, Jr., Tiffany (Justin) Detrick and Courtney (Rodney) Zorn, Drayton Tuten, Tyler Tuten, and Bryce Buechler; great grandchildren Cooper, Braxton, Gage, Cohen, Kole, Collier and Kane; along with several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Blackville First Baptist Church with the Reverends Ken Frederick, Jeffrey Ray and Dr. Thomas Terry co-officiating. The burial was in the Barnwell Memory Gardens on Reynolds Road with Military Honors accorded. The family received friends on Monday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Folk Funeral Home, Williston, SC. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

RICHARD E. "Dick" KANE – Died Monday, October 5, 2020 in Gowanda, New York at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 4, 1935. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus (Ohio) Chapter #900**.

GARY PATRICK KEHOE – Died Friday, November 18, 2022 in Saint Charles, Missouri at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 29, 1947 to the late Harry and Virginia Kehoe. He is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Nancy L. Kehoe; proud father of Craig P. (Heather) Kehoe, Brett A. (Katherine) Kehoe, and Patricia L. (Terry) Fredrick; cherished grandfather of Kelsey M. Kehoe, Ryan P. Kehoe, Patrick T. Kehoe, Elise M. Kehoe, Brandon Fredrick, Ryan Fredrick, Jacob Fredrick, and Tyler Fredrick; devoted brother of Glen T. Kehoe; loving cousin, uncle, and friend to many. Gary is preceded in death by his parents Harry and Virginia Kehoe, as well as his siblings Kathleen Schiller, Michael L. Kehoe, and Gregory A. Kehoe. Gary above all loved his family and enjoyed it when everyone was together making memories. He was a loving husband and father but he cherished his title of Grandpa and loved hanging out with his grandkids. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and belongs to VFW Post # 2866. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. Gary also belonged to the Machinist Union in Local #777. He was a friend anyone would be fortunate to have, he spent many mornings with the guys at breakfast telling stories and laughing. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed the great outdoors, especially deer hunting. Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Memorials may be made to Backstoppers in Gary's honor.



GEORGE CLEVELAND KESSLER - Died Sunday, October 9, 2022 in Pineville, Louisiana at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 12, 1939 to the late Harold “Red” Kessler and Margaret (née Stierwalt) Kessler. He was also predeceased by his sister, Patty Fouche. He was a member of Philadelphia Baptist Church, proudly greeting his church family. He served his country in the United States Air Force and retired from the military in 1978, as a T/SGT, also having served in the Vietnam War and the during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was a member of the VFW and the DAV and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131**. He later began working with the U. S. Forestry Service and retired after overseeing the motor pool. George also served as Past Chief of the Holiday Village Fire Department. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold “Red” and Margaret Stierwalt Kessler; sister, Patty Fouche. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 59 years, Nadine Fountain Kessler; sons, Scott Kessler and wife, Tonya; Kenny Kessler and wife, Nicki; Shane Kessler and wife, Charlene; six grandchildren, Shelby Corley, Shannon Kessler, Brenden Kessler, Tori Kessler, Bailey Kessler, and Kaylee Kessler; and a host of other family members and friends. Funerals Services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 in the Chapel of Hixson Brothers, Pineville with Dr. Philip Robertson and Reverend Tom Jordan co-officiating. The burial was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The family requested visitation be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at Hixson Brothers, Pineville from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The pallbearers were Blake Moore, Keith Fountain, Ryan Durand, Coy Choate, Marty Strange and Ethan Hanks.

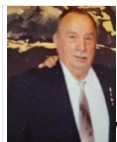


JAMES M. "Jim" KIMBALL - Died Sunday, October 2, 2022 in Canton Township, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 24, 1945. James was the beloved husband of Connie and loving father of Amanda (Steve) Dancy. He was the cherished grandfather of Ryn and Makenna. James was the dear brother of Jeanette Marie Ferguson, and brother-in-law of Patricia (Guido) Piccoli, Pam (the late Raymond) Rodgers, and Denise (the late Harold) Rodgers. He is survived by many treasured nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy from April 197 to April 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. The Memorial Service for Jim took place on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (west of Lilley Road) in Canton. A luncheon was served following the service. All were invited.



LOUIS C. KOCSIS III - Died peacefully Monday, October 24, 2022 in Roebling, New Jersey at the age of 75, with his loving family by his side. He was born in Trenton, New Jersey on August 8, 1947. He was an active lifelong resident of the Roebling community. Louis was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam; he was Honorably Discharged in 1971. He was a member Florence Station Fire Co. #2 and Florence Township Police Reserves. Louis then began his career with the State of New Jersey as a Senior Corrections Police Officer, retiring in 2004 after 20 years of dedicated service. He was proud to be a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**; serving as the clubs "Sergeant-at-Arms", Burlington County FOP Lodge #2, a Life member of the NJ American Legion Post #39, Roebling, NJ and the Opre-Larsons VFW Post #8838. Louis will be remembered for his easy-going nature, quiet silliness, pride in his country, and his unwavering love and devotion to his family. He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 42 years, Deborah Kocsis, his loving children, Corrinne and (Timothy) Hatcher, Jill Kocsis, David Kocsis, his special niece and honorary daughter, Linea Chanti, his darling grandson, Trent Hatcher, his sister, Linda Kocsis, his favorite furry companion, Ranger, and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Louis's name to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #899, PO Box 263, Bordentown, NJ 08505. For family and friends who cannot attend Louis's Celebration, please click on the link below to watch via our Live Stream Service. <https://my.gather.app/remember/louis-c-kocsis-iii> A Celebration of Louis's Life was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown. Calling hours were held Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM and on Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM until the time of service. The burial was at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown NJ. The arrangements were under the direct care and supervision of Robert L. Pecht, Bordentown Home for Funerals,

40 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Please go to Louis's Book of memories page at www.Bordentownhomeforfunerals.com for directions, to upload a picture, make a donation or offer condolences to the family.

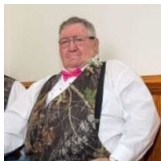


WAYNE E. LANGE (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Saturday, November 5, 2022 at his home in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 8, 1937 in Highland Park, Michigan to the late Rudolph and Audrey (née Michie) Lange. Wayne retired after proudly serving his country in the United States Army. During his military career, he was awarded the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Master Parachute Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal 5 Awards, Army Commendation Medal, and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry W/Palm. Aside from work, Wayne thoroughly cherished spending time outdoors, camping and hunting. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. Left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Deborah Lange and Audrey Moore; brother, Dean (Kathy) Lange and family; grandchildren, Johnathan (Glenna) Loatwall, Melinda Loatwall, Kerri (Nick) Morphis, Richard Smoot, Stephen Palmer, Mary (Russ) Moore, and Aaron (Tara) Moore; great-grandchildren, Sky Morphis, David Smoot, Austin Loatwall, Raven Cochran, Danielle Beltran, Sean Palmer, Destiny Moore, Zachery Moore, Brayleigh Moore, Asher Moore, Lorelai Smoot, and Amerie Downing. A funeral service was held at the Gateway Funeral Home on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Reverend Stewart Salyer 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. Online condolences may be made by visiting gatewayfh.com.



THOMAS G. LIGHTNER (USA, MG-Ret.) – Died Saturday, November 5, 2022 in Vista, California at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Haymarket, Virginia on June 3, 1936. He served two tours of duty in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1958 to 1991. He was the Commander of the United States Army Security Assistance Command. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria (Minnesota) Chapter #235**. Thomas G. Lightner has been included in Marquis Who's Who. As in all Marquis Who's Who biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are all taken into account during the selection process. General Lightner, a native of Haymarket, Virginia, graduated from Osbourn High School in 1954. He subsequently attended the College of William and Mary graduating in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. Concurrently, he was commissioned a second lieutenant, Field Artillery, in the US Army through

the ROTC program. He later earned a Master of Arts degree in Personnel Management from Central Michigan University. He worked briefly for the Mutual of New York Insurance Company, helping develop retirement and pension plans, before entering active duty. General Lightner retired from the US Army in 1991 after more than 32 years of service. He held numerous command and staff positions at military installations in the United States and overseas. He served two tours of combat duty in Vietnam. His military education included the US Army Command and Staff College; the US Army War College as well as the Harvard University Program for senior executives in National and International Security. Noteworthy among his many assignments was serving as Congressional Affairs assistant to the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army in the Pentagon. General Lightner's last assignment just prior to retirement was Commander, US Army Security Assistance Command responsible for managing the Army portion of the President's security assistance and foreign military sales program valued at over \$50 billion and extending to 106 countries around the world. He was involved extensively in assisting coalition forces during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. General Lightner received numerous awards and decorations during his career including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medals and several foreign decorations. He was also named Distinguished Military Graduate and Alumni of the Year from William and Mary. Following retirement in 1991, General Lightner worked as a consultant for several defense industry firms including Raytheon Corporation and TRW Corporation. In 1993 he joined Coleman Research Corporation as a Vice President in charge of several business sectors involving energy, environmental and information technology development in support of US government agencies. Coleman Research was purchased by Thermo-Fischer Corporation (a fortune 500 company) during his tenure. Finally, having completely retired from government and industry and residing in Vista, CA (San Diego County) General Lightner chaired a non-profit program entitled "Turn Around for Veterans" that employs woodworking as a therapeutic means of assisting wounded veterans recover from their mental and physical wounds. He raised over \$500,000 in support of this program which was conducted at no charge to the veterans or government agencies and has been extended to more than 10,000 veterans. But he still finds time to be with his wife, Carol, and spending time with his son and daughter and three grandchildren.

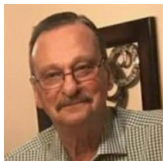


ALFRED LEE LYNCH - Died Thursday, July 28, 2022 in Jarratt, Virginia at the age of 73. He was formerly of Doodlum, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 28, 1949 to the late Lawford and Ruth Lynch. Alfred was a member of Purdy Baptist Church. He was a United States Air Force veteran and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #78**. He retired from the Virginia Department of Corrections and later worked in the sporting goods department at Wal-Mart. He was a Boy Scout leader and an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Alfred is survived by his loving wife, Martha W. Lynch; son George Michael “Mike” Lynch (Janet); daughter, Martha Michelle Sowards (Cody); grandchildren, Madison Lynch, Hailey, Ally and LeAnna Sowards; brother, Charles Nicholas “Nicky” Lynch (Joyce); sister, Evelyn “Ebbie” Vick (David); and numerous

nieces, nephews, cousins, and their families. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Saturday, July 30th at the Owen Funeral Home, 303 South Halifax Street, Jarratt, Virginia. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 31st at Grace Church, 9986 Purdy Road, Jarratt, Virginia. The interment with military honors was in the church cemetery.



KATHERINE E. "Kathy" MAHER - Died Monday, October 31, 2016 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Pawtucket in 1949 to the late Allison and Dorothea (née Brown) Lake. She was the beloved wife of Romuald Maher Jr for 47 years. Katherine was an avid quilter and enjoyed quilting with her dear friends the Offsite Quilters. She also was a tireless advocate for veteran's affairs. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Joshua Maher and Romuald (Will) Maher III; three grandchildren, Morgan, Meaghan, and Sean Maher; three sisters, JoAnn Walker, Patricia Hyde, and Nancy McGee, and three brothers, Stephen, Peter, and Timothy Lake. Relatives and friends were invited to visit on Thursday, November 3rd from 5:00-8:00 PM in the Costigan-O'Neill Funeral Home, 220 Cottage Street, Pawtucket. Her funeral service was held on Friday at 11:30 AM in the funeral home. The burial was private.



ROBERT P. MALDONADO, JR. - Died Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in Pipe Creek, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 22, 1947 in Corpus Christi, Texas to the late Robert P. Maldonado, Sr. and Juanita (née Bazan) Maldonado. He is preceded in death by his parents. Robert is survived by his loving wife of over 20 years, Delia (née Martinez) Maldonado; sons, Robert Maldonado and Stephen Maldonado (Maria Elena); sisters, Mary Lou (Felix) Soliz and Anna Maldonado; brother, Mike (Vickie) Maldonado; granddaughter, Charlotte Maldonado; other loving family members and friends. Robert graduated from W. B. Ray High School in Corpus Christi and after high school joined the United States Army. He served four years in the Army and fought in the Vietnam war. After the Army, he attended Del Mar College and received his Associates of Arts degree. Robert was then employed by Southwestern Bell for over 30 years. Robert was active with his local VFW Post #1533; he was their Quartermaster and spent numerous years there. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**. Robert had a big heart and loved spending time with his wife, granddaughter, and family. Robert loved to travel and enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs. He would also love to watch classic westerns and James Bond movies. A visitation was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM with a rosary recited at 6:30 PM at the Mission Park Funeral Chapel South. A funeral mass/service was celebrated at 9:30 AM at Mission Park Funeral Chapel South.

The interment with military honors was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Greg Soliz, Michael Maldonado, Louie Maldonado, Charles E. Guzman, Jr., David C. Martinez, and David R. Martinez, Jr.



CHARLES GALEN "Charlie" MARKLEY - Died Friday, October 14, 2022 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa at the age of 74. He was a resident of Altoona, Iowa. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease and dementia. Charlie was born on October 22, 1947 in Ames, Iowa to the late Clifford and Edith (née Bates) Markley. He spent his childhood in Ames and graduated from Ames High School in 1966. Charlie enlisted in the United States Army on November 27, 1967 and served in Southeast Asia at the rank of Specialist Five. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490**. He was an operator with Dynamic Carpet Services. Charlie loved his family, horses, and cattle dogs equally. His cowboy boots were never far away. He enjoyed spending time with family, especially his grandchildren. Survivors include wife, Karen (White) Markley, son Cale (Chrissy) Markley, stepsons: Casey, Brian (Chelsie), Kristopher (Elizabeth), Michael (Ang), Matt (Jenny), and John (Laura), twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and his sisters Kathy, Mary and Eva. Preceding him in death were his parents and stepdad, Corwin (Junior) Brown. A memorial service was held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Iles Grandview Park Chapel, 3211 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service. Entombment of Charlie's cremains was at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Van Meter, Iowa at a later date. The Iles Grandview Park Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.



JOHN ROBERT MASON (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 8, 2022 in Amherst, Virginia at the age of 74, surrounded by family at his residence. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 8, 1948 in Beckley, West Virginia to the late Eva B. Mason and John R. Mason. He was the devoted and loving husband of Linda S. Mason for 52 years. In addition to his wife, he leaves to cherish his memory three children, Eric Mason (Jennifer) of Midlothian, Kristy Mason of Ladson, S.C., and Jennifer Bowling (David) of Amherst. He was also like a father to Brandy Watts (Les) of Amherst and is also survived by three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Madison, and Casey; a sister, Karen Allen (Dave); a sister-in-law, Karen Dawson (Steve); and four special nieces. John graduated from Amherst County High School, Class of 1966 and served the United States Marine Corps for six years and then transferred to the United States Army National Guard Recruiter where he retired after 19 years at the rank Master Sergeant (E-8). He then retired as a rural mail carrier for the USPS in Amherst and was also a weekly volunteer for 11 years at Pulmonary Rehab as well as a weekly volunteer at Old

City Cemetery for the past 16 years. He was a member of the Amherst VFW Post #9877, Marine Corps League, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #192**, and the American Legion Post #274. The Vietnam Memorial in the Town of Amherst was a project he spearheaded and worked on until its completion. He was also known as the "Cookie Monster" at The Monument Terrace Support Our Troops weekly rallies. The family would like to give their sincere heartfelt thanks to the staff of Centra Hospice for their loving care and support. The family received relatives and friends from 5:30 until 7:30 PM on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at the Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory, 427 Graves Mill Road in Lynchburg. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to VFW Post #9877, P.O. Box 145, Madison Heights, VA 24572, or to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory assisted the family. Memories and thoughts may be shared with the family at www.heritagefuneralandcremation.com.

GEORGE FRANCIS McCLUSKEY, JR. - Died Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at home in Smyrna, Delaware at the age of 64. He was formerly of Dover, Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 3, 1957. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. At the request of his family, obituary detail and services will be private.

JAMES R. McDANIELS – Died Wednesday, September 25, 2022 in Grand Prairie, Texas at the age of 82. The cause of death was Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 24, 1940. He served in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1979 with two tours of duty in Vietnam in 1965 and 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**.



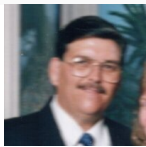
THOMAS PATRICK "Tom" McDERMOTT - Died Friday, October 28th, 2022 in Lewes, Delaware at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 22, 1947 in Queens, New York the youngest of two sons of the late Bridget D. (née Kelly) and Peter McDermott. He was raised in Sunnyside, Queens and Madison, New Jersey, graduating from Bayley Ellard High School in 1965. Following graduation, he entered the United States Army (1966 - 1971) and proudly and honorably served his country during Vietnam as a medic with the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery and 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division - Long Range Recon Patrol team. During his years in combat, he was wounded several times. For his sacrifice and exemplary service, he was awarded multiple medals including the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and three Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nassau Chapter #1105**, an organization he had great pride in supporting and volunteering with throughout his life. After the military, Tom settled in Madison, New Jersey where he met and married Judith Ann Napolitano. In 1980, they welcomed their daughter,

Alexis Christine. His professional path would lead to a 25-year career with New Jersey Transit as a Rail Signal Infrastructure Technician, retiring in 2011. After living in Madison for over 60 years, he and Judi moved to Lewes, DE where they became part of a close knit community in Nassau Grove. Tom was a charismatic man. All heart, always a smile on his face and full of love. He was lucky to be a person with many passions. He was an Irishman through and through and the life of the party. He was fiercely proud of his heritage and would display the McDermott family crest throughout his house alongside Irish literature, quotes and humorous sayings. He was a sports enthusiast and football was his favorite. To the dismay of many, he never stopped believing in his beloved New York Jets. They now have the greatest fan ever rooting for them from above. When he and Judi moved to DE, they took up bocce and joined the Nassau Grove league. A memorable moment was winning the championship tournament during their first year. It made him smile to see a plaque in the community clubhouse with their winning pictures featured. He absolutely loved to read and had a never-ending thirst for knowledge. He'd start every day by reading five newspapers and once read an entire encyclopedia for fun. He was an avid fisherman. His spirit came alive when he was out on the water and he looked forward to his annual trips with friends. He was a collector of rare stamps (philatelist), Lionel train sets and railroad memorabilia. These were all interests he carried with him since childhood and loved to share with his grandson. Always a music man, he spent his days listening to both jazz and classic rock. His devotion to family took precedence above all and time with them was what he cherished. Tom was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather (lovingly called "Pop Pop"), brother, uncle, godfather, and friend. He and Judi celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on October 16th. Their love of travel took them all over the world but it was the special times at home with his family that he enjoyed most of all. With the love and support of his wife and daughter, he fought valiantly to overcome a series of health challenges over the last several years. Throughout this difficult period, he exhibited remarkable courage and dignity, while still maintaining the sense of humor that endeared him to family, friends, and neighbors. He was a courageous soldier to the very end. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Peter J. McDermott of Arnold, MD. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judith A. (Napolitano) McDermott of Lewes, DE; his daughter Alexis C. McDermott, her husband, Ross A. Miller, and his grandson, Jack Thomas Miller of Summit, NJ. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Lorraine W. McDermott of Arnold, MD, his niece, Kimberley M. Mertz of Seattle, WA, and her two children: his grandniece, Sean E. Mertz and grandnephew, James (Jay) Mertz, both of Seattle, WA. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends visited beginning at 10:00 AM. All who cannot attend in person were invited to join the services via live stream by visiting the following link: <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1238203>. The interment with military honors took place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.



FRANCIS BAIN “Fran” McVEY (USN, CDR-Ret.) – Died Monday, November 21, 2022 at his home in San Jose, California at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 19, 1945. Fran is survived by his long-time girlfriend, Sherry Oppenheim, and his cousins David, Richard, and JD Hornbaker. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose Chapter #201**. Family and friends were invited to attend a Chapel Service on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 1:30 PM at the Lima Campagna Alameda Mission Chapel, 600 South Second Street, San Jose. The interment was on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the CalVet Seaside Veterans Cemetery (Fort Ord). In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Moffett Field Museum: <https://www.moffettfieldmuseum.org/donate.html>.

DAVID R. MENDOZA – Died recently in 2022 in Saint George, Utah at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 20, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Honolulu (Hawaii) Chapter #858**.



RAYMOND L. “Ray” MITCHELL - Died Saturday, August 13, 2022 in Pickerington, Ohio at the age of 68, following a fall he suffered on July 11, 2022. He was born on March 21, 1954 in Saint Charles, Missouri to the late Raymond J. and Norma Jean (née Wooff) Mitchell. He was a graduate of Walnut Ridge High School class of 1972, Columbus State Community College in 1979, and served honorably in the United States Air Force. He retired after 36 years with the U.S. Postal Service. He was a member of the American Legion Post #283, Pickerington, and was a member of the Honor Guard; AMVETS, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carroll Chapter #1045**, Millersport Lions Club and a former member of the Masonic Lodge at Whitehall, and Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus. He attended Outville Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife Lisa (née Toland) Mitchell, his brother Dennis (Sharon) Mitchell, his sisters Lisa (Sheri) and Kimberly; brother-in-law Randy (Brenda) Toland; several nieces and nephews; and his canine companion Delta. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his nephew John Newland, Jr. Funeral services, celebrating his life was held on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of The Kirkersville Home of Hoskinson Funeral and Cremation Service, with Pastor Steve Merold as celebrant. The burial with full military honors was in the Violet Township Cemetery, Pickerington. The family received friends on Thursday evening, August 18th from 6:00 until 8:00 PM and again on Friday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of the services at the funeral home, 285 East Main Street (US Route #40) in Kirkersville. The family prefers that memorial contributions be directed to either the Corvair Preservation Foundation at P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, MN 55356, or the Outville Presbyterian Church Bell Choir; 6463 Outville Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062.



STEVE C. MONTGOMERY - Died at 11:57 PM on Monday, August 8, 2022, at his residence in Lima, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Steve was born on July 18, 1946 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Clyde F. and Louise Mae (née Miller) Montgomery. On June 28, 1969 he married Marilyn (née VanScoyoc) Montgomery at Oakdale United Methodist Church in Deshler, Ohio, and she survives in Lima. Steve was a 1964 graduate of Elida High School and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965-1969 during the Vietnam War and served 13 months in country. He worked in sales at Frito-Lay, several area funeral homes selling preneed and the local Veterans Affairs Clinic for 5 years helping the local veterans. Steve was very active in supporting the veterans as a life member of Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lima Chapter #89**. Steve was a 2015 Jefferson Award Winner, and a Sertoman of the Year Award winner. Steve was a Senior Vice Commander of DAV#19, Lima, Ohio; Senior Vice Commander and Life Member of Marine Corps League #1063. Steve was a past president of VVA #89, member of The American Legion #96, Past President of the Allen County Veterans Council, and a Patient Advocate for Lima CBOC. He was a Charter Member of the West Ohio Food Bank where he served as President for 10 years, and also a Charter Member of Elida Area Sertoma Club where he served as President. Steve was a 53-year member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Delphos and a longtime member of its Methodist Men where he served as president, and also a member of the Lima Eagles Aerie #370. Along with his wife, he is survived by his children Crystal Anne (Jeremy) Montgomery-Boring of Columbus, Ohio; John Howard (Tiffany) Montgomery of Hilliard, Ohio; Bryan Keith (Elaine) Montgomery of Elida, Ohio; grandchildren, Morgan Boring, Elizabeth, Gavin, Keaton, and Benjamin Montgomery; one brother, Craig (Carol) Montgomery of Lima, Ohio; and multiple nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Marcia Tilford. The family received friends from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home, Lima, Ohio. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home, Lima with visitation one hour prior. Reverend Rich Rakay officiated. The burial was in the Ash Grove Cemetery, Lima. Graveside Military Honors were conducted by VFW Post #1275. In Steve's honor if you choose, the family suggest wearing patriotic colors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Allen County Veterans Food Pantry, Delphos Trinity UM Church- Building Fund or Honor Flight. The arrangements were handled by the Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed at www.chamberlainhuckeriede.com.



ROGER P. MOWEN, SR. - Died early Friday morning, June 11, 2021 at Washington Square Healthcare Center, following a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 72. He was a resident of Lake, Michigan. Roger was born on June 2, 1949 in Alliance, Ohio to the late Robert and Martha (née Thorn) Mowen, and was a lifelong area resident. He was a 1967 graduate of

Austintown Fitch High School and worked at General Motors Lordstown for 51 years, retiring in 2018. He was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970, and he received the Purple Heart. Mr. Mowen was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #40** and was a life member of American Legion Post #290. He was also a member of The Forty and Eight. Roger greatly enjoyed deer hunting and riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. He leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Roger Mowen II (Tina Latham) of Lake, Mich., and Corey (Gina) Mowen of Grand Blanc, Mich.; three grandchildren, Haley Mowen, Levi Mowen and Lacey Mowen; a brother, Gary “Bones” (Debbie) Mowen of Niles; his longtime girlfriend, Donna Runner of Howland; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and many extended family members. Family and friends visited from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Kinnick Funeral Home, 222 South State Street, Girard, where funeral services were at 12:00 Noon. The family asks that those who are unable to pay their respects in person or are uncomfortable doing so at this time to please keep Roger and his family in their thoughts and prayers. The interment with military honors was in Green Haven Memorial Gardens in Austintown. Visit kinnickfuneralhome.com to view and share this obituary, and to send condolences online.



DANIEL WAYNE “Dan” “Lt. Dan” MUSIC - Died Tuesday morning, October 19, 2021 at his residence in Dixie Union, Georgia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ware County, Georgia on January 8, 1954 to the late Daniel Timothy Music and Hellon (née Fullwood) Music, who survives, of Waycross, Georgia. He was a native and lifelong resident of Ware County where he graduated from Ware County High School in 1972. A Vietnam Veteran, Dan served in the United States Army, and he was stationed at Fort Polk, Germany, Fort Benning, Vietnam, Fort Knox and Fort Meade. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070**. In 2003, he retired from Ware State Prison as a lieutenant, and he was a member and deacon of Newbern Baptist Church. Dan deeply loved his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and his dogs and cats. He was a big teddy bear who always enjoyed giving hugs, and he will be dearly missed. Dan was preceded in death by his father, Daniel Timothy Music; brother, David Music; two granddaughters, Harley and Bailey Baldwin; nephew, Stephen Music; father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Judy Gillis. Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Joni Gillis Music of Dixie Union; children, Wayne Music (Nicole Fulford) of Waycross, Michael Music (Stephanie) of Woodstock, Mikey Baldwin of Cordele, Jon Morgan (Dana) of Hoboken, and Leigh Ann Hull (Jeff) of Blackshear; mother of his children, Teresa Dowdy (Jeff) of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Dallas Buckins (Jamie), Tristen Music, Donovan Drury, Griffin Hull, Danny Music, Ellie Morgan, Morgan Hull, Abbie Morgan, Alden Hull and Brodie Morgan; great-grandchildren, Lailia Drawdy, Delilah Drawdy, Lillian Drawdy, Jade Drawdy and Bailey Drury; his mother, Hellon Fullwood Music of Waycross; sister, Alice Cady (Tommy) of Waycross; brother, Tim Music (Kim) of Waycross; brother-in-law, John Gillis (Mendy) of Virginia Beach, VA; two sister-in-laws, Evelyn Heinz (Ted) of Hoboken, Jami Gillis and Leslie Powell; his fur babies, Mutley, Little Girl, Little Boy and R3; and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at

Newbern Baptist Church. The burial was in the Telmore Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday at the Music Funeral Home. Sympathy may be expressed by posting to his tribute wall, or by viewing the video tribute and funeral service recording at www.musicfuneralhome.com. The Music Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



THOMAS J. MUSTO, JR. - Died Friday, October 14, 2022 at Inspira Hospital, Vineland, New Jersey at the age of 77. He was a resident of Jackson, New Jersey and formerly of Commerce City, Colorado. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on September 26, 1945 to the late Thomas J. Musto, Sr. and Elsie Musto. He grew up in Hoboken, New Jersey and resided in Menlo Park, New Jersey. He worked as a tractor trailer driver and loved to draw anything anywhere. He had a passion and love for dogs and animals. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam from 1964-1966. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood (Colorado) Chapter -#1071*. He is predeceased by his parents, Thomas J., Sr. and Elsie Musto and his brothers John and William Musto. Surviving are his four sons, Thomas J. Musto III and wife Lisa, Anthony Musto, Robert Musto and Michael Musto and four grandchildren, Thomas J. Musto IV (TJ), Giavana and Sabrina Musto, Anthony Nalasco. Visitation was on Sunday from 3:00-5:00 PM with a 4:30 PM service and Honor Guard at Oliverie Funeral Home, 125 South Cooks Bridge Road, Jackson. The interment was on Monday at 11:30 AM at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. In lieu of flowers please make donations to ASPCA, 260 Wall Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724.



WILLIAM GEORGE "Bill" NELSON - Died Sunday, July 17, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, Wisconsin at the age of 80. He was a resident of Escanaba. He was born on January 10, 1942 in Escanaba to the late Berthil and Marie (née Groff) Nelson. Bill was raised and attended school in Escanaba where he was a 1960 graduate of Escanaba High School. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1961 and served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1964. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237*. Bill was employed with the Michigan Department of corrections at Camp Cusino in Shingleton, MI until his retirement in 1996. He married the former Janice Ann Perron on October 2, 1982 in Munising, MI and she preceded him in death in 2011. Bill was an author and publisher of a young adult book entitled, Harvey the Great Lakes Whale. One of Bill's biggest joys in life was playing Mr. and Mrs. Clause with his late wife, Janice. They spent several years bringing joy to the children in Munising, Shingleton, and the surrounding areas. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, and writing. Bill was a member of the Vietnam Era Veterans Chapter 237 and the American Legion Post 131, both located in Munising, MI. Bill Nelson is survived by son, David (Tina) Nelson of Bronson, MI, daughters, Rena (Rod) Nelson-

Arnhoeelter of Florence, WI, Laurelle (Doug) Woller of Shingleton, MI, and Mary (Bill) Belen of Munising, MI; daughter-in-law, Jeanette Costa-Nelson of Pismo Beach, CA; brother, John (Donna) Nelson of Goleta, CA; the greatest joys in his life were his grandchildren, Ashley, Brandon, Jayme, Christina, Marylynn, Joshua, Michael, Katherine, Samantha, and Sarah, and his numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; he also leaves behind his special lady friend, Betty Pearson. In addition to his parents and wife, Bill was preceded in death by his son, William Nelson in 2021; and one sister, Mary Lee Ambroz. Visitation was held from 12:00 Noon to 1:45 PM on Friday, August 12, 2022 at the Anderson Funeral Home in Escanaba. Military Honors were at 2:00 PM on Friday at Holy Cross Cemetery in Escanaba with burial to follow. The family continued celebrating Bill's life at Hereford and Hops in Escanaba. Everyone was invited to stop in and share their memories of Bill with the family.



DAVID KEITH NEWELL - Died Friday, November 25, 2022 at his home in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dayton, Tennessee on August 16, 1941 to the late Howard Newell and Dixie (née Kelley) Newell. He was also predeceased by two brothers, Ronnie Newell and Randy Newell. David was best known for his love of his country. He was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran and active as a *Life Member* in his local **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942** as one of the founding members. He was a computer guru who loved his wife, kids and grandkids immensely. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Diane (née Leuallen) Newell, son, Keith (Tammy) Newell; daughter, Krista Newell (Carl) Pruett. He is survived by siblings; Thomas Newell and Linda Newell. David is also survived by grandchildren; Ryan Newell, Samantha Newell, Hayley Pruett, Zoe Pruett, Brayden Pruett, Jackson Newell. Also one great-grandchild; Silas Markcloud The interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 2:30 PM. The family hosted a Memorial Service from 11:30 AM to 1:00 pm on Friday, December 2, 2022 at the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home with Reverend Don Kelley officiating. Condolences and memories can be shared at www.williamsonandsons.com. The arrangements were made by the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379.

ROBERT J. NICHOLS – Died recently in 2022 in San Diego, California at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 3, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**.



ALBERT EVERETTE PAINTER, SR. - Died Sunday, October 23, 2022 in Green Cove Springs, Florida at the age of 88. He was formerly of Middleburg, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida and served his country proudly in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter**

#1059. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Albert was predeceased by his parents and lovely wife, Lina Marie Painter. He is survived by children: Deborah (Randy) Hatcher, Kathleen "Kitty" Painter, Albert (Shelly) Painter Jr. and Charles Painter; 10 grandchildren: Heather (Russel) Minton, Haley (Ted) Bezaire, Ben Houston, Boone Hatcher, Holly Hatcher, Ray Avalos, Robert Avalos, Kendra Stoddard, Cortney Points and Cody Painter; 3 great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends. A visitation for Albert was held from 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM on Friday, October 28, 2022 with funeral services at 1:00 PM at the Hardage - Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, FL. The burial with military honors was graveside. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.hollyhillfunerals.com.



STEVE JOHN "Bob" PALOV - Died Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at Conemaugh Hospital in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age 73. He was a resident of Johnstown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 11, 1948 in Johnstown. Steve was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Charles and Catherine Birch, and his brother John Birch. Steve is survived by his wife Josephine (Doty) Palov; children Robert (Kelly) Palov, Valerie (Josh) Katenbrink, and Dan (Larissa) Doty; brothers LeRoy (Sue) Palov, Sam (Gayle) Birch, and Ray Birch; sister Cathy (Rick) Hall; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews. Steve proudly served his country in the United States Navy, the Naval Reserves, and the Army Reserves for a total of 38 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. He also owned and operated Kaczey's Mine Supply in Johnstown. Steve was an active member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, always among the first to volunteer for any project. His spirit of giving was felt by anyone fortunate enough to know him. Steve's family and friends will all deeply miss their own, personal MacGyver. Family received friends on Thursday, February 24th from 10:00 AM until Noon at the John Henderson Funeral Home, 215 Central Avenue, Johnstown. Reverend Toby Holland was the officiant. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to your favorite charity in Steve's memory.



LORETTA A. PERRY - Died Wednesday, August 8, 2018 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Fall River, Massachusetts on September 7, 1946 to the late Anthony and Gilda (née Sousa) Perry. She was a longtime resident of Pawtucket. Mrs. Perry worked as a secretary at the Leon A. Mathieu Senior Center in Pawtucket for many years. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. She is survived by two sons, James Fortin of North Providence and Henry Lauzon of Las Vegas; five grandchildren, Anthony, Christina, and Rebecca Fortin and Hayden and Hailey Lauzon; and one great-grandson, Nicholas Murphy. She was the

grandmother of the late Henry Lauzon. The funeral services were under the care of the Wilbur-Romano Funeral Home in Warren, Rhode Island.



LUTHER RAY PERRY - Died Tuesday, December 13, 2022, under hospice care at the age of 75. He was a resident of Union Township, Ohio formerly of Cincinnati. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 22, 1947 to the late Clarence P. and Mary E. (née Stephens) Perry. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley M. (née Martin) Perry, and siblings, Earl A. Perry, Faye Ruth Winchester, Ronnie Perry, and Armalee Perry. He is survived by his son, Stephen Ray (Mary Dixie Owensby) Perry, and siblings Sulie Bee Trammell, Clayton D. Perry, Barbara M. Stacy, and Nora Dee Keith. Luther proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was active in various local American Legions and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and served as a commander for both. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. Family and friends were invited to a visitation on Friday, December 16, 2022 at the E. C. Nurre Funeral Home, 177 West Main Street, Amelia, Ohio from 5:00 until 6:00 PM. A funeral service with military honors was after the visitation at the funeral home at 6:00 PM. An additional visitation was held on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at the Pine Knot Freewill Baptist Church, Pine Knot Cemetery Road, Pine Knot, Kentucky from 1:00 until 1:30 PM. The interment was in the Pine Knot Cemetery, Pine Knot, Kentucky, under the care of the Ellison Funeral Home, of Williamsburg, Kentucky.

JOYCE FORSYTH PETRY - Died Wednesday, June 15, 2022 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 12, 1946. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**. She was interred in the Jacksonville National Cemetery. The funeral arrangements were made by the Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



DANIEL R. "Dan" POLOWY - Died peacefully Friday, November 11, 2022 in Scottsdale, Arizona at the age of 76, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Dan was born on August 22, 1946 in Dunkirk, New York to the late Daniel and Dorothy (née Szopinski) Polowy. He was the middle of three children and graduated from Cardinal Mindszenty High School in 1964 where he played football (co-captain) and baseball. After graduating high school, he went on to attend and graduate from Canisius College in 1968 where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in Philosophy. Dan was on the Dean's Honor List during his second through fourth years. Upon graduating from Canisius, Dan entered the Law School at the University of Buffalo in September of 1968 but was drafted into

the United States Army in October. He served two years in the Army at the rank of staff sergeant, including a tour of duty in the Republic of South Vietnam with the First Air Cavalry Division. With that unit, he held the positions of infantry platoon sergeant and platoon leader, earning three Bronze Star medals. Upon his completion of his tour of duty, he re-entered Law School in 1970 and subsequently graduated in May of 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunkirk Chapter #459**. Dan served as the city attorney and city clerk for the City of Dunkirk, NY. He later joined the law firm of Towne, Rubenstein, Snyder and Polowy as a partner. Following private practice, Dan served as the Chautauqua County attorney in Mayville, NY. Dan married his wife Arlene (née Braccio) in 1969 and shared 54 years of marriage. They were blessed with three wonderful children, Clayton, Garrett, and Danny. Dan was an avid reader and enjoyed hiking, attending sporting events, spending time with his family, especially his 9 grandchildren. Dan was very involved at Holy Trinity Catholic Church when residing in Dunkirk. Dan served as a lector and member of the Parish Council. He was an active member of the Dunkirk Chapters of the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, and the American Legion as well as the New York State Bar Association. Dan is survived by his wife, Arlene (née Braccio), sons Clayton (Jade) of Scottsdale, AZ, Garrett (Sara) of Haymarket, VA, and Danny (Keri) of Charlotte, NC, nine grandchildren, Hunter, Tianna, Aaliyah, Kensie, Barron, Max, Lucas, Alexandra, and Nicholas, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Dan was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Michael, and his sister, Kathleen. Dan will be remembered most for his genuine caring and friendly way he treated each person he encountered, but more importantly, for his love and devotion he expressed toward his wife, children and grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held in early Spring of 2022 in Dunkirk, NY.



WOODROW W. “Woody” POSTLE, JR. – Died Thursday, October 27, 2022 in Kent General Hospital in Dover, Delaware at the age of 77. He was a resident of Dover. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 6, 1945 in Schenectady, New York to the late Woodrow W. Postle, Sr. and Mary (née Litchfield) Postle. “Woody” was a 1963 graduate of Dover High School where he filled his time playing football and wrestling, before attending Del Tech where he obtained his Associate Degree in Business. Woody enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1968 and proudly fought for his country in Vietnam from 1969-1970. Rising to the rank of Corporal, he was honored with many service medals including the Combat Action Ribbon, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, and National Defense Service Medal. After returning from Vietnam, he met and married his wife, Gail. Together they raised two wonderful sons. Woody and Gail enjoyed many cruises and traveling. He also enjoyed playing cards, and his biggest recent accomplishment was teaching his wife and friends to play mahjong. Woody worked for the United States Postal Service for 42 years as both a Letter Carrier and a Clerk. He was very knowledgeable and known to always have a smile on his face as he welcomed the customers he served. Woody was a tremendous father, a loving and proud “Poppy” and never missed a sporting event for his kids or grandkids, no matter the time or distance. Respected by so many kids and parents in the community, he could always be found recording nearly every baseball

game, wrestling match, and football game to ensure his boys and their teammates had documentation of their achievements. He was a very proud father, proud of all their accomplishments, especially the 1986 Junior League State Champions from Dover Little League which he helped coach, along with many other teams over the years. After retiring from the Postal Service in 2007 Woody's focus was helping Veterans. He was a 22-year *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850** where he served as Vice-President, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Chairman of the annual oyster dinner. His fundraising efforts were instrumental in helping create the Veterans Memorial in Dover. He was a 24-year member of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines National Association where he served as Vice President, Chairman of the Board, and Membership Chairman. He was proud to be a Marine, attending reunions every 2 years across the country. Reconnecting with other Marines he served with in Vietnam was of the utmost importance to him. You rarely saw Woody without something that said United States Marine Corps. Woody was also a life member of the Dover Fire Department where he proudly served 59 1/2 years. He enjoyed countless morning there with lifelong friends especially sharing stories at the "liars table." He was preceded in death by his brother, Benjamin Postle. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Gail Postle of Dover, sons Woody (Holly) of Magnolia; Greg of Townsend, grandchildren Evan, Drew, Savannah, and Calvin, family dog Bailey, and best friends of 45 years Mike and Susie Czarkowski. Services were held on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the Torbert Funeral Home, 1145 East Lebanon Road, Dover, DE. Visitation was at 2:00 PM and services at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers the family suggested contributions to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #850 in Dover. For those unable to attend the funeral service there was a livestream on www.torbertfuneral.com, that could be found under the "Upcoming Livestreams" tab and viewed by clicking on their name.



JERRY MACK POWELL – Died Thursday, November 10, 2022 in Conover, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newton, North Carolina on February 1, 1949 to the late Nathan Powell and John Cauthen. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior on Easter of 1987, and was adopted into the Body of Christ. Jerry retired after 40 years from WestRock Conover. He was actively involved as a member of Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a Deacon, Usher, Co-founder of Straight-Up Boys Club, John 3:16 leader and a member of Majestic Men's Club. He also continued to serve his country as a member of the National Association for Black Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hickory Chapter #1136** and Foothills Veterans Helping Veterans. Jerry Mack Powell lives on in the hearts of his wife, Brenda; son, Jerry (Cordi) Powell; son, Terrence (Kimberly) Powell; daughter, Genita (Corwin) Rankin; son, Christopher (LaCratta) Powell; daughter, Shante (Eric) Sellers; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson; as well as a host of extended family and friends. His final wish would be for everyone to have a relationship with Jesus Christ so that we may all be together again. The visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, 217 2nd Avenue, NE in Conover. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Friday, November 18, 2022 at Liberty Hill

Missionary Baptist Church, 3115 Liberty Hill Church Road, in Claremont, N.C. A graveside service was at Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the Samir Grier Scholarship Fund, 701 2nd Street Drive, SW, Conover, NC 28613.

MARIA D. RAMIREZ – Died recently in 2022 in Marion, North Carolina at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on May 23, 1929. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Williamsburg (Virginia) Chapter #957**.



HOWARD L. RANKIN, SR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at his home in DuBois, Pennsylvania at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 25, 1938 in Washington, Pennsylvania to the late Ira (née Wilson) Rankin and Vernon Wagner Rankin. Howard attended grade school in Conifer, PA and high school in Brookville, PA. After high school he joined the United States Army and spent 20 years in the Army attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class. Receiving many medals and letters of commendation, the highest medals: Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal 2nd award. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bucktail (Saint Marys) Chapter #720**. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Roxie C. (née DiSciascio) Rankin and two sons Rocco (Amy) T. Ford, Sr. and Raymond (Robin) G. Ford, Jr. and six grandchildren; Emily, Rachel, Brandy, Rocco Jr., Michael and Caroline Ford, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces. Howard was the last member of his immediate family. He was preceded in passing by his four children Cynthia D. Rankin, Howard L. Rankin, Jr., Ronald L. Rankin, and Theresa A. Rankin, five sisters and 3 brothers. Virginia I. (Rankin) Myers, Wilson H. Rankin, Richard H. Rankin, Wilbur L. Rankin, Wilma F. (Rankin) Haney, and three infant sisters. Visitation was held on Friday, August 26, 2022 from 4:00–7:00 PM and on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the Baronick Funeral Home and Crematorium, Inc. A funeral service was held on Saturday at 11:00 AM from the funeral home with Reverend Father Matias Quimno officiating. Full military honors were accorded by the members of the DuBois Area Honor Guard from the funeral home. The interment took place in the Lakelawn Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Bucktail Chapter #720, 196 State Route 2007, Dagus Mines, PA 15831. Online condolences can be sent to www.baronickfuneralhome.com.



THOMAS L. “Tom” REARDON, JR. - Died Sunday, October 16, 2022 in Harrison Township, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 16, 1946. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (née Kazenko) Reardon; dear father of Jonathan, Michael, and Kristine Reardon; and loving brother of Leslie Reardon. Tom was a

proud veteran of the United States Army after 8 years of faithful service. He worked as a Logistician at the US Army Tank Automotive Command (TACOM) for 29 years. Tom was a member of the Detroit Metropolitan Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (former treasurer and secretary) and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Family was always Tom's first priority; he also enjoyed woodworking, metalworking, and traveling. The burial was at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to the VVA Chapter #154, or purchase a wreath from Wreaths Across America in Tom's name. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.kaul-fh.net for the Reardon family.



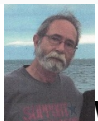
CYDNEY MARIE REYNOLDS - Died Monday, December 12, 2022 in Hollywood, Florida at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. Cydney was born and raised in Naugatuck, Connecticut on May 10, 1965 to the late John "Jack" Reynolds and Ruth (née Woods) Reynolds. She graduated from Naugatuck High School in 1983. After graduation she moved to South Florida where she met the fathers of her three children, Joseph Kippenberger and Michael Samuels. She married Joseph Webster in 2002 and divorced in 2013. She worked as Interim Director of Veterans Affairs for The Seminole Tribe of Florida. She dedicated a total of 10 years to the tribe. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23**. Cydney's love for her four grandchildren was endless. She was truly a dedicated grandmother and cherished all her time spent with them. Her legacy will live on through Leah, Eleanor, Rowan, and Camille. Cydney is preceded in death by her Parents, John and Ruth Reynolds. Cydney is survived by her children, Kurya Kippenberger, Heather Kippenberger, and Francis Reynolds. Her siblings, Edith Reynolds, Joyce Reynolds, Charlotte Amadon and Damon Reynolds. Her Grandchildren, Leah Reynolds, Eleanor Sanders, Rowan KippiHoy and Camille Sanders. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on December 20, 2022 at the Hollywood Memorial Gardens North with Paul Buster of First Seminoles Baptist Church, officiating. The arrangements were by the Fred Hunter's Funeral Home. The family of Cydney wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the staff at Memorial Pembroke Hospital.

JAMES P. RHODES – Died Saturday, November 26, 2022 in Washington, Utah at the age of 73. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on September 17, 1949. He served in the United States Army and retired from the Army. He served in Vietnam in 1966, 1967 and 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**.



NELSON DALE RHODES (USAF, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Bethesda Hospital East, Boynton Beach, Florida at the age of 83. He was a resident of Boca Raton, Florida. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. Major Rhodes was born on May 12,

1939 in Deland, Florida to the late George Steward Rhodes and Catherine (née Black) Rhodes. He grew up in Milford, Connecticut, and enjoyed spending summers with his grandparents in Maine, particularly at his maternal grandfather's blueberry farm. After graduating from Milford High School, he attended the University of Connecticut and subsequently entered the United States Air Force as an Aviation Cadet and became a Commissioned Officer in 1962. While in the Aviation Cadet program in Waco, Texas, he met his future bride, Nancy Elizabeth Chance, whose parents, Joel and Evelyn Chance, operated the USO in Waco. They married on June 22, 1963. Major Rhodes served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years as a Pilot, Navigator/Bombardier, Navigator Instructor, Nuclear Weapons Instructor, and Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot/Evaluator Pilot on the EC 121 (Super Constellation) radar reconnaissance aircraft. He spent numerous deployment tours in Southeast Asia with this aircraft that extended over seven campaigns of the Vietnam War. He logged 1400 hours of combined combat and 500 combat support flight hours during the course of 140 combat missions and was awarded five Air Medals for service in that conflict. After retiring from the Air Force in 1981, he spent almost two decades managing two general aviation airports, first in Waco, Texas, and then in Boca Raton. In 2006, he was recognized by the Florida Department of Transportation as the "Aviation Professional of the Year" in the State of Florida. He also served as Florida Regional Representative for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association for 13 years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Boca Raton Chapter #1125*. Major Rhodes enjoyed history, particularly local and family history, and spending time with his family, particularly his five grandchildren. He was an avid Disney-phile and loved music and playing his guitar. He was a member of the Allerton Colony, Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants, having served as the Governor of the Colony for five years. He was also a member of Spanish River Church. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; a daughter, Melissa (Jeff) Garrard of Lebanon, Indiana; Mark (Elizabeth) Rhodes of Boca Raton; five grandchildren, Justin Garrard of Baltimore, Maryland, Julia Garrard of The Hague, Netherlands, Jason Garrard of Lebanon, Indiana, and Allison Rhodes and Jenna Rhodes, both of Boca Raton; two sisters, Diane Meyer of Phoenix, Arizona and Jean (Daniel) Kievlan of Benbrook, Texas; and four nieces and nephews, Jeff (Tara) Kievlan of Austin, Texas, Laura (Kyle) Kovarik of Spotsylvania, Virginia, Daniel (Tricia) Kievlan of The Woodlands, Texas, and Sarah Stanfield of Englewood, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Catherine Rhodes and a brother-in-law, Ron Meyer. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 28, 2022 at the Spanish River Church, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, Florida. The family requested that in lieu of flowers donations may be sent directly to the Military Family Support Trust, 1010 American Eagle Boulevard, Suite #400, Sun City Center, FL 33573 or may be made directly on their webpage: [www. militaryfamilysupporttrust.org](http://www.militaryfamilysupporttrust.org). There is a donate button at the top right. To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Nelson Dale Rhodes, (USAF, Ret.), please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.



WILLIAM G. "Bill" RILEY - Died peacefully Friday, November 18, 2022 in Barnegat, New Jersey at the age of 77, after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Clifton, New Jersey on October 9, 1945. Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Alice (née Randall) Riley, sisters, Elizabeth Eisenmenger of Saint Johns, FL and Julia Kupas of

Cumberland, MD; his extended family, Linda Randall of Parsippany, NJ, Don Randall of Clifton, NJ and Bill Randall of Tucson, AZ; fourteen nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Originally from Clifton, Bill resided the woods of Budd Lake for 30 years before moving to Barnegat. He joined the United States Army at the age of 17 and served in Vietnam. Bill was a member of the American Legion Post #232, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10092, both of Barnegat. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Grove Chapter #510**. After serving his country, Bill worked for Verizon for 36 years and retired as a manager. Bill was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was proficient in the use of firearms and was an active member of SASS (Single Action Shooting Society) and the Jackson Hole Gang where he was known as “Barnegat Bill”. He won the State Championship for his age group at the 2021 “Purgatory of the Pines” shooting completion. Bill was also an advocate for animal rescue throughout his life. As a pet therapy volunteer, Bill worked with his potbelly pigs at hospitals, nursing homes, and disabled children’s facilities for over 15 years. A Memorial Gathering was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with Military Honors to be conducted 12:00 Noon at the Barnegat Funeral Home, 841 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ (www.BarnegatFH.com). In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Atlantic County Canines, PO Box 188, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215, or see their Facebook page.



BURTON J. “Burt” ROSENTHAL, JR. – Died peacefully early Thursday, October 6, 2022 in Neenah, Wisconsin at the age of 73, after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 13, 1948 to the late Burton J. Rosenthal, Sr. and Louise (née Sontag) Rosenthal. Burt was a 1967 graduate of Menasha High School and continued his education briefly before enlisting in the United States Air Force in July 1968. He served until 1972, having worked as an aircraft mechanic and being stationed at Da Nang AFB in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**. After his time in the military, Burt married Julie Harder on February 10, 1973. He spent the majority of his working career at Midwest Rubber Plate Company, later as the production supervisor. Burt enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time up north, playing Shanghai rummy with his family, bowling, having coffee with the guys at Shellatte’s, watching The Price is Right at Tony’s Bar and always having a sassy come back. He was also an avid Packers, Badgers and Brewers fan. Burt is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Julie; by his two daughters: Amy (Scott) Randall, and Katie (Kurt) Rosenthal-Mayer; his six grandchildren: Jacob, Morgan, Eli, and Carter Randall; and Maysun Rosenthal; and Maren Mayer. He is further survived by his sister, Carolyn Cornell; by his dog, Lou; and by many friends and other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his two sisters: Elizabeth Colloton and Nikki Rosenthal. A graveside prayer service with military honors for Burt was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 4th at Grace Lutheran Cemetery, Winchester. A celebration of Burt’s life was held from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM at The Dome, 1338 South Commercial Street, Neenah. Casual dress was required and camouflage was encouraged. In lieu of flowers, a memorial

fund will be established in Burt's name. A special thank you to the Saint Elizabeth's care team, as well as our friend, Shelly Baeten. We appreciate you taking such good care of Burt. "Goodnight now." ~ Burt! The Westgor Funeral Home, 205 West Doty Avenue, Neenah was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.westgorfuneralhomes.com.

VINCENT E. RUSSO – Died Sunday, December 26, 2021 in Cranston, Rhode Island at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island in 1933 to the late Michele and Jennie (née DeRobbio) Russo. He was the husband of the late Helen M. (née Toohey) Russo. Mr. Russo lived in Providence most of his life and served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He worked as a meterman for Narragansett Electric for 36 years before retiring in 1998. He was a member of the American Legion and a strong activist for the POW/MIA community. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. He was the father of Alexander P. Russo (Karen) of Cranston, Michele A. Milos (Frank) of Pawtucket and Suzann Ierfino (Domenic) of Scituate. He was the brother of the late Emily and Alexander M. Russo. Mr. Russo is also survived by his grandchildren, Michael Russo (Heather), Daniel Russo (Trish), Andrew and Connor Milos, Isabella and Emma Ierfino; and four great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends were invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday January 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Fenner Street, Providence. The burial was in Saint Ann Cemetery, Cranston. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated. Face masks and social distancing was observed at the Mass.



MICHAEL DAVID "Mike" RYE - Died peacefully Friday, November 11, 2022 at The Neighborhood at Brookview in Brookings, South Dakota at the age of 72. He was a resident of Fargo, North Dakota, formerly of Brookings, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born in Dawson, Minnesota on March 2, 1950 to the late Donald and Susan (née Selenski) Rye. After Mike graduated from Minnesota High School in 1968, he went on to study at Southwest State University, until he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Thailand and Taiwan during the Vietnam War. He even enjoyed Bob Hope's USO Christmas Show in Vietnam when he was there. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. When he returned home, Mike farmed for a short period of time and then joined McLaughlin and Schulz in Marshall, MN, in the early 90's and worked there for 20+ years. Mike moved to Watertown in 1994 where he accepted a position as the Street Superintendent and remained there for 26 years. In 1995, Mike met Bonnie at a Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer event, and the rest was history. They were married and joined their families together on August 3rd, 1996. In 2015, Mike and Bonnie both retired and spent their summers at their lake home on Battle Lake and the winters playing golf, having dinner parties with friends, and playing shuffleboard in Mesa, AZ. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Susan Rye and his brother, Donnie Rye. Mike is survived by his wife, Bonnie (née

Werpy) Rye of Brookings, SD; his children, Jason (Anne) Werpy of Brookings, SD, Joe Rye of Sugar Hill, GA, Matthew (Megan) Werpy of Rapid City, SD, Aaron (Jena) Werpy of Brookings, SD, Maria (Jonathan) Scott of Atlanta, GA; nine grandchildren; his brother, David (Monica) Rye of Waterville, MN; sisters: Carolyn Proehl of Winthrop, MN, Margaret (Steve) Loveless of Maplewood, MN, and Suzzette Tyson of Hastings, MN; along with many other nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services were held at 11:30 AM at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown, SD, on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Pastor Dave Nerdig officiated. Music was provided by A.J. Sherrill as organist with Bret Werpy as vocalist. Visitation was held at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 PM and resumed prior to services at the church on Wednesday. The burial was at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN, on Friday, November 18, 2022. The honorary pallbearers were LaVerne McPeck, Bernie Hanson, Bob Wagner and Darwin Fox. The pallbearers were Michael Rye, Jeff Riley, Jonathan Scott, Andy Young, David Beckman and Rollie Isaacson. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 2001 2nd Street West, Watertown, SD 57201 or the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1054, P.O. Box 1062, Watertown, SD 57201 where he was a lifetime member and proud to be a member of the group. The arrangements were made by the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel -www.crawfordosthus.com.

THOMAS A. SAYGERS – Died Saturday, October 22, 2022 in Richmond, Kentucky at the age of 88. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 7, 1934. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #1066**.



NEIL FRANCIS SCHILLING - Died Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the Sanford Hospice House in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 75, after a 5-month battle with lung cancer. He was born in Dawson, Minnesota on November 20, 1946 to the late Francis and Viola (née Rademacher) Schilling of Madison, MN. Neil was baptized and confirmed at the Church of Saint Michael in Madison. Neil grew up in Madison, attended the Catholic Parochial School till 8th grade and graduated from Madison High School in 1965. He went on to attend vocational school in Canby, MN for one year. He enlisted in the United States Navy on October 12, 1966, serving until September 17, 1970. He served in Vietnam in the "Brown Water Navy" which consisted of 50-foot long patrol boats that spent their time patrolling the muddy canals and shallow rivers of Vietnam detecting mines set below the surface of the water. They helped stop North Vietnamese troops, supplies and communications in South Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. On July 4, 1980, he married Rosalie Kosmalski in Watertown, South Dakota. Together they raised three children, Shannon, Crystal and Jake, in Dawson. During those years they enjoyed family times at

the lake in Alexandria, and family trips to Yellowstone, the Black Hills, Disneyworld, Busch Gardens, Disneyland, San Diego Zoo, Nassau, Bahamas, etc. Neil worked for Land O'Lakes feed plant until 9/5/97, at which time he went to work at the Appleton Prison (CCA) as a Prison Guard until 2010, at which time he retired. Neil loved his family and being a dad. He always was present for his children and participated in their activities. He loved hunting and fishing and spending time at the lake. He was especially fond of his four grandchildren when they came along. Neil and Rose made many trips to Oklahoma to see their two granddaughter's dance and cheer competitions and many trips to Fargo to see their two grandsons. Since moving to Fargo, he loved attending their sporting events and school concerts. Neil was a much loved, wonderful husband, dad, and Grandpa/Papa. He was always kind and calm, loving and caring, and he did love to tease and play pranks. Neil is survived by his wife, Rose; daughter Crystal, her husband Max Pool, of Fargo and their children Eban and Liam; son Jake and his wife Mikie of Moore, Oklahoma, and their children Ava and Allie, and many cousins and friends. Preceding him in death were his parents, Francis and Vi Schilling, his brother, Bruce, his in-laws, Bill and Eldora Kosmalski, and his daughter Shannon. Blessed be his memory. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Hanson and Dahl Funeral Home in Dawson at 200 PM. An Expression of Love gathering was held at the Dawson City Building after the service until 4:30 PM. Everyone was welcome to come and visit with Neil's family and share stories and memories about Neil whether they attended the service or not. In lieu of flowers, etc. the family requested that you consider a donation to Sanford Hospice House in Fargo or to the Lac Qui Parle Hope Network, Inc.



ROBERT K. SCHMIDT - Died Friday, September 16, 2022 in Bangor, Maine at the age of 84. He was a resident of Glenburn, Maine. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 26, 1938 in Queens, New York to the son late Rudolph and Margaret (née McEnerney) Schmidt.

Robert was a proud United States Marine veteran serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during the late 50's and then worked in transportation. He worked for many years at Matlack Trucking in Norwich, CT. He later became an independent transportation broker, forming his own company, Transport Savings where he was still actively working at the time of his passing. He was a generous *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America**. Robert's best friend was Semper Fi III, his German Shorthair Pointer who survives him. Robert was a lifelong fan of the NY Yankees, Giants and Nascar. He loved hunting and fishing. Surviving are seven children, Kevin Schmidt and his wife, Victoria of Lisbon, CT, Tammy Jordan and her husband, Steve, of Waterbury, CT, Kelley Lacombe and Peter Whiton of Norwich, CT, Kathy Wood and her husband, Norman of Putnam, CT, Karen Clark and her husband, Tim, of Eastford, CT, Kim Schmidt of Putnam, CT, and Kyla Streb and her husband, Karl, of Killingly, CT; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Sonja Schmidt; by his second wife, Cheryl Schmidt; by one son, Robert Schmidt; and by two sisters, Kathleen Suhr-McCaffrey and Florence "Mickey" Markey. The funeral services were private. The arrangements were made by

the Kiley and Foley Funeral Service, Bangor and Brewer. Messages and memories of Robert may be shared on the tribute wall of kileyandfoley.com.



MELVIN J. SCHOEPPNER - Died Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Parkview Rehabilitation Center in Sac City, Iowa at the age of 77, due to health complications from his military service. He was a resident of Storm Lake, Iowa and formerly of Carroll, Iowa. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Carroll on May 23, 1943 to the late Urban and Alvina (née Huegerich) Schoeppner. As an infant, he was baptized into the Catholic faith at Saint Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll and was later confirmed there. Melvin attended school at and graduated from Kuemper High School in 1961. Following graduation, he attended the University of Iowa where he was a member of the graduating class of 1967 and received his BA in Geography. On March 4, 1967, Melvin entered the United States Army where he honorably served his country in the Vietnam War. He was on temporary duty for thirty days in support of the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany in August of 1972. On September 14, 1973, Melvin was honorably discharged. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**. On December 17, 1977, he was united in marriage to Diana Wonder in Schleswig, Iowa. Melvin worked as a Quality Assurance Tech at Sara Lee Foods until he retired on January 5, 2010. He enjoyed collecting and watching NASCAR, Iowa Hawkeye Football, going to balloon races, helping with Ragbrai and marathons. His biggest love was Santa's Castle where he served on the board of directors. Those left to cherish his memory include his sisters, Bernice Daniel of Lytton, Iowa and Joan Schwaller of Carroll, Iowa; nephews, Scott (Sheila) Daniel of Pleasant Hill, Iowa and Jerry (Rachel) Schwaller of Des Moines, Iowa; nieces: Deanna Vauble of Carroll, Iowa; Julie (Joel) Weichman of Des Moines, Iowa; Carla (Bill) King of Lytton, Iowa; extended family and friends. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Urban and Alvina; and his wife, Diana. The Funeral Mass was held on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM in Saint Mary Catholic Church in Storm Lake. The burial was in Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation took place on Thursday, January 7, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Fratzke and Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Masks and social distancing were required for guests in attendance. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorials be given to an animal rescue organization of the donor's choice. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of the arrangements.

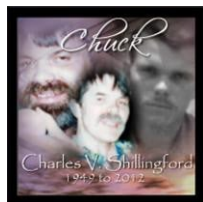


KEVIN JOHN SCHWEGEL - Died Friday, September 30, 2022 at the Inspira Hospital, Vineland, New Jersey at the age of 72, after struggling with several medical issues over the past few years. He was a life-long resident of Millville, New Jersey born on December 1, 1949 to the late Harry and Grace Schwegel. Kevin was raised by his parents at the homestead on 5th Street in the Holly City. He is survived by two sisters, Lisa Saville and Lauri Bauman, along with several other relatives. Long-time loyal feline companion and friend "Midnight" will certainly miss the

presence of Kevin and the care and protection he afforded over the years. Kevin graduated from Saint Mary Magdalen Grade School in 1964 and always spoke proudly of his learning experiences during those times and the many friends he made during those formative years. He earned his diploma with honors from Millville Senior High School in 1968. From his high school days till the very end, Kevin was a raging, enthusiastic supporter of Thunderbolt athletics and was well versed in the various sport record holders of the school. He truly loved Friday nights at Wheaton Field. It was the best ticket in town! In 1969, Kevin volunteered to serve his country with the United States Marine Corps. After spending over 7 months training at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, he was stationed in Okinawa and Guam where he served as an administrative assistant. Kevin was Honorably Discharged from active duty in 1971 and released from the United States Marine Corps Reserves in 1975. He was a generous *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America**. Upon his military discharge, Kevin enrolled at Cumberland County College in the Liberal Arts program. He quickly established himself as a student interested in constructive dialogue about the pressing issues confronting society at the time. He was also a member of the college soccer team. Perhaps his most significant extra-curricular activity as a "Trojan Hall" student was his membership with the "Phi Chi Delta" fraternity, where he was quite active in assisting the "frat brothers" in supporting their favorite charitable causes. Kevin took on a leadership role as President of the fraternity his sophomore year at CCC. He graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in 1973. Kevin later transferred to Glassboro State College in New Jersey and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism in 1980. Kevin's professional life over the years included a variety of specialties, that demonstrated his ability to be flexible in his employment pursuits. Before retirement, he most recently worked in the restaurant sector, but also held positions in the food retail and soda bottling and advertisement industries, glass manufacturing, and U.S. Post Office commercial services. Kevin even worked, years ago, as an administrative assistant with a nuclear power plant operation. He had a myriad of employment skills and talents. Kevin, affectionately known as "Flash" or "File" or "Phi" by his close friends, really enjoyed taking "road trips" with the "The Boys" over the years. Multiple visits to such destinations such as Daytona Beach, Cameron Indoor Stadium on the campus of Duke University, Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, the Palestra, and Church Hill Downs in Louisville and many others were such a treat for everyone traveling. Being a true Millville native, perhaps the trips he most treasured were the ones to Philadelphia to support his revered Philly professional teams and to catch Mike Trout in action. During these long and short-term excursions, Phi had a "knack" for bringing a genuine smile to everyone's face. He always played an integral role in building camaraderie among his many friends and acquaintances that has now lasted over 50 years beginning at MSHS and even before. Back in the day, Kevin was known as the guy who provided everyone a needed ride in his "Green Machine Rambler." In later years, he began a long stretch that ended last week where he coordinated what became known by a host of MSHS and later CCC friends as "The Annual," a large social gathering of alumni the night before Thanksgiving to celebrate lasting high school and college relationships by checking on everyone's health and reminiscing of bygone days. From the beginning of this tradition, Kevin became known by the alumni group as the "Annual Historian" since he had the uncanny ability to recall who was present and where the group initially met and the subsequent venues visited that night for any particular year. Truly amazing. The tradition will continue this year with very heavy hearts with hope that this good friend,

neighbor, and family member rests in peace with the Lord. A Committal Service was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 12:00 Noon in the Holy Cross Cemetery of Millville. Condolences can be left on the Tribute Wall. The arrangements were under the direction of Rocap Shannon Memorial Funeral Home.

GEORGE G. SHEPPARD – Died Thursday, December 1, 2022 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Fraser, Michigan on September 10, 1947. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**.



CHARLES V. "Chuck" SHILLINGFORD - Died Friday, April 13, 2012 in the AristaCare at Meadow Springs, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. He was a resident of Glenmoore, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was Multiple Sclerosis. He was born in Darby, Pennsylvania on August 23, 1949 to Elaine (née Borden) Shillingford, of Spring City and the late Harry Shillingford. He was the husband of Virgie (Agustín Vertudes) Shillingford, of Glenmoore. Mr. Shillingford served as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67** and a member of the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans of America. In addition to his wife and mother, Chuck is survived by two daughters: Theresa wife of Martin Zackrisson, of Gothenburg, Sweden and Kristina wife of Tom Griffin, of Indianapolis, IN; two grandchildren: Filippa and Theodore Zackrisson, of Gothenburg, Sweden; four sisters: Patricia Howard of Havertown, Pamela Shillingford of West Chester, Theresa McBride of Monterey, CA and Deborah Shaw of Glenmoore; and two brothers Harry Shillingford of Media and John Shillingford of Galveston, TN. Relatives and friends were invited to attend Chuck's viewing at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 from 5:00-7:00 PM and from 9:30-11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. A memorial service was held at 8:00 AM on Friday, April 27, 2012 at the First Baptist Church of Malvern, 146 Channing Avenue, Malvern, PA. Officiating was Reverend Robert Stradling. The interment was in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in Chuck's name to the National MS Society, PO Box 4527, New York, NY 10163 or to the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.



JAMES W. "Jim" SHULL - Died Thursday, October 13, 2022 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee

on July 23, 1945 to the late Harvey Shull and Agnes Shull. He was also predeceased by his brother Ed Shull and his sister, Tommye Long. Jim is survived by his wife, Betty Sue of Hixson, children, Gloria Soard (Tim) of Apison, J. Robert Shull, Washington D.C. and Joy Cagle (Chris) of Ringgold. He leaves behind his loving sisters, Robbie Hester of Ringgold, and Jewell Rogers of Rossville; grandchildren, Zachary Wallace, Hallie Waddell (Dawson), and Mallory Wallace, and Alexa and Alyssa Soard; great granddaughter, Hazel Waddell. Jim worked with GAF Corp., Marshal Mize Ford as Assistant Service Manager and Body Shop as Senior Adjustor and retired following some eleven years with Chattanooga Funeral Home. Jim attended Chattanooga High School and was a member of the last graduating class from the old 3rd Street school (1963). He also attended Lee University and the University of Chattanooga. His military career extended from his enlistment in the United States Navy in 1966 until his retirement in 1992. During this period, he served on active and reserve duty as a Navy Corpsman for 26 years, including a tour in Vietnam with the 1st Marine Air Wing, and his last tour in 1990 – 1991 serving with Naval Construction Battalion 24 in Desert Storm. Jim was awarded some 18 medals and awards including the Navy Achievement Medal for professional achievement and leadership as the A.O.I.C. of the Chattanooga Detachment of Seabees. Following his retirement, Jim dedicated most of his time to local Veterans organizations and assisting area veterans. Jim served as President, Chapter 203, VVA, Past Commander of Jim King American Legion Post 107, Past State District Commander, The American Legion Post 159, Past Chairman Chattanooga Area Veterans Council, Past Senior Vice Commandant and life member of the Marine Corp League, Past Vice President of the Tennessee Vietnam Veterans of America State Council, Life member of the DAV and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**, serving as the first Treasurer of the Soddy Daisy Vietnam Veterans Foundation. As a member of Hill City Masonic Lodge #603, Jim served as Master of the Lodge in 1978 and was Treasurer for several years. He was also a member of the York Rite bodies have served in various offices. Jim volunteered with Hospice of Chattanooga in their Veterans Honor Program for several years, paying special tribute to veterans for their military service to their country. Some of his warmest experiences was offering a “Final Salute” to veterans from all eras. Jim was honored by the American Legion, State of Tennessee as Legionnaire of the Year, 2008, also honored by Post 107 for his leadership and dedicated service with the Commanders Award in 2007, honored by the CAVC for his leadership as Chairman, 2004-2005, and awarded the Charles H. Coolidge Veteran of the Year, 2005 by the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council. One of his highest honors came in 2010 when Jim was awarded the “Marine of the Year” by the local Marine Corps League. Honorary pallbearers were close friends, Wayne Belk, Dennis Dent, Delbert and Lee Butler. Also Julie Devlin, Pat Street, Gary Mack and Susan Witt, all formerly of Hospice of Chattanooga, former members of Seabee Detachment Chattanooga and members of Hixson American Legion Post #159 and VVA Chapter #942, Soddy Daisy. The family received friends from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18th and from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM on Wednesday at the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home. The family asked everyone to wear Patriotic Colors in honor of Jim at the celebration of his life service. A Celebration of Jim’s life was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday at the North Chapel. The burial was held in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416 or www.hospiceofchattanooga.org. Please share your thoughts and memories

at www.chattanoogaorthchapel.com. The arrangements were made by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343.



JERRY WAYNE SIRCY - Died Monday, January 24, 2022 at home in Springfield, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Sircy was born on July 17, 1950 in Schochoh, Kentucky to the late Arlis "Buck" and Hazel Helen (née McGuire) Sircy. He was a retired carpenter and contractor and proudly served in the United States Army, receiving a Purple Heart during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed watching boxing, Nascar, and the Kentucky Wildcats basketball team. He also enjoyed camping, spending time with his family and especially spending time with his grandchildren. Mr. Sircy was a member of the Adairville Methodist Church, the American Legion #45, the DAV Springfield Chapter #21 and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Hendersonville Chapter #240**. In addition to his parents Mr. Sircy is preceded in death by his brothers, Howard Sircy and James Sircy, his sisters, Ann Sircy, Anna Gunderson, and Barbara Jean Burchett. Mr. Sircy is survived by his wife of 37 years, Joy Pinson Lassiter Sircy; sons and daughters-in-law, Matt and Kristie Lassiter of Springfield, Tim and Laurie Lassiter of Cross Plains, and Ryan Weston Sircy; daughter and son-in-law, Allison and Michael Morton of Bowling Green, KY; grandchildren, Taylor, Millie, Sydney, and Ava Lassiter, and Logan (Autumn) Dean; great-grandchild, Tenley Dean; brother, and sisters-in-law, David and Shirley Sircy of Springfield and Faye Sircy Bagwell of Springfield; sisters and brothers-in-law, Becky and Fred Middleton of Springfield, Linda and Johnny Cauley of Greenbrier, Doris Dunlap of Adairville, KY; and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of the Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Chaplain Ron Hartley officiating. The family requested all visitors wear masks. The burial was in the Springfield Memorial Gardens with Brad Cauley, Johnny Cauley, Michael Morton, Tracy Gunderson, Garrett Gunderson, Guy Gunderson, Jason Middleton and Michael Sircy serving as pallbearers. The honorary pallbearers were Jeff Nelson, Fred Middleton, Bo Dunlap, Cliff Gainous, and the members of the DAV Chapter #21. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made the DAV Chapter #21. Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin and Bell.



ROBERT JAMES SLABE, SR. - Died Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in Chaparral, New Mexico at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 15, 1941. He is preceded by his parents and his loving wife. He was a loving son, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be missed dearly. He is survived by his daughter and sons; Patricia Ann Slabe, Richard Esquivel, Robert Slabe, Jr., and David Slabe along with 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesilla Park Chapter #731**. Visitation was from 1:00 to 4:00 PM with a Prayer Service at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast, 4631 Hondo Pass Drive. he services were entrusted to the Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast. Please visit his online memorial at www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net.



HOMER PAUL SMITH – Died Wednesday, October 19, 2022 in the Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Missouri at the age of 82. He was a resident of Phillipsburg, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Phillipsburg on April 8, 1940 to the late Homer P. and Lula (née Rusher) Smith. On September 22, 1961, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Gibson and to this union one daughter and three sons were born. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Virginia Dean, and Lela Donigan. Homer is survived by his loving wife of sixty-one years, Elizabeth, of the home in Phillipsburg, Missouri; a daughter, Connie Burns, of Phillipsburg, Missouri; three sons, Donnie Smith, and his wife, Beth, Paul Smith, and Robert Smith, and his wife, Cathy, all of Phillipsburg, Missouri; nine grandchildren, Kenny, Jessica, Sarah, Lynsey, Allison, Greyson, Logan, Leah, and Luke; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He was raised in the Phillipsburg community, and graduated from Phillipsburg-Conway High School in the Class of 1958. He entered the military as a young man and served his country faithfully in the United States Navy for four years, and then in the United States Army for sixteen years before retiring. During his years of service, he was stationed in Korea and Vietnam and served in several locations stateside. He was trained in aircraft repair and after retiring worked as an aircraft mechanic for various companies. The family eventually returned to his hometown of Phillipsburg and made their home. Homer had made his profession of faith in Christ and was a member of Phillipsburg Christian Church. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Lebanon Chapter #1014* and the American Legion Post #43, and the NRA. He enjoyed fishing and sports of all kinds. His life rotated around his family and he was very involved in his children's activities. He had a "Master Sergeant" personality, and you never had to wonder where he stood on any important matters. Homer was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and was a caring friend. We celebrate his life and his service to our country and know that his family and friends will treasure the wonderful memories he made for them during his lifetime.



PETER PAUL SMITH – Died Thursday, October 27, 2022 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Gardner, Massachusetts on December 17, 1947 to the late John Stanley Smith and Valeria T. (née Brazinskas) Smith. After graduating with the awesome class of '65 from Gardner High School, he attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy in New York before joining the United States Army in 1967. He served with the 9th Infantry Division in Bear Cat and Dong Tam, South Vietnam in 1968 with fellow high school classmate, Fred Lepkowski. Future assignments with the Army's Special Security Group took him to Bangkok, Thailand supporting

JUSMAGTHAI and the U.S. Embassies in Bangkok and Phnom Penh, Cambodia; to Frankfurt, Germany supporting 5th Corps and the American Consulate; to Bad Kreuznach, Germany where he, his team and Maj. Hal Youd opened up the first Special Security Office [SSO] at division level in Europe; to the Pentagon, home base of the USASSG, ACSI; and lastly to Seoul, South Korea in support of the U.S. Eighth Army. He also had one assignment with QATEC at Fort Huachuca, Arizona working for a great First Shirt, Joe Lookabaugh and one assignment with the 41st Signal Battalion under the command of LTC Chesser in Seoul, South Korea. His most cherished assignment was with the U.S. Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty I delegation when the treaty was signed in Helsinki, Finland. He would like to send special prayers to all Air America pilots and crews as thanks for a lift to Vientiane, Laos [The Purple Porpoise was a remarkable hangout] and to all of the chopper pilots who flew in and around South Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista Chapter #1093**. After his military service, he received a Masters of Education Degree from the University of Arizona and taught for 17 years at Elgin Elementary School in Elgin, Arizona. He asks that everyone pray for all of the teachers in Arizona and that better support be provided to all of the schools. He is survived by his wife Soonja Lee Smith, son Kelly Keane Smith, godson Dr. David Paul Smith of Chicago, and Cathy Smith of Hadley, Massachusetts. Dear God, please let the energy of his soul be able to recognize his loved ones and you. Per his wishes, he was cremated. A time of visitation was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Hatfield Funeral Home from 10:00- 11:00 AM with the funeral service at 11:00 AM. Immediately following services there was a committal service with military honors on Post Cemetery, located on Fort Huachuca, near the Bonnie Blink housing. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Warrior Healing Center in his name. They help local veterans who are in need, 1838 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

PHILIP R. SMITH – Died Friday, December 16, 2022 in Davie, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 19, 1945. He served in both the United States Army (from 1967 to 1974) and the United States Air Force. He had a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He is survived by his sister, Marilyn Deiling on Syracuse, Utah. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23**.



MARC THOMA SOHM - Died peacefully at home Wednesday, November 16, 2022 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on April 18, 1947 to the late Donald C. Sohm and MaryJane (née Thoma) Sohm. Marc was a graduate of Lourdes High School, class of 1965. He was enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on March 17, 1966. He served 2 tours in Vietnam and was honorably discharged March 5, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437** of Oshkosh as well as Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association nicknamed Marc “Toothpick” Shom. Marc was preceded in death by his parents and niece Courtney Sohm. Survivors include his children; Tiffany Ward (Kirk), Tennessee; Tony Knobel,

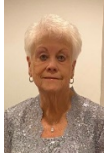
Oconomowoc; his grandchildren; Alex, Evan, Garrison, Ian, Ashley, Aydain; great granddaughters; Nyxx, Maya; his siblings; Michael (Janet) Sohm, Oshkosh; Mitchell (Arlene) Sohm, Florida; Malcolm (Terry) Sohm, North Carolina; Melissa (Timothy) Greupink, Milwaukee; Melanie Sohm, Berlin; Merrick (Bernie) Sohm; Oshkosh. He is survived by other relatives and many friends. Visitation was on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 2:00-2:45 PM at Ledgeview Memorial Park, N6250 County Road K, Fond du Lac, WI, with a traditional military service immediately following.



DR. MICHAEL D. "Doc" SPARAGO - Died Saturday, November 12, 2022 in Somers, New York at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. Michael was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 15, 1937 to the late Ben and Syd Sparago and attended James Madison High School. He received his undergraduate degree from Columbia University and later earned his MD from the Chicago Medical School. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Dr. Sparago, or "Doc," as he was known, served as a battalion surgeon during the Vietnam War in 1966 with the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment. He was stationed in Pleiku and achieved the rank of Captain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. After returning to the U.S., Dr. Sparago worked at Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor, NY, where he remained in private practice for over 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Jena and daughter, Marta. A private Jewish funeral service was held at Hillside Cemetery in Cortlandt Manor, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America <https://vva.org/donate/>.



JAMES B. "Jim" SPOONER - Died Saturday, January 1, 2022 in Lincoln, Rhode Island at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lincoln in 1935 to the late Ernest and Dorothy (née Browning) Spooner. He was also predeceased by his sister, Ruth (Spooner) Meiklejohn, and his brother, Ernest H Spooner. Jim was a lifelong resident of Lincoln and was a lifelong member of the Freemasons. He was also a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. He was a graduate of New England Technical School and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He worked as a Realtor and as a teller at Twin Rivers for many years. He loved politics and was an avid golfer. Jim loved spending his summers with family at Gaspee Point growing up and always cherished those memories. He is survived by his many nieces, nephews, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, and friends, especially, his "Honey Dew / Plaza crew." The funeral services were private. Keefe Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



EDNA LEE (née Kite) STEEN - Died Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at the Tucker Hospice House at the age of 76. She was a resident of Kannapolis, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. Edna was born on April 7, 1946 in Rowan County, North Carolina to the late John Henry Kite and Mae (née Thompson) Kite. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Brown and Reba Whitaker. Edna spent her career sewing baby blankets and clothing at Terry Products and retired after 35 years. She attended Kannapolis Church of God. In her free time, she enjoyed going dancing at the Cabarrus County Senior Center with her husband. She always looked forward to attending the mini reunions for the A. L. Brown Class of 1964. She also loved going shopping with all her girls and was especially fond of a new pair of shoes. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**. Those left to cherish her memory include her beloved husband of 58 years; Gerald Steen; two daughters, Tracey S. Wilansky (Keith McRae) and Donna S. (Danny) Anderson; sister, Johnsie (Joe) Dunlap; grandchildren, Blair (Allen) Wagner, Katie Wilansky, Evan (Nayla) Anderson, and Michael Wilansky; great-grandchildren, Colt Wagner, Alanna Wagner, and Emersyn JoLee Wagner on the way. The family received friends from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Whitley's Funeral Home. The funeral service began at 1:00 PM in the Chapel of Whitley's Funeral Home with Reverend Barbara Watkins officiating. The burial was at Carolina Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Cabarrus County, Attn: Tucker Hospice House, 5003 Hospice Lane, Kannapolis, NC 28081. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.whitleysfuneralhome.com.



ELTON RICHARD "Noupe" STOTT - Died Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at Western Reserve Hospital in Akron, Ohio at the age of 73. He was a resident of Akron. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 6, 1949 in Akron to the late James and Dorothy (née Wodtly) Stott. Elton was an honorably discharged United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. He was a brick layer and also a respiratory therapist at Western Reserve Hospital, formerly Cuyahoga Falls Hospital. He enjoyed traveling, fishing and enjoyed his cockatoo, Casey. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. Survivors include his wife, the former Marilyn Fowler, whom he married on January 12, 1996; his children, Brian Stott, Jillian Stott-Wilson, Aaron (Tesia) Stott, Alescia (Jeff) Maxwell and Stephanie Beal; his grandchildren, Ambur (Don), Ashley (Harley), Amanda (Alex), Draven, Dakota, Jacob (Amber), Taylor, Christian and Zackary; and many great-grandchildren. His sister also survives, Sandy Dyer. Other than his parents, Elton was preceded in death by sons, Eric and Shane Stott; and his brother, William Sidney Stott. Memorial services were held on Saturday, October 15,

2022 at 11:00 AM at Bailey Road Christian Church, 3200 West Bailey Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221, where Pastor Tim Brown celebrated Elton's life. All of the services were entrusted to the care of the Newcomer Funeral Home, Akron, Ohio.



STANLEY J. STRYJEWSKI (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, June 29, 2022 in Floral City, Florida at the age of 89 (just after arriving in hospice in Lecanto, Florida). The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 4, 1933, in Chicago, Illinois the third son of the late John and Lillian Stryjewski. Mr. Stryjewski was a career veteran of the United States Army serving in Germany where he was awarded the Allied Occupation of Europe medal. He served voluntarily during the Vietnam War. SFC Stryjewski was awarded the Bronze Star, and the Legion of Merit. After retiring with 22 years of service, Mr. Stryjewski got bored with retired life and went to work at the United States Post Office in Miami, FL as a mechanical engineer. Mr. Stryjewski was a founding member of VFW Post #7122, Floral City, FL. He also volunteered for years with the Boy Scouts of America, where he was generous with his time and the equipment he donated. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Floral City (Florida) Chapter**. Mr. Stryjewski's hobbies included finish work on his home and scuba diving, especially on 16th Century Spanish galleons. Stanley also enjoyed working in his garage, borrowing the next door neighbor's cat to spoil, yelling at squirrels and feeding the local wild bird population. Mr. Stryjewski was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, and the love of his life, Lavetta Stryjewski. Survivors include his son, John Stryjewski (Elizabeth) of Merritt Island, FL and their children Camden and MacLaine as well as his daughter, Joann Reed (Lt. Col. Lawrence) of Cedar Falls, IA and their seven children, as well as nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. A Graveside Service was held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL, with full military honors.



PATRICK TIMOTHY "Pat" SULLIVAN – Died Thursday, August 11, 2022 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on October 1, 1945. He was the loving husband of almost 50 years to Ellen McCoy, loving father to Michael Sullivan (Demetria) Ellen Jean Kiefer (Zachary) and Patricia Cadwell (Christopher). Loving grandfather to Owen and Grant Sullivan, Beckett, Liam and Stella Kiefer, and Ellen Cadwell and Joshua Sinclair. Loving brother to Dennis Sullivan (deceased) and loving Brother in law to James McCoy. As an evangelist Patrick used sports to bring neighborhood youth to Christ at Grandale Presbyterian church in Detroit, Plymouth Road and Greenfield area, for 30 plus years. He coached softball and basketball to PeeWees, Intermediate and Senior boys. Took youth to their sports tournaments and summer camping trips to the Monroe KOA. When Grandale Presbyterian Church closed he threw his support into the sports and neighborhood programs at Grandale Salvation Army which was just around the corner. He

volunteered as bell ringer for Salvation Army after Thanksgiving wearing his Santa hat to go with his white beard and mustache for several years until his health prevented him from continuing. He served in several positions in the Northwest Inter-Church Athletic Association (NWICAA) a non-denominational league, serving northwest Detroit and suburbs. Pat was also a United States Vietnam Navy Veteran and served in 1968-69. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. He was also the Union Steward during his employment for the City of Detroit, at the Southwest Pumping Station in Allen Park. He retired as Senior Water Plant Operator after 39 years. Patrick loved traveling with his wife, Ellen, to 49 states, Ireland, Scotland, Venice, Italy, Athens Greece, Istanbul Turkey, Belize and Cozumel. Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. The funeral service was on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM (laying-in-state at 10:00 AM) at Ward Church Northville, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.



RICHARD JOSEPH “Rick” SWITZER – Died Saturday, November 5, 2022 in Rochester, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer that he bore for many years. He was born on January 27, 1949 to the late Joseph and Edna Switzer. He was also predeceased by his stepfather, George McKnight. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Nancy; children, Robert (Sarah) and Stephanie (Stephen) Tompkins; beautiful grandchildren, Landon, Colton, Madison and Kinley; many siblings, nieces, nephews and dear friends. Rick was a United States Army Vietnam War Veteran and a retiree of Xerox. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Family and friends were invited to come for a visitation at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home on Friday, November 11th from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. Military honors were at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. The interment was in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, ATTN: Paper Safe or to the Patriot Guard Riders.



JOHN ROGER TABOR - Died Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at his home in Barberton, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in West Virginia on July 28, 1946 to the late Glenn and Pauline (née Ellis) Tabor. He retired from Yellow Freight with 30 years of service as a diesel mechanic. Mr. Tabor was a veteran and served 4 years with the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the VA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #900**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Pauline (Ellis) Tabor; daughter, Tiffanny Tabor; and brother, Donald Tabor. John is survived by his wife of 52 years, Theresa (née Csonka) Tabor; daughter, Tracy Tabor; granddaughters, Tabitha Akiki and Twyla Tabor; and two nieces, Angela and Lourella. The family received friends on Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Anthony Funeral Home Kucko-Anthony-Kertes Chapel,

1990 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio where a Memorial service was held at 7:00 PM with Deacon John Amedeo officiating. The Kucko-Anthony-Kertesz Chapel in Akron was in charge of the arrangements. anthonyfh.com.



NOBLE DUANE TALLEY - Died Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the Medical Center Hospital, Odessa, Texas at the age of 75. He was a resident of Odessa. The cause of death is unknown. Duane was born in Princeton, Indiana on November 24, 1946 to the late Edythe and Rex Talley. He attended several schools in various towns and countries but graduated from Odessa's Permian High School in 1965. After graduation he attended DeVry Technological Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Then he was drafted into the United States Army, did basic training in Fort Polk, Louisiana, and was relocated to Lai Khe, Vietnam, with Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry of the 1st Infantry Division, until he was seriously wounded in July of 1968. Due to two different service injuries in Vietnam, he was awarded a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. After recuperating, he and Susan Robison married on June 12, 1970, in Odessa. They moved to Pecos, Texas, where she taught school. They also lived in Lubbock, Texas, until 1980 when they moved home to Odessa. Duane was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Texas**, Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He loved his military brothers. He was awarded an Honorary Life Membership of the Texas Congress of PTA in April of 1997 for voluntary work at Dowling Elementary where his children attended school. He was always ready to share his experiences from Vietnam with students, which he did on a regular basis with classes at Permian High School. He has been a member of Crescent Park Baptist Church since 1980 where he was also ordained as a deacon. He was always ready to help or encourage our church activities, especially VBS (Vacation Bible School). He is preceded in death by his parents, Edythe, and Rex Talley; his younger brother, Richard Talley; grandparents, Clara and Guy Middleton, Winnie, and Noble Talley; one granddaughter, Morgan Talley; and one niece, Whitney Kay Talley. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Susan Talley; sons, Philip Duane Talley and wife Laura, Andrew Claude Talley and wife, Tess, and Jonathan Wade Talley and wife Sarah; brother, Guy Edward Talley and wife Kay; sister, Cheryl Jane Johnson and husband, Hugh; nephew, Kyle Talley and wife Kim; nieces, Tennille Johnson, Taryn Stinson and husband Andrew, Michelle Wilson, Adriane Talley, Alexandria Talley-Ingram and husband, Michael; granddaughters, Cameron, Layla, Dylan; grandsons, Parker, Wyatt, Truett, Hunter, Mason and Alex; sister-in-law, Mrs. Melvin (Karen) Robison; as well as nieces, Jennifer Pinella and husband Miguel, Bethany Calloway and husband Craig, and Lori Whitmire and husband, James. Visitation was on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Sunset Memorial Funeral Home, 6801 East Highway 80 in Odessa. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM at the Sunset Chapel, Wednesday, September 21, 2022, with pastor Dr. Michael McGuire of Crescent Park Baptist Church officiated, where Duane has been a longtime member. The arrangements were made by the Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. The family of Noble Duane Talley wish to extend our thanks to the doctors, nurses and physical therapists of Medical Center Hospital and Madison Medical for the care given him during his recent illness. Special thanks to Dr. Parsons, Dr. Angrekula in Odessa, his VA nurses and Dr. Orazulike-

Ogbutor UC., VA Social Worker, Kendra Jones, as well as the medical staff at the Big Spring VA. We are especially thankful for the kindness shown to him and our family by our church, neighborhood, and many other friends made over the years. He was very much loved by all of them.

BARBARA TAYLOR – Died Wednesday, February 23, 2022 in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on September 11, 1941. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**.

LEE E. TAYLOR - Died on Friday, October 7, 2022 at Robert Packer Hospital after a brief illness at the age of 76. He was a resident of Sheshequin Township, Pennsylvania formerly of Ulster, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 19, 1946 in Sayre, Pennsylvania to the late Emmett and Evelyn Taylor. Lee was a local contractor who worked for many years all over the valley. He enjoyed woodworking and camping and was a member of the Sayre VFW Post 1536 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira (New York) Chapter #803**. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Lee is survived by his wife of 54 years, Linda (née Lane) Taylor, sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Katrina Taylor and Mark and Patty Taylor, grandchildren, Maddy Taylor and James Taylor, also survived by numerous extended family. At the family's request, services were private. Those wishing may make memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675. The arrangements were entrusted to the Lowery-Urban Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Athens, PA. (For those wishing to sign the E-guestbook, send condolences, or flowers may do so by visiting www.loweryfuneralhome.com).



DAVID WALTER TEETERS- Died Wednesday, May 25, 2022 in Rootstown, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on March 30, 1951 in Alliance, Ohio to the late John and Alma (née Tierney) Teeters. David proudly served his country as a decorated combat veteran of the United States Army of the 101st Airborne Division in the Vietnam War. He later became a *Life Member* of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Fall Chapter #717**, and VFW Post #1055. David worked for many years at Konica Minolta before becoming self-employed in construction. Always happy to be occupied with projects, his well-rounded talents from carpentry to electrical skills kept him busy with beautiful improvements to his historic home. Dave was a passionate gardener; his family and friends were often on the receiving end of the bounties of his gardening skills. He is survived by his extraordinary canned and pickled goods, sauces and salsas. He was a huge lover of music with good old rock n' roll being his genre of choice. Most of all, Dave cherished the time he spent with his family and friends, of which he had many – he

turned strangers to friends quickly with his generosity and humor. David is survived by his beloved wife Constance (Shreve Hickman) Teeters, who he married August 18th 2018. He is also survived by his son Ryan David Teeters, his granddaughter Katelin Marie Teeters, his brother Jim Teeters, and stepson Zane Shreve Hickman. David was preceded in death by his son Jonathan Aaron Teeters, parents, sister Cheryl "Dee-Dee" Egan, and brother Tom Teeters. David's wishes for cremation were honored and he was laid to rest at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery with military honors. There was a celebration of his life for family and friends at the Mulligan Springs Golf Course in Mogadore on June 22, 2022 between 3:00 and 8:00 PM. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/ravenna-oh/david-teeters-10770307>. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in David's memory to the DAV or Saint Jude Children's Hospital.



DONALD DALE "Don" THEESFELD - Died Friday, October 14, 2022 in Coralville, Iowa at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born on March 18, 1949 in Galesburg, Illinois to the late Dale and Lucille (née Larson) Theesfeld. Following his service in Korea, he earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois and his Master's Degree from Bradley University in 1982. Don worked for 34 years (retiring in 2007) as a Commodity Engineer at Caterpillar in Peoria, Illinois. This position allowed him to travel all over the globe. During Don's career, he made numerous friends. One of these special friends is Charles Librizzi. Their friendship grew as they worked on various projects. This special friendship got stronger over the decades. In his retirement, Don worked tirelessly to support and honor his fellow veterans through the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299** of which he was a *Life Member*. He also spent time volunteering to support the veterans at the Iowa City Hospital. He would contact companies and ask if they had items to donate to the hospitalized veterans at the Iowa City VA Hospital. These items were then collected from the various companies and placed in individual bags by his grandchildren to be handed out to the VA patients. Don also enjoyed attending and watching baseball and football games. Don had season tickets to Bradley basketball for many years and the University of Iowa football tickets. Moreover, Don loved his family deeply. In 2008, Don and Linda moved to Coralville, Iowa, to be closer to their daughter and growing family. He took in so much joy watching the grandchildren; attending Hudson's sporting events (he was even able to watch his baseball team win the State baseball tournament) and Ava's dance competitions, numerous awards, and recitals. His passing leaves a hole that is unfillable, but his memories and lessons continue to be carried on by all who love him. Don's family included his beloved wife of 53 years. Don and Linda (née Diamond) were married on July 4, 1969, in Mossville, Illinois. His daughter (Dr. Michelle, O.D., (Dr. Brandon, O.D.) Stalzer; grandchildren Ava and Hudson Stalzer; siblings, Dan (Diane) Theesfeld, Diana (Dave) Hanson, and Dennis (Lori) Theesfeld. Nieces and nephews: Heather Theesfeld, Jill Theesfeld, Sarah (Josh) Beam, Sheila (Mike) Mara, Duane (Mindy) Theesfeld, and

Stephanie Theesfeld. Sadly, Don is preceded in death by his parents Dale and Lucille. A funeral service for Don was held on Saturday, October 29th at 11:00 AM at the Gay and Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service, 2720 Muscatine Avenue, Iowa City. The family received guests at the funeral home from 10:00-11:00 AM prior to the service. Don was laid to rest with military honors at Oak Hill Cemetery in Coralville, Iowa. Memorial contributions were suggested to the Vietnam Veterans of America Quad Cities Chapter #299, (VVA Quad City Chapter 299, P.O. Box 6076, Rock Island IL 61204-6076) or Care Initiatives Hospice (<https://www.careinitiatives.org/hospice-care>). Please continue to keep Don's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



EUGENE THOMAS, JR. - Died Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 26, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. The Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Bethel Baptist Church-Berney Point, 1637 Pearson Avenue SW, Birmingham, AL. The interment was in the Elmwood Cemetery. The public visitation was on Friday, October 21st from 12:00 Noon-6:00 PM. Masks were required. The Davenport and Harris Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

LEON THOMAS - Died Friday, October 7, 2022 in Bowling Green, Missouri at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *Incarcerated Veteran* and *Secretary* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tommy Bill Memorial (Bowling Green) Chapter #833**.



THOMAS J. "Tommy T" TRADEWELL, SR. – Died Tuesday, August 2, 2022 in Sussex, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 13, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Sharon for 56 years; devoted father of Thomas Tradewell, Jr. and Gary (Tracey) Tradewell; proud grandpa of Andrew, Matthew, Scott, Lauren, Payton, Anna, and Luke; brother of Roger Tradewell, Georgia Kohlwey, and Roxanne (Gene) Breitwish; brother-in-law of Paul Pfeffer and Mary Pfeffer, and; survived by many nieces, nephews, other family, friends, and his Veterans of Foreign Wars family. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #921**. All services were private.



CECIL JOSEPH TRAHAN, SR. - Died Saturday, October 29, 2022 in Houma, Louisiana at the age of 75. He was a native of Little Caillou and resident of Bayou Blue, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Houma on December 8, 1946 to the late Peter J. Trahan, Sr. and Dora (née Thibodeaux) Trahan. He is survived by his wife, Karen Canonico Trahan; son, Cecil Trahan Jr.; daughters, Renette Trahan and Necole Trahan Gardner; brother, Peter J. Trahan Jr.; sister, Karen Trahan; nine grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Cheramie Trahan; daughter, Shannon Trahan Coleman; parents, Peter J. Trahan Sr. and Dora Thibodeaux Trahan; grandparents, Ludovie Thibodeaux, Eula Chauvin Thibodeaux Blanchard and step grandfather Wallace Blanchard, Joseph Trahan, and Justila Neal Smith Trahan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. Cecil was a member of the United Veterans League, president of Veterans Park on Hwy 311, commander of the DAV and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houma Chapter #630**, and was appointed Pointman of the Year for 2021. Visitation was held on Friday, November 4, 2022 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM with Military Honors to beginning at 11:30 AM at the Samart Funeral Home of Houma, Bayou Blue. The funeral service was at 12:00 Noon, followed by the burial in Rogers Cemetery. The Samart Funeral Home of Houma, Bayou Blue was in charge of the arrangements.



PATTI YVONNE (née Dingus) VANZANT – Died Sunday, May 29, 2022 at the Welmont Holston Valley Medical Center at the age of 67, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was a resident of Duffield, Virginia. Patti was born in Kingsport, Tennessee on September 17, 1954 to the late Charles Chapman Dingus and Mildred Bernette (née Austin) Ringley-Dingus. She was a graduate of Ketron High School, Class of 1972. She was a housewife and mother all of her life and was also loved by her Pals family. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. She married her “sweetie”, Samuel David Vanzant on July 19, 1999. They were happily married and enjoyed their quite country life together. Patti’s greatest joy in life were her children and her grandbabies, and they will miss her greatly. Surviving is her husband, Samuel David “Sam” Vanzant, daughters, Charli (Brandon) France, and Dawneen Willis-Chase; sons, Sgt. Major David (Venus) Vanzant, Christopher (Amanda) Vanzant, Jason Vanzant, and Jonathan (Marie) Vanzant, Sr., grandchildren, Easton and Sawyer France, Bellarose Willis, Brittanie, Brandon and Brent Vanzant, Monica Greene, Jonathan and Gage Vanzant, Nathan, Cody, Jakob and Carley Vanzant, sisters, Gail Dingus, and Leigh (Brian) Davidson, along with several nieces and nephews. The

family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the Gate City Funeral Home and other times at the residence of her daughter, Charli France. Funeral services were conducted at 7:00 PM in the Gene Falin Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Keith Sutherland, and Pastor Robert Fletcher co-officiating. Graveside services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the VA Mountain Home National Cemetery, Mountain Home, TN. Christopher Vanzant, Brandon France, Jonathan Vanzant, Jr., Gage Vanzant, Shawn Roberts, Brian Davidson, and Tanner Davidson served as pallbearers. Friends were asked to meet at the VA Mountain Home National Cemetery at 10:45 AM on Friday for the graveside service. An online guest register is available for the Vanzant family at www.gatecityfunerals.com. Gate City Funeral Home was honored to be serving the family of Patti (Dingus) Vanzant.



DARROL WAYNE WALLACE - Died Friday, October 21, 2022 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 80, on his 55th wedding anniversary. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Gideon, Missouri on August 25, 1942 to the late Jack and Zula Wallace. He was the beloved husband of the late Alice Jean Wallace; cherished son of the late Jack and Zula Wallace; devoted father of Alicia (Steven) Wilmes and Shannon (Michael Woelfel) Wallace; loving grandfather of Marissa (Bradley) White, Daniel, Megan, and Ethan Wilmes; loving great-grandfather of Baby White, due in April 2023; dear brother of Carol (The late Don) Niemann and the late Blaine Wallace. Wayne proudly and honorably served in the United States Army. He received the Lifetime Achievement award from AMVETS Post #106. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458*. Wayne was a proud American and patriot and loved riding his motorcycle in 48 states. He loved Christmas and playing Santa for the kids. Wayne was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Memorials may be made in Wayne's name to AMVETS Post #106. The Baue Funeral Homes is currently following CDC recommendations regarding mask and social distancing policies.



DANIEL M. "Dan" WALSH III (USMC, CPT-Ret.) – Died Saturday, October 22, 2022 in Springfield, Massachusetts at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield on November 29, 1941 to the late Daniel M. Walsh, Jr., and Mary (née Hallahan) Walsh. He grew up in Springfield, MA alongside his older sister Marita and younger brother Timothy. Dan was fiercely proud of his Springfield roots. This passion for his hometown was instilled by his father, former Hampden County Treasurer Daniel M. Walsh, Jr., and his grandfather, Timothy J. Hallahan, who was badge #1 when he retired from the Springfield

Police Department. Dan's love affair with Springfield began in the Forest Park neighborhood and he was a proud graduate of Holy Name School in 1956. He attended Cathedral High School for two years and graduated from St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, MA in 1960. At St. John's, he was a decorated track and field athlete: his undefeated 4x4 100 relay team won the indoor State Class C Championship on February 9, 1959. Dan would later be inducted into the St. John's Hall of Fame in 2010. During his junior year at Providence College, he lost his beloved mother Mary. He found great consolation from his dad, siblings and aunt, Sister Anna Maria Walsh, SSJ, Librarian at Our Lady of the Elms College. "Sister", as she was affectionately known, was a loving presence at every holiday and important family gathering at the Walsh home. While at Providence College, Dan joined the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and was commissioned upon graduation in 1964, as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA and Camp Schwab, Okinawa before deployment to Vietnam. During OCS (Officer Candidates School) in Quantico, VA, he set a record on the obstacle course and loved reminding his Marine buddies of this feat at every Marine Corps reunion. He served as an Infantry Platoon Commander in the Republic of Vietnam while serving in the 2nd Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. On March 5, 1966, Dan's platoon was ambushed during Operation Utah, and he was shot in the back and leg. Despite these wounds, he continued to battle the enemy and was credited with saving the lives of several fellow Marines, receiving a Purple Heart medal. In 1998, Dan was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroics during that battle. His son, Bennett William Walsh, then Captain, United States Marines Corps, pinned the star on his father in a ceremony at Springfield City Hall. Dan never forgot the Marines who did not return from Vietnam and was a strong advocate for Veteran affairs throughout his life. The Springfield Veterans' Activities Committee once recognized him as the "Veteran of the Year". Dan received the following commendations: Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 bronze campaign star, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon with 1 bronze star, Marine Corps Expert Rifle Badge, Marine Corps Sharpshooter Pistol Badge, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 device, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Actions Medal, First Class Color with Palm). Upon his return from Vietnam, Dan met Kateri Bennett while recovering from his wounds in Boston. Dan and Kateri were married on June 10, 1967, in Ansonia, CT. Dan and Kateri's family would later grow to include seven children and eleven grandchildren. Dan loved sharing his passions with his family, such as, flags, watching Red Sox and Patriots games, visiting the City Line, nature & walks in Forest Park, traveling & vacations (especially time spent with family at Black Point, Niantic CT), classic cars, music, movies and countless card and board games. Dan continued his father's legacy of serving his community and was elected to the Springfield City Council in 1972 and served as Council president 1974-1975. Dan also served on the Springfield Park Commission from 1978 –1984, and loved to tell people that Forest Park was "the jewel of Springfield". He proudly served as the City of Springfield Director of Veterans Services from 1996-2011. Dan was an early supporter of Sheriff Michael Ashe, Jr., his childhood friend, and was proud to be an Honorary Deputy Sheriff. Dan was a member of Holy Name Parish and very active in the Springfield Community, serving on boards and committees, such as, the Ward 6 Democratic Committee, John Boyle O'Reilly Committee, Reserve Officers Association, the Springfield Elks, the Bicentennial Committee, the Pioneer Valley AAA Board of

Directors and as a Trustees at Bay Path College. As Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, he directed contributions to ECOS, Camp STAR Angelina Accessible Trail and the flagpole at Riverfront Park. Dan also volunteered as a track coach at Cathedral High School for many years alongside good friend Coach Paul Whitlock. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. One of Dan's greatest accomplishments for the city he loved came with a peach basket et. Together with his friend Joe Auth - and the support of former Mayor Teddy Dimauro and Garry Brown of the Springfield Republican - they convinced the NCAA and Basketball Hall of Fame to host the first college basketball game of the year in the birthplace of basketball. The event become known as the Tip-Off Classic & Peach Basket Festival. The Tip-Off Classic games brought college-aged Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neil, Ralph Sampson, Chris Mullins, Hakeem Olajuwon, David Robinson, and hometown hero Vinny DelNegro, to the Springfield Civic Center with their basketball magnificence. Dan leaves behind his cherished wife Kateri and children Daniel M Walsh, IV (Katherine), Bennett W. Walsh (Lt. Colonel, USMC, retired) (Shannon), Christopher H. Walsh, Atty. Michael J. Walsh (Jessica), Kateri M. Walsh, Mary Alicia (Mary Lee) Walsh, Laura Anne Walsh, and Peter Ginsberg. Dan was beloved by his eleven grandchildren: Molly, Caroline, Bennett Jr., Siobhan, Patrick, Brendan, Norah, Bridget, Daniel the Fifth, Rodger, and William. He also leaves behind his sister Marita Kennedy (Peter), brother Atty. Timothy J. Walsh (Betsy), brother-in-law Atty. William Bennett (Mary Frey), brother-in-law Joseph Bennett (Terri), sister-in-law Alicia Bennett Mitchell (Kerry) and sister-in-law Mary Bennett O'Brien (Thomas), stepsisters Maribeth Ricketson, Margaret Kiernan (Jay), stepbrother Gregory McMahon (Mary); and cousins Frederick and Phillip Hallahan; and much-loved nieces and nephews. Dan was predeceased by brother-in-law Attorney John J. Bennett, sister-in-law Rena Bennett Laughlin, stepbrothers Atty. George and Judge Kevin McMahon, stepsister CT. State Representative Faith McMahon and stepbrother-in-law Dr. George Sheehan. The Walsh family would like to thank the staff at the East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Facility, Dr. Adam Wychowski and Deb Pratt (RN) of Valley Medical Associates, and Gretchen Maddie, (RN, Veterans Administration), for the truly professional and loving care they provided to Danny. Calling hours were on Wednesday, November 2nd from 4:00–7:00 PM at the Sampson Family Chapels, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield and a Mass celebrated at Holy Name Church, 323 Dickinson Street, Springfield at 10:00 AM on Thursday November 3, 2022. Memorial gifts may be made to the Sisters of Saint Joseph (in memory of Sister Anna Maria and Daniel Walsh), 577 Carew Street, Springfield, Ma 01104; and/or the Semper Fidelis Society, P.O. Box 6359, Boston, MA 02114.



WALTER MARK WATSON - Died Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in New Philadelphia, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. Mark was born on April 24, 1947 in Dover, Ohio to the late Walter L. Watson and June L. Watson of the Watson Brothers Construction family. He graduated from New Philadelphia High School in 1965, and joined the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War. Mark was known for his artwork

including airbrushing, glass etching, and stained glass. Several of his art pieces still hang in local establishments. Recently he started restoration of the Story Book Lane characters that are displayed at Tuscora Park every Holiday Season. He was a fan of all forms of racing, and he had visited many of the biggest races, including the Indy 500, Daytona 500, and the Spring Nationals. Mark had a love of antique cars as well. He enjoyed restoring cars, and going to car shows, sometimes even judging them. He often looked forward to going to the Hershey Swap Meet to see old friends. Mark was a member of the New Philadelphia VFW Post #1445 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. He is survived by his loving companion Sherrill Edwards, sons, Walter Mark (Brenda), and Mike (Patty); daughters, Mistey (Shannon) Bailey, and Vanessa Hamilton. five granddaughters, and five great-granddaughters. He is also survived by Sherrill's family, Ted and Deana Nussbaum, John and Carrie Wysocki, and David Edwards and Amanda Boyd, and numerous grandchildren. The family received guests in the Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home and Crematory at New Philadelphia on Friday, October 28, 2022 from 5:00–8:00 PM and again on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 9:30–10:30 AM. A service celebrating Mark's life was held in the funeral home's chapel on Saturday at 10:30 AM. Memorial contributions in Mark's name may be directed to the New Philadelphia Rotary Club Storybook Lane, P.O. Box 331, New Philadelphia, OH 44663.



WILLIAM JAMES WATTON III - Died Saturday, August 6, 2022 at John J. Pershing VA Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 78. He was a resident of O'Fallon, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Watton was born on July 27, 1944 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late William James Watton, Jr. and Helen Vernell (née Butler) Watton. He was of the Baptist faith. Mr. Watton proudly served his country from 1961 to 1964 in the United States Army where he was awarded a Parachutist Badge. In 1968 he joined the United States Navy and while serving in Vietnam he was seriously injured. After receiving a medical discharge, he was awarded a National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal with one bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Mr. Watton was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #1056**, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Mobile Riverine Force Association and National Rifle Association. He also was a longtime volunteer at John J. Pershing VA Medical Center. Mr. Watton was an avid reader who found great peace in reading his Bible. He loved being outdoors enjoying nature and spending time with his brother and extended family. Survivors include a daughter, Autumn Lynne Watton; a brother, Thomas Dale (Donna) Watton of O'Fallon; and a nephew, James Warren Watton of Houston Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents. A visitation was held from 11:00 to 11:45 AM on Friday at Cotrell Willow Ridge Funeral Chapel. A Final Salute by the staff of John J. Pershing VA Medical Center took place as the procession drove by on their way to the cemetery. The graveside service with full military honors was at 1:00 PM at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri. Memorial contributions may be made to Mobile Riverine Force Association; <https://www.mrfa.org> or Vietnam Veterans of America; www.vva.org. The Cotrell Willow Ridge Funeral and Cremation Services was honored to serve the family of William James

Watton, III. God Bless America and God Bless our troops! Online condolences may be expressed at www.cwrfcs.com.



RONALD WILLIAM "Ron" WEAVER - Died Thursday, September 2, 2022 in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey at the age of 74. He was formerly of Secaucus, New Jersey. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Weehawken, New Jersey on June 9, 1948 to the late Rudolph and Emma Weaver. He was the beloved husband of Pamela; loving father of Georgette and husband Brad, Charles and wife Christina, Michael, William and Ryan; cherished grandfather of Alysha, Christopher, Brynn and Hannah; dear brother of Rudy and Eileen, and; adored son of the late Rudolph and Emma. Ron was an honored Vietnam Veteran. He served in the United States Army from January 11, 1968 to January 9, 1970. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800*. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey and a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge No. 72. Ron was a man who cherished his time with family and friends and he will be deeply missed by many. Visitation was held on Wednesday from 12:00 Noon–3:00 PM and from 5:00–9:00 PM at the Van Emburgh-Sneider-Pernice Funeral Home, 109 Darlington Avenue, Ramsey. A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey. The interment was at Union Cemetery in Ramsey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Ron to Care Plus New Jersey, (careplusnj.org/giving-opportunities/) New Jersey Mission of Honor, (njsmissonofhonor.org/donate-2/) or First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey, (ramseypc.org/donate/).



KENT L. WEISS - Died Monday, October 17, 2022 at his home in (Millersburg) Pocahontas, Illinois at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was in Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, Illinois on March 17, 1947 to the late Paul and Helen (née Sugg) Weiss. On May 6, 1983, he married Vicky White in Edwardsville, IL. Kent went into the Laborer field in 1965, graduated Greenville High School in 1966, eventually being drafted into the United States Army, and sent to Vietnam from 1967-1968 in the 63rd Signal Battalion. Upon his return from Vietnam, Kent went back to being a Laborer. He belonged to Laborers Local #397, was a Trustee of the Retiree Board, then merged with Local 680, where he served as Secretary and Treasurer. He went to work for Ford Motor Company, where he was better known as "Chip"; a member of the UAW Local #325. He was the Mayor of Pierron for 12 years, and Trustee for two years, a

member of the American Legion; Commander in Chief in Pocahontas, a member of the Highland VFW, a member of the Millersburg Wildcats, and a Hug Cemetery Board member. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Highland Chapter #269*. Kent loved playing cards, golfing and going to the casino. He was a man of many talents, and a friend to everyone; he never knew a stranger. Above all he loved his family, adored his dog, lovingly named Walter Payton Manning, and was a good husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Helen Weiss; daughter, Lisa Towell; brother-in-law, Robert Mosley; nephew, Christopher Gramlich; father-in-law, Harry “Smoke” White; mother-in-law, Midge White; friends of the family, Albert & Irene McIntyre. Kent is survived by his wife of 39 years, Vicky Weiss, Pocahontas, IL; sons, Brian (Christie Bleier) Weiss, Chad (Stacey) Weiss, Jay (Kristine) Weiss, Jason (Carla) Baublitz; grandchildren, Alex, Drake, Maddie, Jordin, Gracie, Presley, Evie, Austin, Tyler, Dylan, Lauren; great grandchildren, Aiden and Greyson; siblings, Kay Mosley, Jerry “Corndog” Weiss, Janet (Glenn) Wernle, Kevin Weiss, Julie (Rodney) Childerson; brother-in-law, Mike (Nancy) Haberer; sisters-in-law, Barb Murphy, LuAnn (Danny) Halloran; many nieces, nephews and friends. Memorials may be made to American Legion Post #1104, for the Veterans Memorial in Pocahontas. Visitation was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and again on Friday, October 21, 2022 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Meredith Funeral Home, Pocahontas, IL. The funeral service was held on Friday, October 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Meredith Funeral Home, Pocahontas, IL. Reverend Chuck Kurfman, Pastor, Highland Hope United Methodist Church was the officiant. The interment was in the Robinson Cemetery. The Meredith Funeral Home, Pocahontas, IL was in charge of the arrangements.



GEORGE RAY WEST - Died Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 77. He was a resident of Knoxville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ringgold, Georgia on December 19, 1944 to the late Cecil West and Betty (née Burnette) West. After graduating Ringgold High School (GA) in 1962, Ray chose to serve our country by joining the United States Army. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078*. Ray spent much of his professional life as a successful salesman for various companies in Knoxville, while also devoting his time to coach Farragut youth sports. After retirement and marrying Diana, Ray settled into his strict weekly routines of breakfast club with his buddies at Sami’s Cafe, mowing his and neighboring yards, and nightly dinners out at West Knoxville restaurants. Ray also enjoyed attending the University of Tennessee football and basketball games, while also celebrating any Alabama or Vanderbilt loss. Ray rarely missed watching Farragut High School football games each week unless he was traveling out of town to visit family or friends. Ray had a wonderful sense of humor which he loved to share, especially with those who were taller as he was quick to offer a short joke, usually at his own expense followed by a shrug of the shoulders, a laugh, and then the words “I can’t help it.” Ray was a member of

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, and after dedicating his life to the Lord at an early age, Ray is without a doubt in heaven where he will be cheering on the Vols from a much greater club level window seat. Ray is preceded in death by his first wife Patricia Knight West, son Richard (Rick) West, father Cecil West and mother Betty (Burnette) West. Ray is survived by his wife Diana West, son Mike (Tiffany) West, stepson Gavin (Kelli) Mabe, stepson Ryan (Jessica) Mabe, grandchildren Ashley and Thomas (Alexa) West, Brittany (Tim) Deboard, Zach and Nicholas West, Camden, Caroline, Rhett and Maren Mabe, great-grandson Lochlan Deboard, sisters-in-law Karen (Levourn) Wiggins and Pam (Lee) Ramsey, niece Jennifer (Rich) Nelson, nephews Kevin (Jordan) Ramsey, Andrew (Kelsey) Ramsey, and Clay (Grace) Wiggins, special son Charles Davis, brother, Stanley West, and a host of dear friends. The family received friends for visitation on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at the Mynatt Funeral Home Fountain City Chapel from 11:00 AM until time of funeral service at 1:00 PM with Reverend Alan Edick officiating. Family and friends then met at the Highland Memorial Cemetery, Southerland Drive t 3:00 PM for the graveside service with Military Honors provided by East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, family is requested that donations be made to the Second Harvest Food Bank or to the East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard. Condolences can be left for the family at www.mynattfh.com.

RANDALL ROBERT “Randy” WHITE - Died Thursday, February 17, 2022 at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans at the age of 72. He was a resident of Wetmore, Michigan. The cause of death was cancer. Randy was born in Valparaiso, Indiana on June 5, 1949 and grew up in Chesterton, Indiana. He attended Chesterton schools and graduated from Chesteron High School. After high school, Randy serviced in the United States Army in Vietnam, 101st Airborne, 175th Ranger Regiment. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**. After Vietnam, Randy married his wife of 45 years, Jennifer, in 1977 in Ogden Dunes, Indiana. Together they raised their three children, Raechel, Randall II, and Troy. Randy worked as an industrial painter until moving to the UP and became a lineman for UPPCO in 1988. Randy retired in 2009 from UPPCO. Randy enjoyed reading about WWII, building models of WWII aircraft, shooting pool which he was excellent at. Randy also played the guitar and wrote songs. He loved motor sports especially NASCAR and drag racing. He loved his old cars and was restoring a couple of old Chevys. Randy was a great friend to many and was very big hearted. He loved to help people who were down on their luck. Randy is survived by his wife Jennifer Lynn White; children Raechel (Nick) Portelli of Lansing MI and Randy White of Wetmore MI; three sisters and one brother; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son Troy. Honoring Randy's wishes, no public services were held. The Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services was honored to serve the family, where condolences may be expressed online at fassbenderswansonhansen.com.



JOHN DEMING “Jack” WOLF, JR. - Died Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Mishawaka, Indiana at the age of 79. He was formerly of South Bend, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. Jack, to his old friends, was born on August 7, 1943 in Newport, Rhode Island to

Reverend Dr. John D. Wolf, Sr. and Carolyn (née Kelsey) Wolf during the height of WWII while his father was serving with the Navy. He is survived by his loving wife Vicki (née Batson) Wolf, sons Peter Jackson Wolf (Dixon, IL), Carter Andrew Wolf (South Bend), and Tyler Jacob Wolf (partner Cody Ciesielski) of South Bend, grandson Anu John Wolf and brothers Carter Wolf, (Kim Gattle) of Indianapolis and Earl Wolf (Deborah Wolf) of Williamston, MI. He and Vicki shared careers in counseling. At Life Treatment Center. He was a counselor to hundreds of incarcerated men who struggled with addiction. He loved their stories, and they loved his guidance. John spent most of his fun childhood in Martinsville and South Bend where everyone knew him as Jack. He graduated from South Bend Central High School where he was on the swim team, choir, thespians, and National Honor Society. His favorite summers were family trips to Idaho and New York and later were spent as a camper and later senior staffer at his beloved YMCA Camp Eberhart where he made innumerable lifelong friends. He was the recipient of the George A. Cooper Life Saving medal. He loved to read and absorbed literature and history, making him impossible to beat at Trivial Pursuit and a great storyteller. He was always loved by friends for his pranks and laughter and as a Methodist Preacher's kid (PK) he learned mischief at an early age often with friends in the church itself. He studied at McMurray College and George William College in Chicago where he receives his BA and MSW. He served in the United States Army in Korea where he proudly escorted Mary Martin while she entertained the troops. After college he enjoyed living in the Chicago area for a few decades before returning to South Bend. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. John loved music and from an early age taught his brothers about R&B, Jazz, and classical music. Thanks to the girls at Central, he was a great dancer. In his later years he became passionate about the Blues and loved it live at the "Midtown" in Mishawaka. His biggest love was unconditionally for his wife Vicki, his three sons and grandson Anu. A Celebration of life was held on October 29th from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Howard Park Event Center, 219 South Saint Louis, South Bend. Memorial donations may go to Camp Eberhart Alumni Association, 205 South Martha Street, Suite #201, Angola IN 46703, or online at: campebalumni.org. To send private condolences, please visit: www.mcgannhay.com/condolences.html.



JAMES ALAN "Jim" WRIGHT - Died Saturday, December 31, 2022 at Summit Commons Hospice in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 77. He was a resident of Cumberland, Rhode Island. The cause of death was stage four Cancer. He was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on November 17, 1945 to the late James and Edna M. (née Smith) Wright. He was the companion of JoAnne O'Brien. Mr. Wright was a mail clerk for the United States Postal Service for twenty-six years, retiring in 1999. A United States Army veteran, he served during the Vietnam War with Company B, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade ("Americal Division"). While in Vietnam as an infantryman, he stepped on a landmine resulting in his being a double-amputee the rest of his life. He was a member of Post #14, American Legion, Cumberland, the Almeida-Hines Post #22, DAV, the Eugene T. Lefebvre Post

#1271, VFW, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association, the 4th Battalion – 31st Infantry Association, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818** and the Cumberland Veterans Council. Jim was also a member of the Cumberland Beagle Club and Thornton Beagle Club, an honorary member of the Oak Hill Beagle Club and a past member of the Southern Massachusetts Beagle Club. Besides his companion, he is survived by two sisters, Marilyn Lawrence of Cumberland and Susan McKay of Bristol; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. His funeral was held on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM from Bellows Funeral Chapel, 160 River Road, Lincoln, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in Saint Aidan Church, 1460 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland. Relatives and friends were invited, and visited on Friday, January 6th from 4:00 -7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory to Operation Stand Down Rhode Island, 1010 Hartford Avenue, Unit #1, Johnston, RI 02919, the American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite #3004, Warwick, RI 02886, or Special Olympics Rhode Island, 370 George Washington Highway, Smithfield, RI 02917 would be appreciated. For directions and guest book, please visit www.bellowsfuneralchapel.com.



JAMES WILLIE "Jim" YOUNG (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 78. The cause of death was a parasite in his system along with a stroke, cancer and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born on January 18, 1944 in Como, Mississippi to the late Sam Young, Sr., and Josie (née Avant) Young. He was the husband of Yong Cha Kim Young. Jim was retired from the United States Army and had served two tours in Vietnam, during his military career he was a Tactical Transport Helicopter Repairman, he then worked for L-3 at the Blue Grass Army Depot as a helicopter inspector until his retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #1066**. Other than his parents he was preceded in death by five siblings, Elsie Johnson, Melvin Young, Alfred Young, Richard Young, and Novella Young. James is survived by his wife Yong Cha Young of Berea, KY, two children, Doris Young of McKinney, Texas, David Young and his wife A.T. of Middlesboro, KY, six siblings, Mildred Johnson of Lepanto, Arkansas, Linda Young of Fort Worth, Texas, Martha Young and her husband James T., Eugene Young and his wife Lillian, Sam, Jr., and his wife Alma all of Lepanto, Arkansas, and Virgie Crockett and her husband James of Marked Tree, Arkansas. Three grandchildren, Michealla Edwards, Xavier Young, and Lillie Young, and one great grandchild, Nova Parker along with many nieces and nephews also survive. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at Davis and Powell Funeral Home. The funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, with Reverend Darnell Hill officiating also at the funeral home. The burial with full military honors was in the Camp Nelson National

Cemetery in Nicholasville, KY. You may view the service live on our website at www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com.

LEROY C. "Ziggy" ZIMMEL - Died on Veterans Day, Friday November 11, 2022 at home in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was formerly of Fair Oaks, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 23, 1946 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania to the late Leroy and Mary J. (née Flanigan) Zimmer. He was a retired Ironworker with Pittsburgh Local #3 and also owned and operated his own cabinet shop in California. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and a *Life Member* of **Beaver County Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter "862**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Martha (Taffy) Zimmer and a brother, David R. Zimmer. Surviving are two daughters, Geniene Zimmer and Erica Zimmer Zetz, both of Aliquippa, three grandchildren, Emmilia Zimmer (Anthony Taylor), Nicholas and Riana Zimmer, two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Wyatt Taylor, one brother and sister-in-law, Martin and Darlene Zimmer, Fair Oaks, one sister, Elaine Zimmer Powell, Cranberry Twp., and also many nieces and nephews. Friends were received on Sunday November 13, 2022 from 1:00 PM until the time of the service at 5:00 PM at the Bohn-Matich Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 1099 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge. The family would like to thank Steve and Lisa, from Amedisys Hospice, for the care they gave Dad. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Beaver County Humane Society in his name.

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!