



**JERRY WAYNE ABSTON** - Died Thursday, July 28, 2022 in Gardendale, Alabama at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born Birmingham, Alabama on June 1, 1944 to the late Anthony and Island Abston. Mr. Abston served in the United States Army and did a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416*. He taught at Roger's Vocational School in Gardendale, Minor High School, The State of Alabama, Walker State Technical College, and various other community colleges where he taught Automotive Education. He also was an Automotive Instructor for Ford Motor Company for 11 years. He ended his career with Ford Motor Company as a Service Engineer. Jerry was an avid car enthusiast that enjoyed tinkering with vehicles and was most of all proud of his race car that he built. He was a loving husband, father, papa and friend. He was loved by all who knew him and will be missed dearly. Jerry was a prayer warrior for all he encountered. He called each and every name out to the Lord daily. He was a member of Adamsville Church of God for over fifty years. He is preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Island Abston; brother, Anthony Abston, Jr.; sister, Mildred Byars; niece, Donna Vinson. Jerry is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elizabeth Abston; son, Christopher Abston (Lisa); daughter, Jerri Lynn Dutton (Jeff); grandchildren, Ryan Abston, Alex Abston (Caitlin), Taylor Dutton, Blake Abston (Angel), Landon Dutton (Malea), Zachary Dutton (Christin), Emma Claire Abston and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at the Crestview Memorial Funeral Home, Adamsville, AL. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Crestview Memorial Funeral Home, Adamsville, AL with Reverend Michael Byars officiating. The burial was in the Crestview Memorial Gardens.



**GARY RICHARD AMERLING** - Died Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at Sugarbush House Assisted Living in Flint Township, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 13, 1944. He was preceded in death by his loving parents and brother, Bruce. He is survived by: sisters Donna Massie, Karen(Jim)Gray, Tina (Neal) Carnell, nephew Marc Massie (Nicole), niece Kari Carnell (fiancée, Justin) and great-nephew Sawyer Fauver. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Davison Chapter #175*. The family would like to thank the staff of Sugarbush House and All American Hospice for their care. There was no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the charity of your choice was suggested by the family be made in Gary's honor.

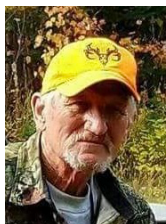


**DR. GORDON K. AMSBARY** - Died Thursday, January 26, 2023 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 78. He was a resident of Gallipolis, Ohio. The cause of death was heart disease. Gordon was born on December 13, 1944 in Gallipolis to the late Arthur Wayne and Gladys E. (née Steele) Amsbary. Gordon was a graduate of Gallia Academy High School Class of 1962 and a graduate of The Ohio State University Dental School Class of 1967. He was a retired dentist, who loved the Ohio River. Gordon was a United States Air Force veteran. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and Gallipolis Rotary Club where he had over 50 years of perfect attendance and headed up the fellowship for the club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #709**. Gordon is survived by Brenda (née Davis) Amsbary of Gallipolis; children, Laura Amsbary of Columbus, Randy Amsbary (Denise Munson) of Fairmont, West Virginia, and Anthony Amsbary of Worthington, Ohio; one grandson, Ivan Figueroa of Pittsburg; one brother, Dr. Harry (Myla) Amsbary of Parkersburg, West Virginia; nephew, Wayne Amsbary of Steamboat Springs, Colorado; and niece, Kristi (Jason) Olivotti of Raleigh, North Carolina. In addition to his parents, Gordon was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth Wayne and Joan Amsbary and grandparents, Fannie Blanche and William Byrd Amsbary and Alex and Ella Steele. A Graveside Service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 2, 2023 in the Mound Hill Cemetery with Kevin Dennis officiating. Military services were provided by the Gallia County Funeral Detail at the cemetery. Friends visited the family from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at the Willis Funeral Home.



**DENNIS JOHN ANDRAS** - Died Sunday, February 12, 2023 in Belle Chasse, Louisiana at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 25, 1948 to the late Freddie and Lucille Andras. Dennis is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Kathy Andras; his two sons, Scott Andras (Heather) and Chris Andras (Kelly); his four grandchildren, Scarlett “Charlotte”, Taillon “Little Man”, Presley, and Adelynn; his brother, Robert Andras; and his loving dogs, Lobo and Gracie. He was preceded in death by his parents, Freddie and Lucille Andras. He attended Nicholls State University. He retired from the United States Army, and owned and operated Deltone Electric. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harvey Chapter #553**, American Legion, Washington Artillery Veterans Association, and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Veteran Association. Dennis was an avid outdoorsman, and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also loved spending time with his family. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Tour ICU and DaVita, and to all of his doctors for their care and compassion. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the Funeral Mass in

the chapel of the Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Boulevard in New Orleans on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM. The visitation was held at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 AM. The interment was at Lake Lawn Park Mausoleum. To view and sign the online guest book, please visit [www.lakelawnmetairie.com](http://www.lakelawnmetairie.com).



**ROBERT A. "Bob" ASHBROOK** - Died Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the Windber Hospice in Windber, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. He was a resident of Windber. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 29, 1946 in Blough, Pennsylvania to the late Arthur and Kathryn (née Pugh) Ashbrook. He was also predeceased by his brother, Douglas Ashbrook; nephews, James and Douglas Ashbrook; nieces, Cori Ashbrook- Berkey and Helen Ashbrook; sister in law, Sandy Kusinko; brother in law, John Mastillo; in law's, Michael and Gloria (Telford) Kusinko. He is survived by loving wife of 52 years, Valerie (née Kusinko) Ashbrook; sons, Michael married to Valerie (Jodon); and Robert married to Kelly (Moore), all of Windber; grandchildren, Kegan (Shannon); Kylie and Karah; brothers, James (Drema); Gary (Denise); David (Jeanie); Greg (Annamarie); and Roger Ashbrook; sisters, Wanda Mastillo; Darlene Kennedy and Georgeann Kennedy; sister in laws, Donna married to Samuel Buchkovich and Janet Ashbrook; also by numerous nieces and nephews. Robert was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran with the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry, proudly earning the National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device. Bob left school early to work on a farm to help support his family. He worked as a Coal Miner at Country Club Coal, Island Creek and Beth Energy 33 after 33 closed he finished his career as a Welder at ACS in Windber. Bob was a hardworking man who loved his boys and could not wait to go hunting and fishing with them. He enjoyed camping and boating at Raystown Lake and dearly loved his grandchildren. Robert was a member of Rummel Church of the Brethren, Windber; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**; Windber American Legion; Windber VFW; and Windber Moose. The family received friends on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 8:00 PM at the Meek and Dalla Valle Funeral Home of Windber, where the Windber American Legion held a service. Friends were also received on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 AM for the service at the funeral home with Reverend Abby Shaffer, officiating. The interment with military honors was at the Richland Cemetery. [www.meekfuneralhome.com](http://www.meekfuneralhome.com).



**CHARLES MENNO BAHR** (USA, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Sunday, March 19, 2023 in the Dixon Nursing and Rehab Center in Dixon, Missouri at the age of 79. He was a resident of Saint

Robert, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 18, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Mary of the home; three children, Joseph Bahr (Kim) of Saint Robert, MO, Angela Bahr (Ben) of Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, and Martina Renee of Lincoln, NE; six grandchildren, Joseph II (Kendra), Jacob, Sabryna, Justin, Jessica and Dustin; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Carol Pitman of Erie, IL; a sister-in-law, Mary Ann Johnson of Gallup, NM; three step-children, J.R. Gabaldon and Julie Ann Gabaldon, both of the state of New Mexico, and Joseph Gabaldon (Arabella) of the state of Texas; six step-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alto (New Mexico) Chapter #1062**. Funeral Services were held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 23, 2023 in Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/Saint Robert. The burial with full Military Honors were held in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery FLW in Waynesville, under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/Saint Robert. Visitation was held on Thursday from 10:30 AM until service time at 11:30 AM in the funeral home. Memorial Contributions in memory of Charles Bahr may be made and may be left at the funeral home.



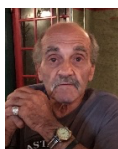
**ROBERT LeROY “Bob” BAINBRIDGE** - Died Friday, February 3, 2023 in his home in Oak Ridge, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on December 6 1945 in Cheyenne, Wyoming to the late LeRoy and Marie Bainbridge. Bob’s parents moved for school and work eventually settling in Anaheim, California. In March 1967 Bob enlisted in the United States Navy where he served with Patrol Squadron One during the Vietnam War. Bob was forever proud of his time in uniform and always sought out fellow veterans to reminisce. Bob was deeply involved in “Reefs Across America” honoring deceased veterans across the United States during the Holidays. He was also active in many veteran programs and causes. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Bob was mechanically inclined, loved cars, and had all the tools required to maintain them. He could always be found tinkering in the garage and loved his baby blue 1976 Lincoln Continental. In 2009 Bob moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee to be close to family. He is survived by his brother Richard Bainbridge of Oak Ridge, TN; sister Marsha (Blair) Ford of Albany, GA; LeRoy (Jeanne) Bainbridge of Oak Ridge, TN; and 15 nieces and nephews 62 great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents LeRoy and Marie Bainbridge, brother Jim Bainbridge, nephew James Ford, and sister-in-law Karen Bainbridge. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Oak Ridge. The interment was at 2:00 PM at East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville.

**BRUCE A. BAKER** – Died recently in 2023 in Gibbsboro, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 23, 1947. He is survived by his sister-in-law

Sharon Henrikson. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton (West Virginia) Chapter #628**.



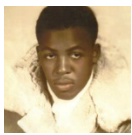
**CARL EDWARD BOLEY** (USMC, MSGT-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at his home in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 12, 1933 in Corydon, Indiana to the late Fern (née Grable) Boley and Clarence Boley. Master Sergeant Boley was retired from a career with the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Arnold and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. He is survived by his wife: Linda (née Schneedle) Boley; four children: Cynthia Boley of Columbia, Kathleen (Bill) Mayhue of Buena Park, Calif., Jim (Regina) Ray of Imperial and Chris Boley of Hillsboro; three siblings: Carol Proffitt, Bill (Marsha) Boley and Jim (Cathy) Boley; six grandchildren: Josh (Taylor) Ray, Rachel Ray, Caleb Ray, Josie Ray, Matthew Mayhue and Maggie Mayhue; three siblings-in-law: Jack (the late Carolyn) Schneedle, Nancy (Kenny) Koebel and Rick Schneedle; and many other relatives and friends. Visitation was for 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kutis Funeral Home, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road, in south Saint Louis County. A funeral service was held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the First Baptist Church of Arnold, 2012 Missouri State Road. The burial was in the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. The arrangements were under the direction of the Kutis Funeral Home.



**JOHN BOMMARITO** – Died Wednesday, January 18, 2023 in Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 4, 1947. He was the beloved husband of the late Brenda. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Russel Kreinbring; his granddaughters, Alaina and Haley; his sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Jerry Janssen; his brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Kathy Bommarito, and; several nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. John was a dedicated Chrysler employee of 30 years and a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. The Veterans were a second family to John and he worked tirelessly with the Chapter to help all those in need by serving on their food bank and assisting where ever he could. Visitation at the Sterling Heights Chapel of the Bagnasco and Calcaterra Funeral Home, 13650 East 15 Mile Road, Monday was held on January 23, 2023 from 3:00 until 9:00 PM. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the funeral home.



**JAMES G. "Jim" BONSTEIN** - Died Saturday, February 25, 2023 in Macungie, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 18, 1950 in Easton, Pennsylvania to the late Robert and Jeanette (née Taylor) Bonstein. Jim is survived by his wife, Desty A. (née Mack) Bonstein. The two would have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Jim proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**. He attended Saint Louis University, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He retired from FLSmidth where he worked in procurement. Jim will be remembered for his love of spending time with family, friends, and his dogs. Jim will be dearly missed by his wife, Desty; sons, David Bonstein and wife, Jaime, and Daniel Bonstein and wife, Kate; sister, Janet Lovell and husband, Steve; brother, Michael Bonstein and wife, Karol; brother in-law, Frank Mack, and six grandchildren, Cecily, Sophia, Shae, Sienna, Bryce, and Jakob. A visitation was held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 9:30-11:00 AM at the Connell Funeral Home, 245 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA, immediately followed by a service at 11:00 AM. The interment with military honors was held at Saint Anthony Cemetery, Easton. Memorial contributions may be made payable to DAV-Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250. Condolences may be offered at [connellfuneral.com](http://connellfuneral.com).



**JESSIE BRIDGES, JR.** (USAF, SMSgt-Ret.) - Died Saturday, February 25, 2023 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 91. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 3, 1931 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to Jesse and Hulda Bridges. Jessie grew up in Hattiesburg. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1949. He served faithfully for 24 years and retired in 1973. He was stationed in various areas around the world. He was a devoted and cherished husband of 46 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #750**. He was a father of eight wonderful children and grandfather of fifteen and great-grandfather of seven. Jessie spent most of the first half of his life serving in the Air Force. While he was in the military, he was stationed at various places performing various jobs while taking various classes to further his education in the United States and abroad and had children with his then wife Mary Ester Bridges. They later divorced. The remainder of his life included his final move from Roi-et, Thailand to Lawton, OK, in 1981. He began working with the military with varying jobs and opportunities that presented to honorably discharged retirees at the nearby base, Fort Sill. It was not long after their move to Lawton that he and his second wife, Thongbor Bridges, became avid gardeners. They grew all types of vegetables, and they spent many hours tending to those gardens together. While that was a huge hobby of theirs, they were raising their children while he was working full-time, and we all were getting acclimated to their new lives. They spent a lot of time playing and watching sports too. Jessie was a huge fan of all sports and spent time teaching us about the different sports we would watch together as a family on television. He was so animated when watching sports and loved sharing that with us. Besides being a devoted



husband and family man, Jessie was a problem-solver where hard work was his primary tool. He was not only intelligent, but he was also sharp, quick witted and wise all the way until the very end of his life. He was always optimistic and encouraging and gave the best advice. He respected people and was grateful to call individuals from all walks of life his friends. He was Thongbor's primary caregiver until she passed away in June 2020. Survivors include: daughter, Liesa of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; daughter, Angelia of Atlanta, Georgia; son, Jesse and his wife Lalee of Atlanta, Georgia; son, Derek and his wife Vickie of Atlanta, Georgia; son, Suwat and his wife, Dianne of Mexia, Texas; son, Sura and wife, Irma of Corpus Christi, Texas; daughter, Laddavan and her husband, Sidney of Elgin, Texas; daughter, Mallivan and her husband, Chad of Little Elm, Texas; fifteen grandchildren, Jesse Bridges of Atlanta, Georgia; Andre Parker of Atlanta, Georgia; O'Shae Bridges of Boston, Massachusetts, Richard Nicholson of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Antwion Nicholson of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Ashanti Nicholson of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Joseph Siriwet of Norfolk, Virginia; Matthew Siriwet of Corpus Christi, Texas; Kaylin Pelican and Nathan Spencer both of Elgin, Texas; Chase and Reese Olinger both of Little Elm, Texas; six great-grandchildren, Xavier Parker; Iyanna Parker; Arrielle Parker; Corbin Pelican; one great-great-grandson Josias Parker; one brother, Alfred Bridges of Houston, Texas and his wife Fredricka Bridges; and other nephews, nieces and good friends here in Lawton and abroad. He was preceded in the death by his wife, Thongbor Bridges, his former wife, Mary Ester Bridges, his parents, four brothers, two sisters and many aunts, uncles and cousins. The funeral was at 8:00 AM on Friday, March 3, 2023 at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. The burial with full military honors was at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. The service may be viewed by following the livestream link at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com) or by visiting the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Facebook page. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Cancer Centers of Southwest Oklahoma at [www.ccswok.com](http://www.ccswok.com).



**DAVID ALLEN BROWN** - Died Monday, February 6, 2023 in the Hope Hospice Health Center in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 73, after his courageous battle with ALS, with his loving family by his side. He was a resident of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He was born in Providence on May 29, 1949 to the late John and Margaret (née Miller) Brown. He was the husband of Jeanne C. (née Aubin) Brown of Woonsocket. David worked for Carol Cable in Production and Quality Control and also for Berkeley Transportation for 16 years. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam obtaining one Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and a medal of valor. "Sergeant Brown's personal actions and aggressive leadership prevented the loss of lives and major damage to vital government property." He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Arts. He was a member of the VFW Post #2362, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**, the Cranston Lodge of Elks Lodge #14, and the Woonsocket Lodge #850. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan and played football in high school and was a wrestler in college. He also enjoyed traveling, playing sports with his grandchildren, and attending their sporting events. Besides his loving wife Jeanne, he is survived by his two children, Stephen Sgambato IV and his wife Kim of Woonsocket, Jessica

Fugere and her husband Eric of Hopedale; two brothers, George and James Brown both of Johnston, and; five grandchildren, Johnathan and Elizabeth Fugere, Michaela Beaudoin, and Matthew and Zachary Sgambato. He also was the brother to the late Ellie, Richard, Lyle, William Brown, and Ann Manders. A Funeral Home Service was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the S. DiPardo Memorial Chapel Funeral home at 1583 Diamond Hill Road, Woonsocket RI. Relatives and friends were invited; calling hours were from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The burial with military honors was in Saint Jean the Baptist Cemetery in Bellingham, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers donations in David's memory to the ALS Association Rhode Island Chapter at [wbri.alsa.org](http://wbri.alsa.org), as well as the Disabled American Veterans Association located at 109 Haverhill Ave in Warwick, RI 02886 would be greatly appreciated. [sdipardomcfh.com](http://sdipardomcfh.com).

**FRED BROWN** – Died in 2013 in Ozone, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 6, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - - Crossville Chapter #1015**.



**WILLARD BROWN, JR.** - Died Wednesday, February 8, 2023 in Pineville, Louisiana at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 14, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131**. A Mass for Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Saint James Memorial Catholic Church, 714 Winn Street, Alexandria, LA. Visitation took place from 8:00-9:30 AM at the church. The Boyce Community Funeral Home in Boyce, Louisiana was in charge of the arrangements.

**WILLIAM PAUL BROWN** – Died Thursday, January 19, 2023 in Houston, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Houston on September 8, 1952. He served in the United States Navy from July 29, 1971 to July 28, 1979. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #343**.

**KEITH H. BULLION** - Died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in Hazelhurst, Wisconsin at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 22, 1949. He served in the United States Army from January 30, 1978 to May 31, 1992. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minocqua Chapter #256**

**HAYDEE FIGUEROA BURGOS** – Died Thursday, August 4, 2022 in Saint Cloud, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Puerto Rico on February 17, 1950. She served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**. The New Horizons Funeral Chapel and Cremations in Palm Bay were in charge of the arrangements.

**THOMAS R. BURNETT** – Died recently in 2023 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 2, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.





**JEFFREY G. BUTCH** - Died Sunday, February 5, 2023 at his home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania on June 23, 1950 to the late Michael and Mary (née Pantelich) Butch. He was married for 44 years to the late Louann E. (née Baker) Butch who passed away on December 9, 2019. He was an active member of Holy Resurrection of the Christ Eastern Orthodox Church in Lebanon and Community Fellowship Church in Lancaster. He graduated from Lebanon Senior High School in 1968 and joined the United States Marine Corps where he honorably served his country during two tours in the Vietnam War from September 1969 to April 1971, earning the rank of E-4 Corporal. After his service, he entered banking for many years, rising to Assistant Vice President. Later he attended Millersville University where he earned a teaching degree in social studies and then attended Ashland University where he earned his Master's degree in American History and Government. He taught social studies at Octorara Area High School for 14 years before retiring and also served as a student council advisor and a coach for a few different sports. He was a very active member of many veteran associations, including being a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008*, Disabled American Vets, and the Marine Corps League. In his free time, he loved riding his motorcycle, traveling, and going to bible studies. He was very involved in his grandchildren's lives and loved caring for them and spending time with them. He had a great sense of humor and touched the hearts of so many people, including his students, teachers, veterans, and churchgoers. Surviving are two children: Matthew J., husband of Katherine Ostwalt Butch of Coatesville, and Stephanie S. Butch of Lancaster; six grandchildren: Kyleana, Kyle, Kamary, and Karnell (Stephanie), as well as Joseph and Patrick (Matthew); and a brother, Michael Butch of Colorado. The funeral service took place at Holy Resurrection of the Christ Eastern Orthodox Church, 116 East Weidman Street, Lebanon on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM with a viewing time from 10:00 AM until the time of service. There was also a viewing on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Shivery Funeral Home, 3214 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise. The interment was at the convenience of the family in the Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jeffrey's name to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1008, [vva.org](http://vva.org), Disabled American Vets, [secure.dav.org](http://secure.dav.org), or the Marine Corps League Detachment 294, 2340 Ironville Pike, Columbia, PA 17512.

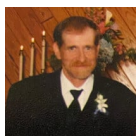


**THOMAS L. "Tom" CALL** (USAF, SSG-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, October 12, 2022 in his home in Kilgore, Texas at the age of 82, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was heart failure and Alzheimer's disease. Tom was born on March 25, 1940 in Watertown, New York to the late Tom and Madeline Call. He was a member of the Watertown, NY High School Class of 1959. He was a member of the Naval ROTC program, upon graduation he joined the United States Air Force and faithfully served for the next 20 years until his retirement, while holding the rank

of Staff Sergeant. During his time of active duty, Tom defended his country in Vietnam, Thailand, South Korea. He completed his service by serving in the Air Force training center in San Antonio. Following Tom's retirement from the Air Force he went to work for General Motors and worked for them until his final retirement. Tom became very active in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gladewater Chapter #987** where he was a *Life Member*. He served as the President and then as a Representative for the organization. Tom was always fundraising for the organization. He gave back by helping other veterans. Tom was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and supported them win, lose or draw. Tom was reunited with his parents and his first wife, Helen Call. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 8 years, TJ Call of Kilgore; son, Daniel Call, Sr. and his wife J'mi of San Antonio; bonus children, Kari Cook of Co., Matthew Jolly of Ms., Daniel Jolly and his wife Ally of Weatherford; grandchildren, Lindsey, Tiffany and D.J. Call; bonus grand-children; Stormie Cantrell, Ethan Oliver, Austin Jolly, Brayden Jolly; bonus great-grandchildren, Shane and Laredo Cantrell; brother, Gary Frank and his wife Gayle of Clayton, NY. Also, left to carry on his legacy are numerous nieces, nephews, friends and other loving family members. Services were held at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 17, 2022 in the Chapel of the Rader Funeral Home in Kilgore with Reverend Keith Rothra officiating. The interment was in the Colonial Gardens Cemetery in Marshall. The family received friends at the funeral home on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made in Tom's name to the Vietnam Veterans of America, [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org), or to the Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).



**JERRY J. CASADA** - Died Monday, February 8, 2016 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 76, after a year-long struggle with cancer. He was born in Pampa, Texas on October 27, 1939 to the late Delbert and Jo Casada and grew up in Vernal, Utah. After graduating from college he joined the United States Air Force as a fighter pilot. He flew more than 200 missions over North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**. Later as a mechanical engineer, he specialized in designing efficient combined-cycle power plants for various industries until retiring in 1995. He maintained a passion for flying and became an avid golfer. He and his wife helped found the Ascension Lutheran Church in Crossville where they remained active members. He is survived by his wife, JoAnne of 37 years, sons David Casada (Ellen, ME), Jay Casada (TX), daughter Jerren Carles (Bill, MT), step sons Terry Reed (Suzanne, TX), Thomas Reed (Holly, WI), step daughters Lori Dormy (Chuck, TN), Lisa Hannah (TX), eleven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Separate memorial services with Military Honors were held in Crossville, Tennessee and Palm City, Florida at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ascension Lutheran Church, 426 Sparta Drive, Crossville, TN 38555.



**ROGER H. CLARK** - Died Friday, February 10, 2023 at the Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan at the age of 73, surrounded by his family. He

was a resident of Vulcan, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 10, 1949 in Norway, Michigan to the late Leslie and Mable (née Ott) Clark. Roger graduated from Norway High School in 1967, and moved to Rockford, IL. where he started working as a machinist. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and when his tour was over, he went back to working in Rockford until the early 1980's when he moved back to Vulcan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hermansville Chapter #571**. Roger worked for Wendricks Truss in Hermansville for over 20 years. He married Laurie Swanson on July 3, 1993, she preceded him on September 29, 1995. Roger was very proud of building his own log home, he enjoyed hunting, being outside, was an avid sports fan and cheered on the Lions, working on old cars and especially spending time with his grandchildren. Roger is survived by his significant other of 28 years Pam Ness and her family; daughters Carly Clark and Jillian (Jacob Coppens) Clark; grandchildren Nolan Hendrickson, Lennon and Bowynn Coppens; brothers Chuck (Mary Ann) Clark of Waucedah and Rick (Barb) Clark of Luxemburg, WI; sisters Tammy Clark of Escanaba, Loreen Howe of Port Huron and Jeanne (Dave) Mott of Norway; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Jerry Clark and brother-in-law Jim Howe. The family greeted friends on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday at 3:00 PM at the Ortman Funeral Home, with Pastor Jim Danielson of Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway, officiating.

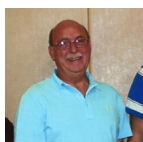


**THOMAS L. "Tom" CLEMENT, SR.** - Died Monday, March 3, 2023 in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Thomas was one of twelve children born to the late Clifford and Velma (née Cook) Clement, Sr. in Springfield on December 23, 1945. He married Shirley Sirtout and they had two Children. He later married Melody Smothers and she preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death are his parents; two sisters, Cathy Roman and Susie Fouks; two brothers, John and William Clement. He is survived by one son, Tommy, Jr. and one daughter, Carla Seifert; seven grandchildren, Ryan Wicks, Austin Burger, Ty Seifert, Lane Seifert and Eden Clement; one great grandson, Kaiser Wicks; four sisters, Patricia Knox, Nancy (Dave) Hamilton, Linda (Roger) Harmon, and Diana (Bill) Callahan; three Brothers, Clifford (Judy) Clement, Jr., James (Ruth) Clement, and Larry (Verna) Clement and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Tom was a United States Army veteran serving from 1965-1968 during the Vietnam War. He retired from Bordon Chemical after twenty-five years of service. After retirement, he worked for Aerus Electrolux and became very active in the veteran community. He was a member of VFW Post #10302, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**; Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization and American Legion Post #809. Tom was passionate about helping other veterans. He enjoyed tinkering in his garage and working on antique cars. He was proud of his green thumb and the many houseplants that he kept. He also enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson. Most of all, he cherished the relationships with his family and friends. He was especially grateful for the help of William Cook, Jr. and Ed Painter for helping him complete projects that he no longer was able to do. Visitation was from 2:00–4:00 PM on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at the Staab Funeral Home – Springfield. The funeral service was at 11:30 AM

on Monday, March 13, 2023 at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield, with Pastor Louis Kunz officiating. The burial was at Camp Butler National Cemetery, where Military Honors were conducted. Memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Helping Veterans, 1619 Westhaven, Peoria, IL.

**STEVEN F. COX** – Died recently in 2023 in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**.

**ARLEEN H. CRAVEN** – Died several years ago in Powell, Wyoming at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on August 16, 1936. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville (North Dakota) Chapter #374**.



**DARRELL CRONICK** - Died Thursday, February 16, 2023 at Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield, Wisconsin at the age of 70, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Hermansville, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1952 in Norway, Michigan to the late Wilfred and Bertha (née Zahn) Cronick. Darrell graduated from Norway High School in 1971 and served his country in the United State Army and the Army National Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hermansville Chapter #571**. He worked at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain until he retired. Darrell married Colleen Sullivan on October 26, 2018 in Hermansville, MI. He enjoyed spending much of his time in his garage fixing things especially rebuilding his Allis-Chalmer tractor. Camping with his special friends, the Schutte's, Karban's, Lacourt's and Irland's. He enjoyed going to his son Trever's stock car races, visiting grandkids and watching them in their activities. At least once a week he would say, "you want to go for a ride, I need to go to Harbor Freight, Menards, Home Depot or let's go to Dairy Queen." He loved the woods and hunting with his friends the Hosking's in Faithorn. He was always busy and helping others, always on the go. He was a loving father, grandfather and good friend to many. But most of all he was a very caring, loving husband, always doing special things for Colleen. Darrell is survived by his wife Colleen; children Brandy (Scott) Givens, Carrie Winchell, Christie (Dan) Trzinski, Trever Cronick, Dan (Kathy) Povolo and Jodi (Jamie) Marvin; grandchildren Patrick, Peyton, Aubry, Cody, Kaylee, John, Alex, Jacob, Devin, Kailey and Kaden; great grandchild Kamden; sisters Mary Noreen Helmer, Elizabeth "Liz" Rochon, Teresa Cronick, Cynthia Bourg, Laurie Dobson and Susanne Cronick; brothers Wilfred "Billy" Cronick Jr. and Stephen Cronick; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Marvin, Richard and Michael Cronick; sister Debbie Kohlhoff; and Nephew Gerritt Hudson. Services were held at a later date. The Ortman Funeral Home of Hermansville handled all the arrangements.

**WILLIAM JAMES CROWTHER** - Died Wednesday, December 7, 2022 in Palmyra, New Jersey at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. William was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late John and Helen Crowther. At 18, he enlisted in the United States Army where he proudly

served two tours in Vietnam with the 93<sup>rd</sup> Engineers in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. William then went on to have a 35-year career with the Borough of Palmyra. He served on many committees during his time there. The Tree Commission, Board of Health, War Memorial, and Emergency Management Committees, to name a few. William was a *Co-Founder and Past Vice-President and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899** of Burlington County. He helped establish this while maintaining membership to Disabled American Veterans Chapter #42, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3020, American Legion Post #146 and Mobile Riverine Force Association Vietnam. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, trips to Cape May, and spending time with his grandchildren. William was predeceased by his wife, Michele (née Cherubin) Crowther. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Danielle (née Kirk) Sundermier; his grandchildren, Riley and Ryan Sundermier; his siblings, Margaret Bryan (Fred), Christine Inge (Norman), Robert Crowther, John Crowther (Anna Maria), and; many nieces and nephews. A visitation for William was held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM at the Weber Funeral Home, 112 Broad Street, Riverton, NJ. Military honors and entombment was at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Burlington, NJ. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Chapter #899 - Vietnam Veterans of America of Bordentown. Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.weberfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.weberfuneralhomeinc.com).



**BARRY WAYNE CURLESS** – Died Monday, January 23, 2023 in Westfield, Indiana at the age of 77. The cause of death was stage four lung cancer. He was born on October 12, 1945 in San Diego, California at the Balboa Naval Hospital to the late Robert Morris Curless and Virginia (née Clark) Curless. Most of Barry's life as a young person was spent in Wabash, IN. He lived at Josiah Whites Residential Care Center as his father was the superintendent for the children's home for 31 years. It was a family tradition to work at White's for 3 generations starting with his paternal grandparents. White's, located 5 miles south of Wabash, is a wonderful place for children 12 years old through high school who are having difficulty with home life or trouble with the law. White's is a Christian based center run by the Quaker church. There continues to be ample success stories of young people who have turned their lives around by the love of the staff and Jesus. At White's, Barry spent summers mowing grass and working construction on White's 800 acres of property. A notable summer job at IU was doing children's programs while interning as a park ranger, as Smokey the Bear. Barry graduated from Wabash high school in 1963 and attended college. He graduated from IU in 1968 and received his Masters' Degree from Ball State University. Not long afterwards, Barry got invited by Uncle Sam to be in the United States Army and to a beautiful park-like setting in Vietnam. It was war time. For preparation, he completed 8 weeks of basic training at Fort Leonard Wood. While there he became a jump master. His next assignment was Officer's Candidate school at Fort Benning, and he was accepted to helicopter pilot training until a heart condition was discovered and plans changed. Barry then went to basic infantry training at Fort Bragg before finally leaving for Vietnam. He served 9 months and 23 days in Vietnam where he was responsible for setting up communication from base camp to the outposts. Barry a Vietnam veteran and proudly served the U.S. Army for 2 years, 8 months, and



4 days. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. Throughout Barry's life, supporting White's was always a priority. When back from Vietnam, he returned to work at White's, but this time in counseling and recreation. Afterwards, professionally, he supervised heavy duty trucks for International Harvester, sold insurance for Farm Bureau, worked in advertising for the Wabash Plain Dealer, and finally joined the Yellow Pages at GTE & AT&T. He fell in love with Mary Lou and they married on December 19, 1976. They were married 46 years. In 1979, they welcomed Amanda Nicole to their family and in 1981 along came Matthew Wayne. Barry was an involved Dad and coached both kids in basketball for many years. Barry always made our children's friend's feel welcome and our home was always open. It was a home away from home, and the kids always loved his "beaver face" even back then! Barry flourished in the outdoors and with people. He loved fishing, golf, pickleball, tennis, Florida, and boating. He never met a stranger. He had a generous spirit, fun nature, hearty laugh, and absolute gusto for life. Barry had a strong faith and was a member of Cornerstone Lutheran Church for 31 years. He was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in March of 2021, which was shocking because he was a non-smoker. Barry fought it bravely and with dignity. He felt completely blessed for his relationship with Christ, a wonderful life, his family, friends, neighbors, and pets. He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Barbara Jean and Roberta Jo, mother Virginia Mae (Clark) Curless and Father Robert Morris Curless. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou (Jupin) Curless, daughter, Mandy, son, Matt, and grand-dog, Henry. He is survived by brothers Lew (Joy), Bruce (Kim), Craig (Jerri), sister Susan (Brent Dawes), and by his best, most faithful, four-legged friend, Teddy "Bear". The Celebration of Life was held on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00–7:00 PM at the Crown Hill Funeral Home, 700 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis IN 46208. A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Both services were held at the Crown Hill Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Josiah White's (Children's home): 5233 South 50 East, Wabash, IN. 46992, <https://josiahwhites.org> or mailed to the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center for Lung Cancer at PO Box 7072, Indianapolis, IN 46207 – Please make memorial gifts payable to IU Lung Cancer Research and indicate "in memory of Barry W. Curless" on your gift. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.crownhill.org](http://www.crownhill.org) for the Curless family.



**JEROME L. "Jerry" DALEY** - Died Friday, August 19, 2022 at Altru Hospital of Grand Forks, North Dakota at the age of 74. He was a resident of Grafton, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Grafton on February 24, 1948 to the late Ralph and Violet (née Charon) Daley. He was raised on the family farm near Hoople. Jerry attended school in Park River and graduated from the Walsh County Agriculture School. After graduation, Jerry worked for the local Red Owl, before he was called to serve in the United States Army. He served during the Vietnam War. Jerry was united in marriage to Delores Amann on August 12, 1977 at Zion Lutheran Church of Hoople. He worked for the Development Center for 35 years, as a tech programmer. Jerry loved to hunt and fish and was loyal Minnesota Vikings fan. He loved attending the activities and sporting events of his great grandchildren and when he wasn't able to attend, he was sure to get a play by play afterwards. He was a lifelong member of the Zion Lutheran Church. He was also a *Life Member* of the Park River American Legion Post, VFW,



AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374, International War Veterans Alliance, and Military Order of the Cootie. Through the 50 years of service to these incredible organizations, Jerry served in many leadership roles and was a proud member. Jerry will be dearly missed by his wife of 45 years, Delores; children: Gwyn Jacobson, Grafton, ND, Gary (Sandy) Johnson, Plover, WI, Ivan (Debbie) Johnson, Grand Forks, ND, and Kevin (April) Johnson, Grafton, ND; eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; siblings: Ellen Arnold, Paul Daley, Glenn (Vonnie) Daley, all of Grafton, ND, Steve Daley, Park River, ND, Nadine (Ronald) Dolan, Gilbert, AZ, Dennis Daley, Grafton, ND, and Elaine (Steve) Mattson, West Fargo, ND; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Richard and David Daley. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 10:30 AM at Zion Lutheran Church of rural Hoople, ND. Visitation was on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM at the Tollefson Funeral Home of Grafton, ND. Friends also visited the family at the church on Wednesday for one hour prior to the service. The interment was at Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Military Rites were provided by the Park River American Legion Post and the North Dakota National Guard Honor Guard.



**DENNIS HARVEY DARRINGTON** - Died Sunday, March 12, 2023 in Waubay, South Dakota at the age of 76, after a long battle with Parkinson/Lewy Body Dementia. Dennis was born in Watertown, South Dakota on March 22, 1946 to the late Harvey and Leola Darrington. He grew up south of Waubay on the family farm. In June of 1964, shortly after graduating from Waubay High School, he joined the United States Marine Corps. He became a rifleman with Sergeant rank, was stationed in Okinawa for four months and then Vietnam in 1965 to 1966 with Delta Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 9<sup>th</sup> Marines. Dennis was awarded the Bronze Star with a "V" for Valor for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance in action. Following the service, he completed his Bachelor's Degree at Northern State University and then a Master's Degree from the University of South Dakota. On August 1, 1971, he married Donna Shawgo, they were blessed with three amazing daughters and nine grandchildren. Working from the Pierre, SD federal building, his career as a Federal Probation Officer took him on travels through SD Reservations, most extensively Pine Ridge. Dennis had a passion for U.S. and Native American history. He enjoyed countless trades of collectibles, traveled to gun shows and sold antiques on Ebay and in two antique stores. He spent every fall pheasant and fowl hunting with friends and family, took trips elk hunting in Montana on occasion and enjoyed ice fishing near Akaska, SD. His daughters attended many of his adventures with him. Dennis invested in horses resulting in some of the best memories made with his daughters. He and Donna hosted numerous gatherings of friends and family over the years and enjoyed several family vacations. Dennis raised a large garden every year and later a pumpkin patch large enough to host kindergarten field trips with horseback rides. Dennis gave much to his communities as a volunteer. He was a governor-appointed Fort Sisseton State Park Commissioner, church council member in Pierre and Waubay, Addiction &

Prevention Board member, Toastmasters, Hughes Co. Sportsman Club, Day Co. Economic Development Board, Day Co. Museum of Wildlife, Science & Industry, helped with the annual American Legion Turkey Shoot event, and more. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. In recent years he lived in Hot Springs, Pierre and Sioux Falls. He enjoyed Rock Steady Boxing for Parkinson, watching Fox News, reading and visits with friends and family. Dennis was extremely proud of his daughters and good friends he came to know over the years. He is survived by his wife, Donna Darrington; daughters, Danae (Collin) Gregerson, Darah (Tyler) Melroe, Dalyn (Chris) Rhoades; and Daughter by choice, Cindy (Lynn) Rall; his nine grandchildren, Cole, Wyatt, Cooper and Chase Gregerson; Jacey and Jaxen Melroe; Drew, Kate and Maverick Rhoades; his brother, Jim (Jann) Darrington; nieces, Danya Darrington and Dulce Davis; as well as beloved cousins, great nephews and dear friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Harvey and Leola Darrington; father and mother-in-law, Don and Dorothy Shawgo; brother-in-law, Terry Shawgo; grandparents, aunts and uncles. Memorial Services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Fiksdal Funeral Service in Webster. Services were livestreamed on the Fiksdal Funeral Service Facebook page. Pastor Mike McCarlson officiated. A lunch was served following the service at the Waubay Community Center. Memorial Visitation was held from 5:30 - 7:00 PM on Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Fiksdal Funeral Service and was closed with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Condolences may be sent to Darah Melroe – PO Box 227 – Britton, SD 57430. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to SD Parkinson Foundation, 1000 North West Avenue, Suite #220, Sioux Falls, SD 57104; South Dakota Wildlife Federation, 415 South Pierre Street, Pierre, SD 57501, and The NRA Foundation, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, or online at [nrafoundation.org](http://nrafoundation.org).



**A. D. DAVIS, JR.** – (USAF, COL-Ret.) – Died recently in 2023 in Highland, California at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 23, 1936. He served in the United States Air Force and retired at the rank of Colonel. He worked at all levels of Transportation and served as the Deputy Commander for Resources, Clark AFB, Philippines 1982-1985. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.



**DAVID D. DEVOTIE** - Died Sunday, February 12, 2023 at Jefferson City Health and Rehab Center in Jefferson City, Tennessee at the age of 74 after a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Jefferson City. The cause of death is unknown. He was born Jefferson City on April 22, 1948 to the late G.W. and Ethel (née Devotie) and also predeceased by his brother, James, Charlie, Paul, Floyd, and Ed Devotie; sisters, Gladys Gass, Lula Bell Love, Dollie Gass, Ruth Ball, Rosie Devotie, Dorothy Cox, and Ruby Shropshire; and infant, Bertie Aileen Devotie. He is survived by his wife and caregiver of forty-nine years, Diane Devotie; daughter, Elaine Higdon;

special grandchildren, Cody and Carianna Higdon; great-granddaughter, Kadence Higdon; brother, Rev. Joe Devotie of Jefferson City; and numerous nieces and nephews. David attended the House of Prayer in Morristown before his health declined. He loved his family and loved to read his Bible. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He worked as a machinist and manager at Five Rivers Hydraulics in New Market for thirty years. The family would like to thank the VA in Morristown and Johnson City for their care the past sixteen years, Tennova Medical Center at Turkey Creek, and Jefferson City Health and Rehab. The family received friends from 5:00–7:00 PM on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Westside Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 7:00 PM with Reverends Eddie Gray and Joe Devotie co-officiating. Family and friends met at 3:00 PM on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Hamblen Memory Gardens for the graveside services. The arrangements were made by the Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown.



**RONALD EUGENE DILLON** (USAF, CMSgt.-Ret.) - Died Friday, February 3, 2023 in Lancaster, Ohio at the age of 75, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Ronald was born on August 13, 1947 to the late Virgil and Margaret Dillon. He retired at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, after serving 36 years in the 121<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter/Air Refueling Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard, stationed at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. He spent 6 years with an engineering firm inspecting Air National Guard Bases around the country. Ronald was a member of the Lancaster American Legion for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carroll Chapter #1045**. And he was a past member of the Carroll Lions Club. He was a Lifetime member of the Lancaster First United Methodist Church. He sang in the chancel choir for 50+ years, as well as the Lancaster men's chorus. Ronald was an avid bowler, inducted into the South Eastern Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. He spent many years golfing with family and friends. He loved the Ohio State Buckeyes. He loved to fish with his buddy and friend Dale. He was an oil painter of many oil canvas prints, and won ribbons at the Fairfield County Fair. Ronald also made several beautiful wooden decorations and furniture. Ronald leaves behind his wife of 52 years Emeline “Emmy” Dillion; sons Robert “Bob” (Karla), Christopher “Chris” (Laura); grandchildren Joseph, Joshua, Naomi, Hunter, and Samantha; great-grandson Rowan; brother Thomas (Tamara); and many nieces and nephews. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home, 405 North Columbus Street, Lancaster, OH, from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. The funeral service was held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 in the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home at 10:30 AM. Followed by the burial in Floral Hills Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial

donations may be made to Post #11 American Legion, First United Methodist Church, or the Pickering House/FairHope Hospice. To send an online condolence, and sign the guest book, please visit [www.funeralhome.com](http://www.funeralhome.com).



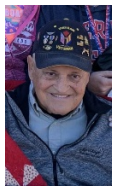
**MICHAEL THOMAS DiPUPPO, SR.** (USN, CPT-Ret.) - Died Sunday, February 5, 2023 in Downingtown, Pennsylvania at the age of 81. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 9, 1941. He was a proud veteran and retired Captain of the United States Navy. Michael was the loving husband of Patricia (née Magee) DiPuppo and together shared over 33 years of marriage, family, and life experiences. Michael was an active member of the Pennsylvania State University's Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Major Louis F. Guillermin Memorial (Phoenixville) Chapter #436** of Chester County. After serving in the Navy as a deep-sea diver, he was active in the U.S. Naval Reserves, and was the Commanding Officer of Mobile Diving Salvage Unit II DET 302, until retiring on October 1, 1991. Michael was a successful financial planner, and was the President of Devon Financial Group, Ltd., which he shared with his brothers Charles and Robert. He was a passionate Penn State, U.S. Naval Academy, and Philadelphia sports fan. He also enjoyed dancing and traveling the world with Patty, loved scuba diving, and found the most joy in being surrounded by his family and lifelong friends. In addition to his wife, Michael leaves behind his three children: Michael DiPuppo, Jr., Julia (Daniel) Pijawka, and Kathryn (J. Rory) Tucker; three grandchildren: Christopher & Ryan Pijawka and Riley Tucker; and his three brothers: Charles (Patricia) DiPuppo, James DiPuppo (William Stat), and Robert (Suzan) DiPuppo. Relatives and friends visited on Monday, February 13, 2023 from 9:45–10:30 AM at Saint Joseph Church, 332 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM. The interment was at Calvary Cemetery, West Conshohocken, PA. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #436 of Chester County ([VVA436@gmail.com](mailto:VVA436@gmail.com)) and the American Heart Association. The arrangements were made by the Alleva Funeral Home, Inc., Paoli, PA.

**JACK B. DODGE** – Died Wednesday, March 15, 2023 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on July 26, 1946. He served in the United States Navy in Vietnam during the TET Offensive 1967-1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**.

**ALLEN H. DUFF** – Died Friday, February 10, 2023 in Brockway, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 5, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



**JAMES E. DYSON, JR.** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Friday, January 6, 2023 in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Palmetto, Florida on December 20, 1930. James leaves to cherish his memories, his sisters: Joyce Dyson Hill and Esther Allen Lewis; brother-in-law: Edmund C. Hill; sister-in-law: Angie Dyson; his children: Ret. SFC D'Andrea S. Dyson (Kimberly G. Dyson), Ret. SFC Keith I. Dyson (Juanita R. Hudson), Ret. SSG La Sandra D. Dyson; his grandchildren: Nedra G. Dyson (HadadIsrael), Mycal D. Dickson (Sandy Dickson), SCPO Reginald L. Washington, Aundrea F. Dyson, Israel S. Dyson (Coretta S. Dyson), John W. Graham V., Jalin A. Graham, Jakim L. Graham, Jacob S. Dyson, Joshua D. Dyson, Tierra S. Wininger (Clay Wininger), Keith J. Dyson, Christopher A. Dyson; 31 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren; Special Uncle Albert Flower; Special cousins Dudley Sims (Mattie Sims), Andrew Sims, Eula Sims Strange (Bruce Strange); nephew, David B. Allen, and a host of other relatives and friends. He served in the United States Army from 1947 to 1978 retiring at the rank Sergeant Major (E-9). He did a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Montgomery Chapter #607**. A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the chapel of Ross-Clayton Funeral Home. The burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.



**RICHARD "Rich" EISENBERG** – Died Monday, March 7, 2022 at his home in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 79, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Rich was born on October 2, 1942 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Sam and Ida Eisenberg. He grew up in Brooklyn with an older brother, Mel and younger sister, Ellen. He entered the United States Army after high school and served in Vietnam with distinction. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106**. He joined the United States Postal Service after leaving the military. He remained in the Postal Service his entire working life and served many roles in that time. In August of 1965 Rich married the love of his life, Jean Caley. They were happily married for 56 years. They were blessed with two daughters, Robyn and Dayna. When his daughters were still young, Rich moved his family from New York to Colorado. Although he always carried a fondness for New York, Rich loved living in Colorado. Rich enjoyed many different sports throughout his life. He was an especially accomplished bowler with a perfect 300 game to his credit. He also was an avid golfer who sported an 8 handicap in his later years. He enjoyed spending time with many friends, but most loved time spent with his family. Rich is survived by his wife Jean and his beloved service dog, Peanut, his children, Robyn (Ken) Wisler and Dayna (Juan) Perez, his grandchildren, Alyssa (LeRoy) Wisler Montano, Jacob (Juliana) Wisler, Andrew Perez and Ryan Perez. He is also survived by his brother, Melvin (Barbara) Eisenberg and his sister, Ellen (Richard) Racioppi. Funeral services were held at the Fort Logan National

Cemetery on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. The family would like to express thanks for the wonderful help and care given by The Denver Hospice. In lieu of flowers, friends and family may make memorial contributions to either Special Olympics of Colorado or to the Denver Hospice. Special Olympics of Colorado: Rich's children and grandchildren are raising money for the Special Olympics of Colorado through this fundraising activity. He had hoped to participate in the polar plunge with them in April, if he was able. (Special Olympics of Colorado) <https://www.classy.org/team/406747>. The Denver Hospice: <https://thedenverhospice.org/>.

**JOHN P. FERKO, SR.** – Died Friday, February 3, 2023 at home in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania at the age of 97. The cause of death was heart disease. He was the husband of the late Mary R. (née Chenger) Ferko, of Phoenixville, PA. He was born on May 30, 1925 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Michael Ferko and Mary Theresa (née Hudak) Ferko. Mr. Ferko graduated from Phoenixville High School. He honorably and proudly served in the United States Army, 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, during World War II, having been stationed in France. For his service, Mr. Ferko received numerous commendations and medals, including the Bronze Star, the French Medal of Honor and a Purple Heart. Mr. Ferko began his career in charge of the mail room at the Valley Forge Army Hospital. He retired from the Phoenixville Post Office, where he started his work sorting in the back and ended up as a clerk at the front desk. Mr. Ferko was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Phoenixville, where he was active with the Holy Name Society and assisted with bingo. Most recently, Mr. Ferko was a faithful member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Spring City. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**. Mr. Ferko was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing in Tioga and Clinton counties for over 60 years. In the past, he was active in adult softball leagues in Phoenixville, and he enjoyed gardening. Throughout his life, he had many beagles that he loved, including his current dog Hunter. Mr. Ferko is survived by two children, Theresa (Ferko) Gebhard of East Coventry and John P., Jr., husband of Patrice A. Miller-Ferko of Brookhaven, PA; three grandchildren, Justin Gebhard, Jessica Tente, and Katharine Gebhard; and two great-grandchildren, Mabel Rose and Madeline Diane Tente. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Ann Ferko. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his Funeral Mass at Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 3640 Schuylkill Road, Spring City, PA on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Officiating was Reverend Father Charles O'Hara. The burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Phoenixville, PA. Friends were received from 9:45-10:45 AM in the Church on Friday morning. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #90, P.O. Box 2499, West Chester, PA 19380 or to the Purple Heart Foundation by visiting [www.purpleheartfoundation.org/donate](http://www.purpleheartfoundation.org/donate). The arrangements were handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).



**NEAL FREDERICK LENARD FIX** - Died Saturday, January 28, 2023 in Saint Charles, Missouri at the age of 81. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on January 18, 1942 to the late Elmer and Edna Fix. He was the beloved husband of



Marla Kay Fix; cherished son of the late Elmer and Edna Fix; devoted father of Deborah (Roy) Howard, Michael (Pattie) Fix, and the late Gregory Alan Fix; loving grandfather of Melissa (Adam) Averett, Amanda Fix, Brandon Fix, Megan Fix, and Benjamin Fix, and; treasured great-grandfather of Madison Averett, and James Averett. Neal proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Mid-Rivers (Saint Peters) Chapter #458** and St. John's U.C.C. Wolfrum Road Weldon Springs. Neal was very involved in his church and enjoyed his bible study group, fellowship with the retired firemen and the Vietnam Veterans members and enjoyed playing church league dart ball for many years. He also enjoyed repairing old clocks and spending time on his boat at Lake of the Ozarks. Neal loved to spend time with his family and going out to dinner with them. He especially loved spending time with his granddaughter and his great grandchildren and his fur babies. Neal was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Memorials may be made in Neal's name to Saint John's United Church of Christ Wolfrum Road Weldon Spring and Vietnam Veterans of America Mid-Rivers Chapter #458.



**LAWRENCE R. "Larry" FREDERICKS** - Died Sunday, February 26, 2023 at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, New Jersey at the age of 75, with loving family at his side. He was a resident of Wantage Township, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Franklin, New Jersey on December 6, 1947 to the late Waldo Fredericks and Jean (née Osterhoudt). Larry grew up in Oak Ridge, NJ, graduated from Jefferson Township High School and was a member of the Jefferson Township Fire Department. He has been a resident of Wantage Township for over 50 years. He was a heavy equipment operator for most of his life and enjoyed working for the companies which employed him. Larry retired in 2012 where he was working alongside his son-in-law and daughters' business at Current Elevator Technology and was a member of IUEC Local #84. He belonged to the American Legion Post #213. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**. He was drafted in 1968 and was a proud patriotic United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving there thirteen months and returned home in 1970. He was a member of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Combat Engineers, 326<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Larry was a proud recipient of the Bronze Star Medal among other military decorations. Larry loved spending time at his second home in Goodland, FL. He enjoyed camping at Secluded Acres in PA and gained many friendships along the way. He treasured any time spent with family. He will always be remembered for his infectious smile and laughter that he had through the final days spent with his loved ones. Predeceased by his parents and his sister Sandra Riker, Mr. Fredericks is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Cheryl Van Blarcom. Cherished Father of Tammy Bohlke and her husband Gregg, Laurie Fredericks, and Jesse Fredericks. Cherished grandfather of Daniel and Ashley Gilmore. Beloved step-grandfather of Ryan Bohlke and Kaitlyn Toma. In addition, he embraced many other close family ties that were a huge part of his life. The family received their friends at the Ferguson Funeral Home, 27 Third Street, Sussex, NJ on Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 1:00-5:00 PM. Funeral services was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. The interment was in the Clove Cemetery, Wantage, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations in Larry's memory

can be made to the Vietnam and all Veterans of Brevard Donate (paypal.com) or Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd The Moving Wall, PO Box 715, White Pine, MI 49971 which helps fund the costs for the traveling wall that Larry was so passionate about. For directions and online condolences please see [www.fergusonfuneralhomenj.com](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomenj.com).

**ROLAND PAUL FRENCH** – Died Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Cumberland Medical Center in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Crossville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 14, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**. He is survived by his wife, Gloria French; his sons, Brandon Paul French and Alexzander Paul French. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Cumberland Chapter #1015, PO Box 2624, Crossville, TN 38557.

**RICHARD E. FREY** – Died Wednesday, February 8, 2023 in Wapakoneta, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in January 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #1126**.



**WILLIAM EDWARD "Bill" GAUS** - Died Sunday evening, February 26, 2023 at Grady Memorial Hospital at the age of 77. He was a resident of Delaware, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 6, 1945 in Wheeling, West Virginia to the late Joseph Gaus and Ruth (née Taylor) Robinson. After graduating high school, Bill proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Bill spent the majority of his career working in logistics, spanning various roles and companies. After retiring, he worked as a security officer. He was beloved and respected by his coworkers. He attended First Presbyterian Church in Delaware. A spiritual man, he was involved with many fellowship groups throughout his life. When able, he loved hiking, the outdoors going to movies, as well as bird watching. He was known for being ornery and having a sense of humor. He loved animals, especially his feline and canine companions, Murphy and Smokey. Bill was extremely proud and honored to be an Honor Flight recipient in 2021. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware Chapter #1095**. Left to cherish his memory are his daughter Wendi (fiancé Rich Davenport) Gaus of Pickerington; son Douglass Gaus of Colorado; grandchildren Andrew, Cameron, Layla, Cayden, Scarlet, and Addison; brother Jim (Shirley) Gaus of Catula, GA; half-sister Ruthann (David) Hannigan of Vermont; numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Bill was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Paula Gaus, his wife Patricia "Patty", his brother Donald and his sisters Jackie Sebulsky and Joann Ackerman. Celebration of life services were held at a later date at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, OH. Contributions in Bill's memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. The Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center was honored to serve this veteran and his family. To

share a fond memory of Bill or to offer a condolence to his family, please visit [www.snyderfuneralhomes.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com).

**DAVID G. GERBER** – Died in January 2023 in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Monroe, Wisconsin on May 25, 1943. He served in the United States Army from February 9, 1963 to February 1964 and from March 1964 to February 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**.



**WILLIAM DENNIS “Dennis” GRAMER** - Died Monday, January 26, 2023 in Mount Morris, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis was born on October 21, 1944 in Flint, Michigan to the late Harry Edward and Roberta Jane (née Besson) Gramer. He attended Beecher High School before serving his country with the United States Navy. Dennis was a supporter, and advocate, for Veterans Programs and Animal Care and he was an avid sports fan who enjoyed golfing, traveling and his dog, Rea-Rea. He was a Board Member of McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park, *Life Member Chapter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Davison Chapter #175**, member of the American Legion in Grand Blanc and a lifetime member of the DAV - Genesee Chapter. Mr. Gramer was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Roberta Gramer; sisters, Sondra Horwath and Shelly Ryan; brothers-in-law, Gary Horwath and Larry Burdt; stepmom, Dorothy Gramer. Per his wishes, he has been cremated and a Celebration of Life Service was held at McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park at a future date to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Dennis to McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park (c/o FOMP, Local 598, 3293 Van Slyke Road, Flint, Michigan 48506 or Hope Floats (6500 North Seymour Road, Flushing, Michigan 48433). He is survived by his sister, Shari Burdt of Swartz Creek and brothers, Gary (Lori) Gramer of Holland and Richard (Carole) Meredith of CA. Brother-in-law, Mark Ryan of PA and many nieces, nephews and countless number of friends. Tributes may be shared on Mr. Gramer's obituary page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).

**GARY L. GRIFFITH** – Died in 2022 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 3, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**.



**RAYMOND C. “Ray” GRUDZINSKI** - Died Tuesday, February 7, 2023 in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan at the age of 78, after a short battle with blood cancer and coronary artery disease. Ray was born on December 6, 1944 in Hamtramck, Michigan and was a graduate of De LaSalle Collegiate High School in 1962. He is survived by his wife, Susanne Grudzinski (née Mizer); his

children, Laura Steinbach (Mark) and Beth Grudzinski; his grandchildren, Allison and Daniel, his brother Richard Grudzinski, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his elder brother Conrad Gordon. He married the love of his life in 1967 and was subsequently drafted in the United States Army and shipped off to Vietnam in 1968. He was a self-made man and in 2001 closed his business and began a 20-year career with US Customs and Border Patrol; a job he loved up to the day of his retirement in 2021. Raymond was a Vietnam Veteran and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He spent much of his free time volunteering for Chapter #154 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. In addition, he was a past member of the Lions Club of Detroit and helped with MCREST – a church based rotating homeless shelter where he and his brother veterans provided meals for families in crisis. He loved spending time with his family, tending to his garden, in the kitchen cooking Cajun and Asian inspired dishes, making pickles, tending to his tropical fish and watching auto racing and boxing. Visitation was on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 8:00 PM at the AH Peters (Grosse Pointe) and a Memorial Mass was held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at Saint Isaac Jogues Church, 21100 Madison Street, Saint Clair Shores, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society ([www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)) or the Gary Sinise Foundation ([www.garysinisefoundation.org](http://www.garysinisefoundation.org)).



**JERROLD L. “Jerry” HACKBART** - Died Friday, March 3, 2023 at Prairie Lakes Healthcare in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 73. He was a resident of Watertown. The cause of death is unknown. Jerry was born on February 24, 1950 in Watertown to the late William and Minnie Hackbart. Jerry attended Watertown schools and graduated in 1969. He attended Northern State College prior to enlisting in the United States Air Force. He was stationed overseas in Korea, and was honorably discharged from Travis Air Force Base, Fairchild, CA in 1976. Jerry was a patrolman for the Watertown Police Department from 1976-1981. He was owner of the Canteen Bar for over 25 years where he made many long lasting friendships. Prior to retiring, because of health he worked at Prairie Lakes Healthcare. Jerry was a member of Saint Martin Lutheran Church. He was a *Life Member* of the American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054** and VFW where he was Commander from 1989 – 1990. He was also a member of the American Racing Pigeon Union. Jerry’s greatest enjoyment was spending time with his grandchildren. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, bowler, and he raced pigeons. He was a fanatic Vikings and Twins fans. He loved playing, cards especially pinochle. He is survived by his daughter, Jodi Porath (Dave Flipse) of Watertown, SD; step children Eric (Linda) Adolphsen of Hazel, SD, Sandy Davidson, Lacey Shock and Brian Shock all of Pueblo, CO; his grandchildren Grant Porath, Watertown, SD, Ahlyia Adolphsen, Cape Coral, FL, Darron Adolphsen, Davin Adolphsen and Nicholas Adolphsen all of Hazel, SD, Jayla Davidson, Jaydon Davidson and Charlie Davidson, Patrick Shock, Daxton Shock, Jiles Shock all of Pueblo, CO; sister Shirley (Lloyd) Stemwedel of Watertown; and nephews and families Chris (Michelle) Jaci and Sami Stemwedel, Brandon, SD, Andy Stemwedel, Adam (Tina) Madi and Max Stemwedel, Marty (Shannon) Carter and Ty Stemwedel all of Watertown and his beloved and spoiled dog Cookie. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services were held at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the

Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Reverend Paul Kuckhahn officiated. The memorial service was live-streamed on their website. Visitation was held at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown with military graveside honors conducted by Codington County Post #17 of the American Legion, Watertown, Frank H. Adams Post #750 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Watertown, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1054, Watertown. The active urn bearers were Jerry's grandchildren, Ahlyia Adolphsen, Darron Adolphsen, Davin Adolphsen and Nicholas Adolphsen.



**MARY DENISE (née McCARTY) HADDON** – Died Tuesday, November 8, 2022 in Denver, Colorado at the age of 74, after a short but powerful battle with cancer. She was born on June 17, 1948 in Glenview, Illinois before moving to Denver to attend Loretto Heights College in 1966. There she met her husband, Timothy Haddon, a student at the Colorado School of Mines. After both graduated in 1970, Mary worked in Washington, DC as an administrative assistant before emigrating to Australia to marry Tim on February 26, 1971. What followed was an adventurous life as Mary spent her newlywed years in a mining camp in Western Australia before moving homes frequently between the USA and Australia in support of Tim's career advancement. She gave birth in 1973 to Michael (married to Christin) and in 1976 to Jennifer (married to Brennan). Mary and Tim travelled extensively, both for work and pleasure, eventually exploring all seven continents. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106**. Mary's proudest professional achievement came from her involvement with Rocky Mountain Honor Flight, a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring World War II veterans for their sacrifice and service. She joined as a volunteer in 2007, before being appointed President in 2008. For over 14 years she passionately campaigned to raise funds and awareness, devoting time and resources to organize 41 trips flying veterans to Washington, DC to see memorials in their honor, serving more than 1200 former service members. Her organizational skills in planning trips led to Rocky Mountain Honor Flight becoming a gold standard in the Honor Flight network, with her itinerary used to train other regional networks in how to create memorable experiences. For all her efforts Mary received numerous national and local service awards and recognitions, all of which she tried to downplay in order to refocus the spotlight on "her veterans". A devoted and supporting wife and mother, a loyal friend, a lifelong student of history, a fierce champion of honoring veterans, a philanthropist, and the immensely proud grandmother of Margaret, Timothy and Abigail, Mary was 74 years old. A Celebration of her life was held on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Horan and McConaty Family Chapel, 3101 South Wadsworth Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the charity of your choice.



**JAMES WILLIAM "Jim" HARRIS IV** – Died Wednesday, January 4, 2023 in Sevierville, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Crossville, Tennessee on January 10, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Jim was survived by his wife of 54 years, five grandchildren, and a great-grandson. He was remembered best for encouragement and support of everyone he met. He loved serving at food pantries, Lions Clubs, Golf Clubs, men's Bible groups, and the Churches he belonged to. The family plans a Celebration of Jim's life in the spring of 2023. It will be announced later. Everyone is welcome. Family and friends met at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM for a graveside service.



**JERRY LEE HARROLD, SR.** - Died Tuesday, February 14, 2023 in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 18, 1944 in Saginaw, Michigan. Mr. Harrold served three tours of duty in Vietnam with the United States Air Force; he retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was Deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus - Father Solanus Casey Council #3797. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Mr. Harrold is survived by his wife of 52 years Mary Ann; children Michele (Mark) Hall, Jerry Lee (Kelly) Harrold, Jr. and Leanne (Joe) Kook; grandchildren Blake Hall, Ava Hall, Marissa Harrold, Jaysen Harrold, Samantha Kook and Danielle Kook; siblings the late Marilyn (the late Don) Keel, Joyce (the late Bob) Brabaw, Janette (the late Roy) Johnson, Lavon (the late Bruce) Harrold and Sherryl (the late Paul) Dilloway; he is predeceased by two sons Jason and Jon. A visitation for Jerry was held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 from 3:00 to 8:00 PM at the Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson Avenue, Saint Clair Shores, MI. The Knights of Columbus led a recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM. Additional visitation occurred on Monday, February 20, 2023 from 10:00 to 10:30 AM at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 East 13 Mile Road, Saint Clair Shores, MI. A funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. Committal services occurred on Monday, February 20, 2023 from 12:15 to 12:45 PM at Resurrection Cemetery, 18201 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038. Memorials in Jerry's honor may be addressed to the Father Solanus Casey Knights of Columbus Council #3797. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.kaul-fh.com](http://www.kaul-fh.com) for the Harrold family.



**WALTER HAYES** - Died Friday, February 3, 2023 in Killen, Alabama at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Michigan on March 21, 1945 to the late Green



and Lena Hayes. He was also preceded in death by his sisters and brothers. Survivors are his wife, Pam Hayes; one sister and one brother. Walter was a United States Army Veteran having served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron (Michigan) Chapter #1083**. He was retired with New Haven Founder as a welder and was president and member of UAW local #429. Visitation was on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Williams Funeral Home of Florence, Alabama. The service was on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the funeral home chapel with Brother Robert Clark officiating. The burial was in the Shaw Cemetery.



**JAMES WILLIAM "Jim" HENDRICKSON** - Died Monday, March 13, 2023 in Altavista, Virginia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on June 15, 1948 in Norwich, New York to the late Julius Legrand Hendrickson and Mary (née Walton) Hendrickson. He was the husband of Connie (née Hall) Hendrickson. He was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church, and had formerly served as a Deacon and was a member of the Men's Group at Lynch Station Baptist Church. He selflessly served his country as a member of the United States Navy aboard the USS Sperry and USS Krishna during the Vietnam War; he was also a member of the VFW Post #4165 as well as being a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. During his working years, he was employed as a custodian for a local school system in New York and most recently as a cashier at Walmart in Altavista. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two brothers, Mike Hendrickson and Richard Hendrickson; his sister, Helen Anthony; his niece, Laurie; his best friend, Wilton Wood; as well as his beloved church family. Jim is preceded in death by a brother, Robert Hendrickson. A graveside service was conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia by Chaplain Will Strong, Jr., where military honors were rendered by American Legion Post #16. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Sunday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence. The family suggested that those wishing to make memorials to consider the American Legion Post #16, 1301 Greenview Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502 or Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



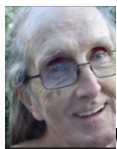
**JOHN SHUROS SILAS HERMOE** - Died Sunday, December 25, 2022 at home in Raymond, South Dakota at the age of 83, with his wife, Jolene (née Uecker) Hermoe at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 5, 1939 in Hendricks, Minnesota to the late John E. and Clara (née Shuros) Hermoe. He grew up on the family farm near Astoria, SD. He was baptized January 14, 1940 and confirmed June 14, 1953 in the Singaas Lutheran Church of Astoria. John attended school and graduated from Astoria High School on May 24, 1957. In July of 1963, he joined the United States Army where he attained several Marksman and

Sharpshooter awards. He served his country honorably until July of 1965. John was very proud of his military career and was a long-time member of the Raymond Legion Baker Post #209 where he has served in the past as the Commander and was currently the Adjutant General. On Memorial Day 2021, John received his 50-Year Membership Certificate from the Raymond Legion. He also was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. On May 4, 1968, he married Jolene Uecker at the Christ Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denver, CO. While there, he attended the National Electronics Institute where he received a degree in drafting in October of 1968. John and Jolene were blessed with two children, Michelle and Jeremy. The couple then moved to Raymond, SD during the terrible winter of 1968 to help at the Valley Edge Ranch while Jolene's father went to Pierre to serve in the SD Legislature. With John's love of horses and farming, they remained in Ash Township of rural Raymond. John also was a skilled wood worker creating many beautiful projects including flag cases for veterans. This is a craft that came down through the generations and he passed on to his son. John had been a long-time member of the Ash Township Board, was a long time 4-H leader, and was a faithful member of the Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church where he served on the Church Council. John was a true cowboy at heart and always loved to have horses on the farm. He and Jolene enjoyed doing everything together and really loved to travel, especially to rodeos. They attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas sixteen times, many Oklahoma Timed Events rodeos, and a trip to Calgary. On that trip to Calgary, they traveled with three other couples who have become lifelong friends. They have been on several cruises, side-by-side trips with family to the Black Hills, and a family trip to Hawaii for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. His greatest pride and joy was his family and time spent with them. Preceding John in death were his parents; sisters, Glorianne Andrews and Eloise (Gene) Rickard; parents-in-law, Wilmont "Bill" and Mavis Uecker; and sister-in-law, Collene Johannsen. He is survived by his wife of over 54 years, Jolene Hermoe of Raymond; his children, Michelle (Curt) Wuertzer of Parkston, SD and Jeremy (Jessica) Hermoe of Watertown; grandchildren Wyatt and Chantal Wuertzer and Gavin and Grady Hermoe; sister Velda (Daniel) Johnson of Watertown; and several nieces and nephews. For John and Jolene – "They had their first hello on December 31, 1967 and will say goodbye on December 31, 2022." A visitation was held on Friday, December 30, 2022 at the Furness Funeral Home in Clark, SD from 5:00-7:00 PM and one hour prior to the service. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Raymond, SD at 10:30 AM with Pastor Randy Bader officiating. \*John's Funeral service was live-streamed on the Furness Funeral Home Facebook page at the time of service.\* Funeral arrangements were handled by the Furness Funeral Home in Clark, SD where there was an on-line registry at [www.furnessfuneralhome.com](http://www.furnessfuneralhome.com).



**RAYMOND "Ray" HICE** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the Community Living Center at the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee at the age of 80, after a courageous battle with cancer. Ray was born on February 1, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late George Henry Hice and Alberta Hall-Costin. He graduated from Edmonson High School. Immediately upon graduating, Ray enlisted in the United States

Army where he served over 23 years, including two tours in Vietnam. He was the recipient of numerous honors and medals, retiring at the rank of Sergeant. Major (E-9). Following his retirement from the military, he went on to serve as V.P. of Retail Operations for two local petroleum companies in Morristown and Greeneville, TN, eventually leaving to start a chain of retail tobacco stores alongside his wife, Brenda. They operated 14 stores in East Tennessee and South Carolina. Upon his second retirement, Ray went into real estate where he was a Realtor with Sharits Realty and Carroll Real Estate in Rogersville, TN. All the while, Ray continued his service to fellow veterans serving 16 years with the American Legion Department of Tennessee in various roles, including Post Finance Officer, East TN Vice-Commander, and District #1 Commander. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Greeneville Chapter #1143*. Ray was a brilliant, reliable, compassionate, and generous man. He never stopped fighting for what he believed in and was very much a workhorse. Despite long days leading a successful company, when he came home at the end of the day, he was a fun-loving, dedicated husband, father, grandfather, friend, and legionnaire. He touched the lives of many through his businesses, travels, and most importantly, his relationships. Ray was preceded in death by his mother, Alberta Costin; father, George Henry Hice; brother, Eugene Hice; son, Ray Hice Jr.; and daughter, Christina Hice. Ray is survived by his loving wife, Brenda (née Tilson) Hice, with whom he shared 30 beautiful years; a daughter, Melissa (Mark) Collier, Rogersville, TN; two sons, Timothy Jones (Melissa Jennings), Berea, KY; and Larry C. Jones (Stephen M. Jaffe), Asheville, NC; brothers, Bill (Barbara) Costin, James (Cecilia) Costin; sisters, Margaret Bennett, and Joan Koethe, several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Ray held his grandson, Peyton, in a special light, and watching him grow into the incredible young man he is today brought him great joy. A military honors and committal service was conducted on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Mountain Home National Cemetery in Mountain Home, TN, 53 Memorial Avenue, Mountain Home, TN. The family thanked the doctors and staff of the oncology department at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, in addition to the staff of the Community Living Center. The kindness and care extended to Ray and his family will not soon be forgotten. Memorials in Ray's honor may be made to Voluntary Service at the VA Medical Center's Community Living Center, P.O. Box 4000 (135), Mountain Home, TN 37684.



**WILLIAM H. "Bill" HIGGINS** - Died peacefully Sunday May 24, 2020 at the Rutland Regional Medical Center at the age of 71, with his wife along him. He died following a long illness. He was a resident of Castleton, Vermont. He was born on March 25, 1949 in Rutland, Vermont to the late Henry O. and Helen (née O'Rourke) Higgins. Mr. Higgins grew up in West Rutland graduating from the West Rutland High School in 1969. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army serving with the 20<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1972. He married Beth Smith on May 17, 1986 in Castleton. Bill and Beth were soulmates and best friends. Mr. Higgins was employed at Metromail for 35 years until his retirement in 2007. Bill enjoyed riding his motorcycle, collecting giraffes, and being out in nature. He loved all of his furbabies through the years, especially his dog Marley. Bill was loved for his wit & sense of humor. He was active in veteran affairs, attending the Fair Haven POW/MIA

Thursday night vigil for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**, a member of Castleton American Legion Crippen-Fellows Post #50, also Harley Owners Group and a former active member of several motorcycle clubs. Survivors include his wife Beth of Castleton, a sister Betty Bosma of Williston, his mother-in-law Anna Smith of Castleton, father-in-law and his wife Milton and Dottie Smith of Middle Granville, NY, several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Friends visited the family on Sunday, May 31, 2020 from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM at the Durfee Funeral Home, 119 North Main Street, Fair Haven, Vermont. A Funeral Service was held at 2:00 PM at the Funeral Home. The burial with military honors was at the Mettawee Valley Cemetery, in Pawlet, VT. In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be made to the Rutland County Humane Society, 765 Stevens Road, Pittsford, VT 05763 or to the Fisher House Connecticut, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516.



**LES SEICHI IHARA, SR.** (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died peacefully Friday, February 3, 2023 at Castle Medical Center in Kailua, Hawaii at the age of 94, surrounded by family. He was a resident of Kaneohe, Hawaii. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hilo, Hawaii on July 11, 1928. Les was a Hilo High and University of Hawaii graduate. He served 30 years in the Army at the rank of Colonel (O-6), retiring in 1981, after an illustrious career in Hawaii, California, Germany, Vietnam, Kansas, Washington DC, and South Korea. After retirement, Les was a legislative aid, community service volunteer, golfer and tennis player, as well as a cruise and Vegas regular. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Honolulu Chapter #858**. Les is survived by six children, Les, Jr. (Catherine), Sherry (Clifford) Goya, Arlene (Walter) Thomas, Catherine (Steven) Kawamura, Percy (Laurie) and Daniel (Julie), fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. A celebration of life was held on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Valley of the Temples' Trousdale Chapel, with visitation starting at 11:00 AM with the funeral service at 11:30 AM and the inurnment at the Kaneohe Veteran's Cemetery at 2:00 PM. The arrangements were provided by the Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary.



**WILLIAM NEIL "Bill" ISETTS** - Died Tuesday morning, February 21, 2023 at ProMedica Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Kingsford, Michigan at the age of 82. He was a resident of Escanaba, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 28, 1941 in Mason Township, Michigan to the late LeRoy and Lilian (née Foster) Isetts. Bill was raised and attended school in Pinconning MI. Bill enlisted in the United States Navy in August of 1958 and served his country during the Vietnam War until he was honorably discharged in August of 1968. During this time, he served 13 months in Vietnam. Upon his return from Vietnam, he married his first wife, Jean Blumberg, and together they raised 4 children to adulthood over a 28-year marriage. They traveled coast to coast while he was still in the service. After Bill left the service, he gained employment with Michigan Bell for 6 years, worked in the woods for some

time, and later managed the U.P. Action News. During that time, he furthered his education and received an Associate Degree in Business Retailing. Bill later married his second wife, the former Linda Susan Hermes, on August 27, 1994 in Ford River and she preceded him in death on September 19, 2014. Together, the couple shared 20 years of marriage. Over the years he was actively involved in veteran affairs. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Escanaba Chapter #345**. Bill was employed as the director of Private Vet Center for 20 years. He worked with Pointman Ministries and dedicated his time to helping fellow veterans. In 2010, he was awarded Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. As a proud veteran, he was privileged to receive the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight to Washington, DC in September of 2017 on Mission XIII. Bill was also well-known as “Billie the Clown.” He and his wife, Linda, known as “Jingles the Clown” were active members of the Clowns Around the World, traveling with various mission teams entertaining children abroad. They also were very active locally as clowns for the U.P. State Fair, local churches, and businesses. Bill was an avid hunter and looked forward to spending time outdoors. He was a member of Wildlife Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Escanaba Chapter #345. Bill is survived by his brother, Jerry (Barb) Isetts; sister, Joyce Isetts; daughter Paula (Isetts) Derouin; sons, William S. Isetts Jr., Troy Isetts, and Steven (Vonceil) Isetts; stepdaughter, Heather Bunno; and many nieces and nephews as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, Bill was preceded in death by his eldest brother, Leroy Isetts. The Family would like to Thank Samantha Berube for her longtime in-home care of Bill. Her dedication to Bill even after he had moved to the care facility was greatly appreciated. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Grace Church in Gladstone. Military Honors were conducted at 12:45 PM on Saturday by the Rock American Legion Post #559. Funeral services celebrating the life of Bill followed with Pastor Tim Haugen officiating. A luncheon was served at the conclusion of the services in the church fellowship hall. The burial took place in the New Garden Cemetery.

**CURTIS LEWIS JAMES** – Died recently in 2023 in the Marion Correctional Institute in Marion, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 2, 1955. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marion Chapter #732**.



**JAMES AUGUSTUS “Gus” JONES III** - Died Saturday, February 11, 2023 in Macon, Georgia at the age of 74. The cause of death was colon cancer. Mr. Jones was born on September 26, 1948 in Cordele, Georgia to the late James Aubria Jones and Dora Mae (née Knight) Jones. He proudly served his country in the United States Army where he saw action in the Vietnam War and earned the Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Forsyth Chapter #946**, Moose Club, and American Legion. He loved to fish, play cards, and play Chicken Foot with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister, Faye Hood; step-father, Ray



E. Knight; step-mother, Geneva Jones; brother-in-laws, Curtis Thompson, Sr., and Ronnie Hood, Sr. Left to cherish his memory are his siblings, Ann Thompson, Randall Jones, Edward Stephens Jr. (Dianne), and Brenda Adams (Roger); daughter, Frances Baer (Dennis); four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of his life was held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Snow's at Macon Memorial Park with Pastor Lee Griffin officiating, please come dressed in your casual attire. The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service. Mr. Jones was laid to rest in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pine Pointe Hospice, 6261 Peake Road, Macon Georgia 31210.



**ROBERT F. "Bob" JONTA** - Died Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at the Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville, Indiana at the age of 81. He was a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. The cause of death was dementia, cerebral vascular disease and hypertension. Robert was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 17, 1941 to the late Frank G. Jonta and Ella Marie (née Pushner) Jonta. He attended Saint Anthony Grade School and was a lifelong member of Saint Anthony Parish. He attended Sacred Heart Central High School and pursued studies in mechanical drawing after graduating in 1959. In 1963 Bob enlisted in the United States Army. He underwent extensive training in helicopter maintenance and repair before being sent to Vietnam where he flew many combat missions as a crew chief/door gunner. Bob was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries he suffered when his ship was shot down during an operation in 1965. Bob also received nine awards of the Air Medal with "V" device (for valor), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1966. Bob used his natural acuity for precise lettering, penmanship, and measurement throughout his life in many woodworking and home-improvement projects. As a senior at Sacred Heart, he was recognized as having the best penmanship in his class. He had a reverence for tools and was meticulous in his work. Bob worked as an inspector at Link-Belt Company for several years after his military service. He also worked at RCA Records. His interests, besides woodcraft, included auto mechanics, driving his car, fishing, golf, and bowling. He learned to sail while visiting his brother Dave in California. On a return trip to California from Ensenada, Mexico, they sailed, along with two other crew members, through a violent squall, or "chubasco," that severely tested their skills on the ocean. Bob was a member of the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**, Holy Family Council #3682 of the Knights of Columbus, Wayne Post #64 American Legion, and VFW (life member). He is survived by his sister Carol Penn of Indianapolis, his brother Dave of El Segundo, CA and many cousins and friends. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Stevens Mortuary at 5520 West Tenth Street, Indianapolis. Viewing and visitation was held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> with a service at 1:00 PM officiated by Reverend Father John McCaslin. The burial was at Saint Joseph Cemetery with military honors. Sincere appreciation was extended to the caring staff at Prairie Lakes and to nurses Mona Euler of "My Healthcare Advocate" and Cindy Dripps of Care Hospice. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



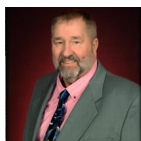


**JOHN EDWARD KELLY** - Died Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital - Montgomery, Blacksburg, Virginia at the age of 79, after a brief illness. He was a resident of Lewisburg, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Greenbrier County, West Virginia on November 1, 1943 to the late Cela L. Kelly and Imma V. (née Bryant) Kelly. After graduating high school, he joined the United States Army and proudly served tours in Germany and Vietnam. He was a decorated Army Veteran, receiving a Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Marksman, two Overseas Service Bars and a Bronze Service Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #1108**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Loretta F. Kelly. Survivors include his sons, Joe Kelly of New Gloucester ME and Christopher (Tina) Kelly of Dittelbrunn Germany, daughters, Denise Endres of Lewisburg WV and Stephanie (Oliver) Kelly of Werneck Germany; brothers, Calvin Kelly and Robert Sams, both of White Sulphur Springs WV and Jesse Sams Jr of Ronceverte WV, sisters, Elizabeth Feury of Lynchburg VA and Linda Napier of Leesville LA; grandchildren, Steffen Endres, Markus Endres, Linus Kelly, Achel Kelly, Kathleen Kelly, Zoe Kelly, Olivia Kelly and Talisha Franklin all of Germany and Lena Endres of Lewisburg WV. He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews who adored him but none more than Angie Napier of Crestview FL, Rhonda Napier of Gardner LA, and Tony Napier of Wichita Falls TX. The funeral service was held at 3:30 PM on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation was one hour prior to the service on Saturday. The burial was held at the Roach Cemetery, Lewisburg WV. Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net). The arrangements were made by the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg WV.



**ALEXANDER V. KHAN** - Died Thursday, February 9, 2023 in Gadsden, Alabama at the age of 74. He was born as James David Beaubé II., 2023. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 16, 1948 to the late James David Beaubé, Sr. and Helen Beaubé. David joined the United States Army at 17 years of age, and became a Green Beret. He volunteered and did three tours. He was also a proud Vietnam Veteran, and a highly dedicated war hero. He loved Jesus with his whole heart and was also a biblical scholar for over 60 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gadsden Chapter #637**. David was preceded in death by parents, James D. and Helen Beaubé; son, Aaron; grandparents; Rev. A.V. Beaubé and wife; and two sisters. David was survived by his wife, Darlene; sons, Daniel Khan and Billy Sims; daughters, Christina Beaubé Chau, Barbara Parks, and Angela Beaubé; nephews, Bryan Delaune; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; relatives and many friends. Chapel visitation was held at the Morgan Funeral Chapel on Sunday, February 19, 2023 from 1:00 PM until the time of service at 2:00 PM. Phil Williams and Randall Crofts were the co-officiants. The honorary pallbearers were Paul D. Parks, Randall Green, Bob Johnson, Bobby Kline, Charles Hodge, and Tommy Roebuck. Special thanks given to Phil and Charlene Williams, Dr.

Mohammed Kamran, Gentiva Hospice, Centerwell Home Health, and Morgan Funeral Chapel and Crematory.



**DONALD RAY KING, SR.** - Died Wednesday, January 25, 2023 in Strawberry Plains, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pinellas, Florida on April 8, 1947 to the late Roy and Evelyn King. He was a United States Vietnam Marine Veteran who served from June 24, 1965 to June 23, 1970. He was a member of New Market Baptist Church. Donald was also a *Life Member* of VFW, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**, Disabled American Veterans, and a member of American Legion. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Evelyn King; son, Chris King, sisters, Linda and Sandra King; brothers, Roy and Lloyd King. He is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 57 years, Mary King; children, Donald and Dawn King, Denise King; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Jerry, Richard, and David King; and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to New Market Baptist Church Building Fund. The funeral service was held at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 30, 2023 at New Market Baptist Church with Dr. J.W. Taylor officiating. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM prior to the service at the church. The family held a private inurnment at a later date. The arrangements were made by the Fielden Funeral Home in New Market.

**JON HARMON KOLB** – Died Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 78. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on July 2, 1944 in DeQueen, Arkansas to the late Joseph and Marguerite (née Gore) Kolb. He grew up in Idabel, Oklahoma, Douglas, Arizona and El Reno, Oklahoma. Right after high school graduation in El Reno, Oklahoma, he made a deathbed promise to his Dad to join the United States Navy. He served fourteen years on destroyers and achieved the rank of CWO2 (Chief Warrant Officer). His last destroyer was the USS Hopewell. He Naval training in electronics led to a very diverse and successful career path outside the Navy, ranging from NASA to Honeywell. During his tenure with Honeywell, he earned his Master of Arts in Business Administration from the University of California – Berkeley. Upon retirement, Jon and Chris moved to Ponca City from Phoenix, Arizona. John had always loved Goldens and when they lost their last one, Dr. Judy insisted they adopt Mardi Gras, a black and white cat. Jon and Chris has three children; several grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, and; several cousins. Jon married Traci in 2018 and would have celebrated five years on May 5, 2023. Jon proudly served and was a *Life Member* and *Treasurer* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. He was interred on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 12:30 PM at Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

**MICHAEL KOTLER** – Died Thursday, February 16, 2023 in Alpharetta, Georgia at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 29, 1944. He served in the United States Navy from September 28, 1967 to September 9, 1972 with a tour in

Vietnam from February 1968 to April 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**.



**ROBERT C. "Bob" LeBLANC** – Died Thursday, March 2, 2023 in Rochester, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fort Covington, New York on February 13, 1945. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Cheryl (née Fleury) LeBlanc; children, Jeff (Cissy) LeBlanc & Michael (Jenn) LeBlanc; grandchildren, better known as his pride & joy, Jacob LeBlanc, Caroline LeBlanc, Audrey LeBlanc. Nate LeBlanc, Noah LeBlanc; siblings, Cheron (Patrick) Pimpinella, Norman "Terry" (Joan) LeBlanc, Jac LeBlanc, Juanita (Denny) Chamberlain; several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Bob was a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20** and served in the United States Navy from 1963-1966. He retired from the Rochester CSD in 2001 after 33 years of service in the Administration/MIS. Bob's life story was shared during visitation at the funeral home, 1411 Vintage Lane, (Between 390 and Long Pond Road) on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 PM. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Saint Mark Church, 54 Kuhn Road In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613, or to Vietnam Veterans of America, PO Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612 in Bob's memory.



**RICHARD "Rich" LEE** - Died Wednesday, March 1, 2023 in Danville, Indiana at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 2, 1945 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late William F. Lee and Emma Jean (née Neligh) Lee. He is survived by his daughter Dawn (Lee) Mulkey and granddaughters Maya Martinez and Sophia Martinez. He is also survived by three cousins. Richard is preceded in death by his wife Mary (née Hoskins) Lee; mother Emma Jean Neligh; father William F. Lee; grandmother Grace Neligh and grandfather Allison Neligh. Richard was trained at ITT as an Electronics Engineer Technician. He retired in 2012 after 36 years of working at Dayton Appliance Parts (formerly Appliance Parts, Inc.). Richard served our country in the United States Army, Artillery, 2<sup>nd</sup> 32<sup>nd</sup>. He was a Corporal-E4. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. Richard served from October 28, 1965 to June 14, 1967 and was honorably discharged from his service on October 27, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. Richard had many interests and hobbies. He was an amateur astronomer and a train enthusiast also known as a Rail Fan. Richard loved fishing, Hot Rods and muscle cars. He owned a 1967 Chevy. Richard was a Rock & Roll and Country Music fan. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching documentaries about history, myths and legends. His friends and family remember Richard with

a couple of quotes. Vernon Johnson said "Your Dad was a great guy and we had a lot of great talks. He will be deeply missed." Gary Morgan said, "I'm so glad your Dad was a big part of my life. He taught me so much, not just the physical things such as working on TVs and pools, but his gentle way with people and his kindness to everyone." Services for Richard were on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Bell Mortuary and Crematory, Royster -Askin- Sandroock Chapel, 2310 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222 with visitation from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the mortuary. Officiating the service was Pastor Rick Adkins. Burial with Military Rites was in Washington Park East Cemetery. Online condolences can be left at [www.bellmortuary.com](http://www.bellmortuary.com).



**LARRY CHESTER LILLARD** – Died Saturday, February 18, 2023 in Phillipsburg, Missouri at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lebanon, Missouri on June 15, 1948 to the late Lawrence and Emogene (née Reagan) Lillard. Larry is survived by his wife, Tracy, of the home; daughter, Kimberly Rogers and her husband Kelson of Lebanon; his stepchildren, Clinton Pepper and his wife Paulette of Columbia and Rebecca Greenlee and her husband Jeremy of Lebanon; eight grandchildren; one sister, Carolyn Ward and her husband Jack of Phillipsburg; several nieces and nephews and many friends. Larry was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Imogene Bledsoe. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1014**. Funeral service for Larry was held on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Shadel's Colonial Chapel with burial in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, near Waynesville, Missouri. Visitation was at 10:00 AM prior to the service at 11:00 AM, also at Shadel's Colonial Chapel.



**DR. LESTER F. LINK III** - Died Tuesday, February 28, 2023 in Dover, Delaware at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 6, 1951 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to the late Lester F. Link, Jr. and Dorothy (née Hunsberger) Link. Dr. Link served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was the Department Chair of Computer Technologies/instructor at Delaware Technical Community College and a twenty-five year advisor for the PTK Honor Society on the Terry Campus, Past Commander of Delaware Veterans Post #2, Service Officer of American Legion Post #14 in Smyrna, Treasurer of American Legion Riders Chapter #14, *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Dover Chapter #850**, Rotarian with Dover Colonial Rotary Club, Member of the VFW and a Commissioner with Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, David Link of Fort Myers, FL. Dr. Link is survived by his wife, Janet Kisner Link of Dover, DE; his children, Adam Link of Dover, DE, Kim Johnson of Dover, DE, Crystal Akers (Joe) of Baltimore, MD, Chris Kisner of Smyrna, DE, and Marie Golden (Garrett) of Harrington, DE; his grandchildren, Ashley,

Luna, and Lawson; his great-grandchildren, Takaira and Rodney; his brother, Scott Link(Rae) of Zionsville, PA; his sister, Sandy Link-Depretis of Port Charlotte, FL and his beloved dog Rusty. Funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Torbert Funeral Chapel South, 1145 East Lebanon Road (Route 10), Dover. Friends came calling one hour prior. The interment was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear, Delaware. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested contributions be made to Delaware Veterans Post 2- PO Box 417, Dover DE 19903 or VVA Chapter #850- PO Box 1718, Dover, DE 19903.

**MICHAEL LIVINGSTON** – Died Friday, October 23, 2020 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan on September 3, 1949 to the late Duane and Margaret Livingston. He graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1968. Michael was a veteran of the United States Army. After the Army he worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation where he retired. After he retired he moved to Crossville. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**. He belonged to Charlotte Church of Christ for many years where he was baptized into Christ and most recently Linary Church of Christ in Crossville. He loved to do various types of art including music, woodworking, and visual artwork. He was very active in the pool league at the Fair Park Senior Center in Crossville and also participated in the monthly dances at Lake Tansi. Michael is survived by his wife of 51 years, Nancy Livingston; children, Jon Livingston and Wesley Livingston, both of Crossville; a sister, Diana Pearson of Eaton Rapids, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents. Michael was cremated with interment in Chattanooga National Cemetery with veteran honors on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.

**DONALD K. LLOYD** - Died Friday, September 16, 2022 in Mogadore, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 15, 1947 in Charleston, West Virginia to the late Shelvie and Georgia Lloyd. Donald was employed by Parker-Hanafin for 43 years. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the VFW #8587 in Mogadore, Purple Heart #699, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**, and Puptent #24. Donald is survived by a special friend, Louise Trivette; and brother, Gary Lloyd. Cremation has taken place, and a graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 9:45 AM at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, Ohio.

**JAMES ANTHONY LUCCHESI** – Died recently in 2023 in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 22, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Christine Frances Lucchese of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**.

**JOHN KEVIN MALCOLM** - Died Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the North Dakota Veterans Healthcare Medical Center at the age of 66, from complications of COVID-19. He was a resident of Mayville, North Dakota. He was born on July 3, 1954 in Gardena, California to the late Leonard and Margaret (née Ertsgard) Malcolm. The family moved to New York where he grew up. He graduated from Barker Central High School in 1973 and immediately joined the United States

Navy. He served his entire career with the Navy and retired in 1997. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #354**. He settled Mayville, ND where he was an avid motorcycle rider and loved his cats. Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Russell Bowes of Lockport, New York, one niece, one nephew, and several cousins in California. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Gary. There were no services planned the time of his death.



**LAWRENCE W. "Larry" MALONEY** - Died at 7:17 AM on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at Regency Care at the age of 78. He was a resident of Buffalo, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 17, 1944 on the family farm, five miles east of Ridgway, Illinois to the late Edward D. and Sallie (née Mecum) Maloney, the ninth of ten children. He graduated from Ridgway High School in 1962, then moved to Springfield, IL to further his education. Larry worked for the State of Illinois, was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He returned to Springfield and married Sandra Releford and she survives. Also surviving are one son, Sean Patrick Maloney of Buffalo; two sisters, Martha Sue (Joe) Lawler of Lebanon and Carolyn (Jack) Bailey of Springfield; twenty-nine nieces and nephews and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers; Paul (Rose) Maloney, William (Helen) Maloney, Timothy (Joanne) Maloney, and infant brother, John Maloney, as well as three sisters; Virginia (Jack) Heller, Patricia Maloney, and Rita (John) Soma and one niece, one nephew and a great niece. Larry had spent most of his life in Buffalo, IL. After his retirement from the Illinois State Police, Larry found the time to "tinker" with his antique tractors, mowers, and other farm equipment, Larry served as parliamentarian for the Illinois State Counsel of Vietnam Veterans of America. He was a member of American Legion Post #1922, VFW Post 10302, and Black Tiger Honor Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. He loved his family and especially loved the big family get-togethers. Visitation hours were from 4:00-6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the Staab Funeral Home – Springfield. The funeral service was held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield, with Reverend Kevin Mann officiating. The burial was at Camp Butler National Cemetery where military honors were conducted. Memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Protective League.

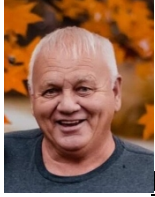
**EDWARD A. MARCZAK** - Died Thursday, January 19, 2023 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey at the age of 75. He was a resident of South Amboy, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey on April 5, 1947 to the late Adam and Agnes Marczak. He was employed by Modern High Lift for over 30 years and Arizona Beverage Company for over 10 years before retiring. A United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, he was recently honored for his dedication and selfless volunteerism. He was awarded Citizen-of-the-Year for 2019-2020 by the South Amboy Elks for outstanding voluntary service. He received the Joseph Barlow Memorial Lifetime achievement



award for dedication for all veterans. In 2022, he received the Brotherhood of the Year award from the Vietnam Veterans of America NJ State Council. In September of 2022, he received the Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award presented by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. A proud veteran, he was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**, VFW Post #4699, Sayreville, Benyei-Connors DAV Chapter #67, South Amboy, American Legion Post #65, Metuchen and the NRA. He was also a long-time member and served as President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #233, Metuchen for more than 16 years. He is survived by his former wife of more than 30 years Patricia Marczak; daughter and son-in-law Carol and Perry Dodge; son Thomas Kelley; granddaughter Dr. Renee Kalaf and husband Chris; granddaughter Christina Diaz; brother Raymond Marczak and wife Rose; brother Robert Marczak; sister Sharon Avale; nephews Forrest and Travis Avale. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM at The Gundrum Service “Home for Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by interment in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy. Visitation was on Tuesday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to “VVA #233 Scholarship Fund” and mailed to VVA Chapter #233, P.O. Box 10251, New Brunswick, NJ 08906.



**TOMMY WAYNE “Tom” MASSEY** – Died Thursday, January 12, 2023 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Tommy was born on August 9, 1948 in Webb City, Missouri to the late Mary (née Campbell) Massey and Paul Massey. Tom’s family moved to Sapulpa, OK in 1961. He graduated in 1966 from Sapulpa High School. After high school he went to Northeastern State in Tahlequah, OK before joining the United States Army. He remained in the Army receiving Honorable Discharge in September, 1971 with the rank of Specialist 5 after completing a one-year tour of duty of Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sapulpa Chapter #1132**. After returning back to Sapulpa Tom worked for Otasco traveling around the U.S. He retired from B G & S Manufacturing in 2015. Tommy (Pa Tom), was active in his grandkid's lives, from ball games, choir concerts, birthday parties and more. He loved to take his grandkids fishing and could always be relied on when called. Tommy enjoyed going to racing events and attending his local Legion post. He always looked forward to monthly dinners and breakfast with his Sapulpa classmates. He was a dedicated Veteran who loved his country. Tommy is preceded in death by his parents Mary and Paul Massey. He is survived by his sons David and Kathy Massey of Kellyville; Jason and Ashley Massey of Sapulpa; grandchildren, Taylor Massey, Hunter Massey, Stacie Massey, Destiny Massey, Logan Massey, Rylee Massey, Jacob Massey, Ryan Massey and Isabella Massey all local; sister Jeanie Pfannestiel of Sapulpa, OK. Along with niece Lori Harris and multiple great nieces and nephews. Services were held on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the Picket Prairie Baptist Church, 11330 West 181<sup>st</sup> Street South, Sapulpa, OK at 11:00 AM. In Lieu of flowers, the family is recommending donations to the Sons of American Legion Post #308 in Tulsa, OK. Arrangements are under the direction of Traditions Funeral and Cremation Services, 35 South Main, Kellyville, Oklahoma.



**LARRY EUGENE McCOMBS** - Died Thursday, March 9, 2023 at home in Wellsville, Ohio at the age of 74, surrounded by his loved ones. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 28, 1948 in East Liverpool, Ohio to the late Virginia (née Heaton) McCombs and Kenneth McCombs, Sr. In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death on August 10, 2011, by his wife, Victoria "Vickie" McCombs, whom he married November 19, 1977. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Michelle McCombs; and one brother, Kenneth "Kenny Mac" McCombs. Larry graduated from Wellsville High School in 1966, and he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – East Liverpool Chapter #1064**. He was previously employed as a carpenter for Local Union 171 in Youngstown before his retirement in 2003. Larry enjoyed playing golf and won many local tournaments, and he loved to ride his Harley. He looked forward to his coffee dates at Tim Horton's with his buddies, and he never missed the Friday night drum circle at Sarasota Beach when he was spending time in Florida. Above all else, Larry's favorite thing in the world was spending all the time he could with his two granddaughters. Survivors include one daughter, Jennifer (Greg) Polzak of Brooklyn, NY; one son, Jamison (Ashley) McCombs of East Liverpool; two sisters: Judy (Larry) Brewer of Wellsville and Bonnie (Patrick) Doyle of Allen, TX; and one brother, Donald (Paula) McCombs of Sarasota, FL. Also surviving are two granddaughters to whom Larry was "Beach Pappy": Harper Victoria McCombs and Lilith Victoria Polzak. Larry is also survived by his companion, Patty DeSarro DiCioccio, and his mother-in-law, Helen Cataldo. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at the Roberts Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Blakeley of the Wellsville First Christian Church officiating. The Tri-State Burial Group accorded full military honors at 1:50 PM. The burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery. Family and friends visited from 4:00-7:00 PM on Saturday at the Roberts Funeral Home, 631 Main Street in Wellsville, and one hour prior to the service on Sunday. The family asked that you leave your suit at home and wear red or a Rolling Stones shirt to honor Larry. In lieu of flowers, Larry wanted you to have a nice dinner out with your family and share stories about him.

**BUDDY W. McGUIRE** – Died recently in 2023 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 30, 1933. He was a veterans of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.



**DENNIS R. MILLER** – Died Thursday, November 10, 2022 in Belleville, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death was bladder and kidney cancer which had metastasized to his liver. He was born on November 17, 1947 to the late Russell and Ethel Miller. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

**America – Dearborn Heights Chapter #267.** He was the beloved husband of Dorene; dearest brother of Mark (Anne), Scott (Linda), the late Wendy Bardelli and Guy Miller. The funeral service for Dennis was held on Monday at 10:00 AM at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Visitation hours were on Sunday from 2:00-7:00 PM.



**KIM A. MILLER** - Died Monday, February 27, 2023 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Kim was born on January 18, 1946 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Roy and Gladys (née Mains) Miller. He graduated from East High School in Akron and then went on to receive his Associates Degree from Stark State. Kim served in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam, receiving the Vietnam Campaign Metal, Vietnam Service Metal, National Defense Service Metal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. After arriving home from Vietnam, Kim worked for BF Goodrich for 20 years. Kim then worked as a physical therapist assistant at several nursing homes. He is preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Lindsay Miller. Kim will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 45 years, Pamela, children, Christy Miller and Brian (Jennifer) Miller, grandchildren, Chloe, Sadie, Liam, and Charlotte, and cousin, Craig (Julie) Cornmesser. A graveside service was held on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 1:45 PM at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Marine Corps Toys for Tots or Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Kim's name.

**EDWIN L. MOODY** – Died recently in 2023 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 19, 1931. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #750**.



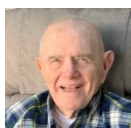
**JOHN PRESTON MORGAN** - Died Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at Trinity Health Muskegon Campus in Muskegon, Michigan at the age of 74. He was a resident of Muskegon. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 22, 1948 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Arnold and Hilda (née Weeks) Morgan and lived most of his life in the area. John earned his bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University. John worked as a social worker for the State of Michigan for 25 years. He later was a self-employed Real Estate Appraiser and retired in 2022 after 25 years. On June 16, 1978, he married Cheryl Rae Doolittle and she preceded him in death on December 4, 1997. Although John was not a veteran himself, he was very supportive of our

veterans and was instrumental and a *Life Member* in the **Associated of Vietnam Veterans of America – Muskegon Chapter #31**, especially getting the Vietnam Veteran's Center opened in Muskegon. John was also an avid collector of books. He was a classic car enthusiast and was proud of his 1968 Cutlass and 1968 Camaro. There were no public services scheduled. The arrangements were handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey Street, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Sign the online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).

**JACK C. MUTCHLER** – Died recently in 2023 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 29, 1933. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.

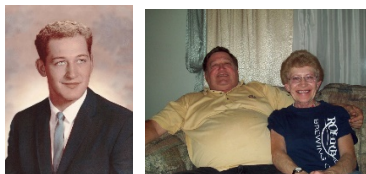


**JAMES D. "Jim" MYERS** - Died Sunday, January 22, 2023 in Salem, South Carolina at the age of 85. He was formerly of Seneca, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ohio on July 15, 1937. Jim was retired from the United States Air Force and then remained a resident in Charleston, SC, for many years. 20 years ago, Jim and his previously deceased wife of 30 years, Carol, made their home near Lake Keowee where they enjoyed making new friends and memories. Jim served 20 years in the Air Force and in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westminster Chapter #1017**. He was a fun and kind gentleman that enjoyed several careers after his retirement. In his later years he worked to achieve the status of a United States Professional Golf Association teaching professional. He enjoyed playing countless rounds of golf and even worked on several golf courses in the South. He also officiated numerous USGA tournaments and events around the country. The effects of his service were disabling to his body in mostly unseen ways. He gained many more years of life due to the generous donation of a kidney by a loving and generous friend. Earlier in life, Jim suffered the loss of a daughter and a stepson. He is survived by a daughter, a son, a stepdaughter and stepson, and many grandchildren. He is also survived by his companion over the past eight years, Joni, and her family. Jim's children lovingly fulfilled Jim's wishes for his remains to be buried at Fort Jackson National Cemetery in Columbia, SC, at a later date.



**FRANK NASAKAITIS** (USAF, SMSgt-Ret.) – Died Monday, February 2, 2023 in Horseheads, New York at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 6, 1929 to Lithuanian immigrants, the late Pranas Antanas Nasakaitis and Ona “Anna” (née Jankauskaite) Naskaitis. He was a family man, lover of life, engineer, entrepreneur, and world traveler was relieved of his worldly bonds and joined his loving parents, siblings, spouses, and so many friends that have gone before him. Frank grew up on the Southside of

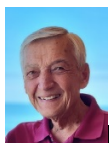
Chicago and joined the United States Naval Reserves while a senior in high school and was activated to duty on The USS Rochester at The Naval Yard in Philadelphia, PA. After his enlistment ended and a brief return to Chicago he returned to the military enlisting in the United States Air Force. On November 1, 1952, Frank married his first wife Marianna (née Spink) Nasakaitis in Clearwater Florida. Marianna predeceased him on March 27, 1987. Frank married his second wife, Geraldine (née Narsh) Said Nasakaitis in Horseheads, New York on October 9, 1988. Geri predeceased him on November 24, 2014. Frank was also predeceased by his infant sons, Mark and Joseph and his daughter-in-law, Rosemary Nasakaitis on March 9, 2020 as well as three brothers and a sister, Stanley Nasakaitis, Walter Nasakaitis, John Peter Nasakaitis, and Ann Nasakaitis Butler. Frank is a veteran of the Vietnam War serving his country in the US Air Force for 23 years and achieving the rank of Senior Master Sergeant while earning his degree in electrical engineering. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. After retirement from military service in 1974, Frank and Marianna moved to Horseheads, Marianna's hometown where he was introduced to his second wife Geraldine. Frank also worked for Corning, Inc. as a Senior Electrical Engineer. Frank operated his security Company for many years after retirement. He was a communicant at Saint Mary Church in Horseheads, NY. He was a long time member, treasurer and "Blood from a Stone" award recipient of the Horseheads Kiwanis Club. Frank is survived by his children: Frank W. (Judith) Nasakaitis of Elmira Heights, NY, Patricia (Jon) Breux of Elmira, NY, James (Emilia) Nasakaitis of Herndon, VA, Mary (Paul) Yoder of Horseheads, NY, John (Dawn) Nasakaitis of Horseheads, NY, Nancy (Chris) Zizzi of Yorktown, VA, Jill (Les) Lewis of Greenville, SC, Gwen (Ron) Moshier of Catlin, NY; eighteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends and caregivers. Relatives and friends were invited to call at the Lynch Funeral Home, 318 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY on Friday, February 24, 2023 from of 1:00 to 3:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Frank's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Mary Our Mother Church, 816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Frank was laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery in Horseheads, NY. Words of Condolence and Memories may be shared at [www.lynchfuneralhome.com](http://www.lynchfuneralhome.com) In Lieu of Flowers his family has requested that Memorial Contributions be made in Frank's Memory to the Kiwanis Club of Horseheads, P.O. Box 239, Horseheads, NY.



**DONALD W. "Don" NEALON** – Died Wednesday, March 1, 2023 in Hilton, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 22, 1946 in Rochester, New York to the late Francis and Arline Nealon. He was also predeceased by his loving wife of over 52 years, Sue Nealon; his grandson, Jacob Aeckerle; and his brothers-in-law, Joseph and Daniel Sisson. He is survived by his children, Jennifer (Don) Kohler, Kristine (Jack Thrasher) Nealon, and Michael Nealon; his grandson, Hunter Kohler; his siblings, Jim (Mary) Nealon, Paul (Claudia) Nealon, Kathy (Jerry) Neu, Bob (Cathy) Nealon, Therese (Kevin) Bishop, Beth (Lou) Mink, and John (Judy) Nealon; his brother-in-law, Steven (Marj) Sisson; his sisters-in-law, Theresa (Mike) Van Strien, Kathleen Sisson, and Laurie (Deb Picciano) Sisson; and several nieces, nephews, and relatives of the Nealon-Foos-Laniak-Vay-Burke-Sisson families. Don



attended Saint John the Evangelist grammar school and graduated from Greece Olympia High School, where he played both baseball and football. Don was a Veteran of the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20*. Upon Don's return home, he married the love of his life, Sue Nealon, and they later had three children together. He earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Empire State College, while working full-time for Eastman Kodak Company. Don worked as a Project Manager for Eastman Kodak Company and retired after 35 years. Don was a devoted family man, beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He enjoyed attending the sporting and scholastic events of his children and grandchildren. In his leisure, he also enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, golfing, and playing guitar. He loved vacationing in both Florida and the Adirondacks with Sue and his family. Don was a devout Catholic, who regularly attended weekly services. Don was a natural born leader, with a work ethic second to none. He readily shared wisdom, advice, and words of encouragement to those he loved. He was an inspiration, role model, and hero to many. He will be deeply missed. Family and friends were invited to call on Sunday, March 12, 2023 from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, 735 East Avenue, Hilton. Don's Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM at Saint Lawrence Church, 1000 North Greece Road, Rochester, NY, followed by a private interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Hamlin VFW, 1739 Lake Rd, Hamlin, NY 14464 in Don's memory. To donate online, click on the charity name. Donations are greatly appreciated.



**DONALD LEE "Don" NIEMIEC** – Died Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in Westland, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus-Type II, Lung Cancer and Neck Cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 19, 1946 to the late Albert and Bernice (née Majka) Niemiec. Donald was the beloved husband of Fran for 50 years. He was the loving father of Karen (David) Knight, Jeanine (Ryan) Lithgow, the late Steven Niemiec, and Timothy (Melissa) Niemiec. He was the cherished grandfather (DziaDzie) of Samantha, Brandon, Hali, Andrew, Nathan, Rebecca, Josie, and Alexander. Donald was the dear brother of Thomas (Christina) Niemiec, Dennis (Carol) Niemiec, Therese (Anthony) Simor, Paulette Niemiec, and Rosanne (Scott) Adams. He was the proud uncle of numerous nieces and nephews. Donald also leaves behind several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Don was a proud graduate of University of Michigan in 1968. He continued his support of the University of Michigan by watching U of M football games on television. In addition to football, he had a love for baseball. It began when he played baseball for his high school team. He then played softball for Saint Suzanne's Church league as well as his company team at Lambrecht. When his playing days were over, he continued his hobby by watching the Detroit Tigers and his grandkids play ball. Don enjoyed playing golf, especially with his siblings. In his lifetime of golf, his biggest accomplishment was on two occasions getting a Hole-in-One! Don served his country as an Officer in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970. He then became a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Westland Chapter #387* and Polish Legion American Veterans Post #4 and



Post #16. Don was a very active member of Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church. He was a longtime Usher and a member of the Men's Club. He was known for making the best coffee at the monthly pancake breakfast. He served as President and Vice President of his Condominium Association and loved helping around the neighborhood. His favorite pastime was spending time with his family. Don enjoyed cruising and vacationing with his wife of 50 years. He also loved vacations with his kids and grandkids. Don planned his schedule to include watching his grandkids in their extracurricular activities of sports, choir, orchestra and drama. Don had a love for sweets. He would always suggest a trip to an ice cream shop. He loved chocolate milkshakes from Bates with his burger. Jars of chocolate covered raisins or almonds were a staple in his house. There were always chocolates in his pockets when the grandkids asked. Don loved celebrating birthdays and holidays with his extended family. He enjoyed Black Jack at the Casino, nightly Rummy games with Fran and Family Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments. Don was a man who was known and loved by many. He was humble and would not want any spotlight for his generosity. Any person who met Don loved him! The family received visitors at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road (at Joy Road), on Friday, January 6, 2023 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM, with a PLAV Post #16 ceremony at 6:00 PM, and a Rosary at 7:00 PM. Don was laid-in-state at Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church, 8200 North Wayne Road (North of Warren), on Saturday, January 7, 2023 from 10:30 AM until the time of Mass at 11:00 AM. Memorial Donations would be appreciated to Vietnam Veterans at <https://vva.org/donate/> or to SIDS at <https://www.sids.org/ways-to-help/donate/>.



**MICHAEL PATRICK "Deacon Mike" O'KEEFE** – Died Saturday, February 11, 2023 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 23, 1947. "Deacon Mike" was the loving husband to Roseann for 36 years and the beloved Dad to Brian (Gina), Keri (Brad) Urquhart, and Michael (Stephanie). He was the cherished "papa" to Gabby, Genna, Adrianne, Libby, Olivia, Abby, and Molly, as well as the Dearest Brother to Mary, Diane, Kathy, Patrick, Peter, Gary, and late Dennis. Michael was also Dear Uncle to a flotilla of nieces and nephews. Michael was a United States Army Veteran as well as a proud Catholic Deacon for over 20 years. After receiving his MA in Religious Studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary he served as a Hospital Chaplain and, most recently, as the Christian Service Coordinator at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Saint Clair Shores. A retired Senior Manager at Trott & Trott, Michael had fruitful careers with the Boy Scouts of America as well as the US Veterans Administration. He was also a freelance writer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Michael was a kind man who, particularly during his years with Roseann, was a larger-than-life presence in any room who loved having a good time while ensuring that everyone else was doing the same. He will be missed. The Funeral Mass celebrated at 10:00 AM and instate at 9:30 am at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Memorial contributions to McWarm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church; or to charity of choice.



**JOHN RICHARD ORR** – Died Monday, February 27, 2023 in Clint, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. John was born in Fabens, Texas on October 7, 1947 to the late Gerry and James (Dick) Orr. He grew up in the Lower Valley with an older and younger sister. He graduated from Fabens High School and then attended Kemper Military School in Boonville, Missouri. John also attended UTEP before joining the United States Marine Corps on February 3, 1969. John served in Vietnam as a scout sniper between September 1969 and September 1970 ending his military career as a Sergeant with an honorable discharge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. Besides working on the farm, John spent most of his life working with cattle as a cattle truck driver/feed lot manager. John enjoyed playing golf, attending the yearly USMC Scout Sniper Assn. reunion, attending the annual Cow Hauler reunions, and being with family and friends. John was gifted at telling stories that brought laughter to his audiences. He was privileged to be selected to take the 2019 Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El Paso Texas to Washington DC in May of 2019. is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Charles David (Orr), and his grandchildren Emma May, John William, James Benjamin, and Ava Nicole (Orr). A viewing was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 from 4:00–8:00 PM at Hillcrest Funeral Home, 1060 North Carolina Drive, El Paso, Texas. The Celebration of Life was at 6:00 PM at which time family and friends were welcome to share their favorite story/memory of John. The Interment was at Fort Bliss National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El Paso Texas. <https://www.honorflightnm.org/donate>.



**RONALD ALLEN “Ron” PARKES** – Died Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada at the age of 79. The cause of death was Parkinson’s Disease. Ron was born on January 8, 1943 in East Kildonan, Manitoba, Canada, eldest of seven. He grew up and attended school in East Kildonan. From 1960 to 1962, Ron served in the Canadian Forces Reserves, Fort Garry Horse, 10<sup>th</sup> Armour Regiment. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1962 and served in Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he trained as a paratrooper with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. In the summer of 1965, he volunteered for a tour of duty in Vietnam, serving in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Screaming Eagles on a 105mm howitzer gun crew, B-Battery, 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 320<sup>th</sup> Artillery. Ron was honourably discharged and resumed his civilian career. He worked as a longshoreman in northern British Columbia, and an iron worker throughout Western Canada, before his 20-year career as a Correctional Officer for the Province of Manitoba. After retirement, Ron was diagnosed with Parkinson’s, but that didn’t stop him from getting a part time job as a security officer at the Centennial Concert Hall, which he enjoyed for many years. Ron was a motorcycle enthusiast and in his continuing quest for adventure was a member of the Spartans Motorcycle

Club in its formative years. Ron and Connie enjoyed many years touring Canada and the US with the group. In 1974 Ron was involved in a serious motorcycle accident, and his riding days were over. Ron co-founded and was the current President of the Canadian Vietnam Veterans Association, successfully advocating for benefits for Canadian Vietnam Veterans. Ron was also a proud member of the Prince Edward Legion Branch #81. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville (North Dakota) Chapter #374**. In 1993, Ron and Connie purchased a home in Lancaster, MN where they and their family spent many happy summers, and were actively involved in the community. Especially memorable was the annual Labor Day Weekend gathering of Canadian and American Vietnam veterans and their families that Ron and Connie hosted in Lancaster. Ron is survived by his loving wife, Connie; and children Greg, Jeff (Janice), Penney and Kelly; grandchildren Jordan, Joshua (Angie), Jessica, Joel, Kodey, Tyler and Sara; great-grandchildren Parker, Willow, Clover, Gavin and Taryn; his siblings Wes (Pat), Bill (Suzie), Mary Lynne (Tom), Brian (Bonnie), Sandra (Darrell); sister-in-law, Kathy, and numerous nieces and nephews. Ron was predeceased by his father Clifford, mother Iris, brother Barry, brother-in-law, Tom and son-in-law, Grant. A celebration of Ron's life was held on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Klassen Funeral Home, 1897 Henderson Highway in Winnipeg. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Vietnam Veterans Association, c/o Rob Purvis, 813 Nottingham Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2K 2C9.



**RONDAL EUGENE PASS** - Died Monday, March 21, 2022 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 28, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, KorDair and Jacqueline Pass, Sr. and Christopher and Carolyn Pass; his grandchildren, KorDair, Jr., Jacob, C.J., and Cate; two brothers, Rock Pass and Lonnie Pass, and; his sister, Judy Pass. The funeral service was held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Bilbrey Funeral Home. The burial was in the Crossville City Cemetery. The family received friends on Friday, April 1, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Bilbrey Funeral Home.

**EDWARD G. PASSAMA** – Died Thursday, November 3, 2022 in Huachuca City, Arizona at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in San Francisco, California on April 16, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista Chapter #1093**.



**DONALD LYNN "Don" PATTERSON** – Died Monday, November 7, 2022 in Morganton, North Carolina at the age of 78, after a period of declining health. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Smithfield, North Carolina to the late Lynn Clifford Patterson and

Beulah (née Small) Patterson of Hiddenite. Don was a long-time resident of Morganton and his larger-than-life personality was well known and beloved in the community. Don began his early career as a soldier then MP in the United States Army serving in Vietnam, to be followed by a career in law enforcement. Don retired as a sergeant with the North Carolina Highway Patrol after 30 years of service. For most of his career and post retirement years, Don was active in a variety of organizations supporting law enforcement and veteran affairs (DAV, VFW, SEANC) as well as an active member of the Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morganton Chapter #1116**. Don loved spending time in the NC mountains and on the coast, he was a collector of many things and could teach a master class in delivering the punchline to a joke. Don was a great friend to so many and he enjoyed his many active roles in the community over the years and beamed with pride when he spoke of his favorite role as father and granddaddy to his girls. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Alva Jean Patterson; daughters Julie Patterson Broombaugh and husband Andrew of Concord and Leslie Patterson Mull & husband Travis of Morganton as well as his three beloved granddaughters Clementine Broombaugh, Evelyn Broombaugh and Kaiden Mull. Additionally, he is survived by sister Helen Jones and husband Ron of Florida; sister-in-law Connie Patterson of Hiddenite and many numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his brother Frank Patterson of Hiddenite. The family received friends from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022 at the Sossoman Funeral Home. The graveside service was at 2:30 PM at Burke Memorial Park with Reverend Ed Stephenson officiating. Honors were provided by the North Carolina National Guard, Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard, NC Highway Patrol, and Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). The Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center assisted the family with the arrangements.



**THOMAS ALAN "Tom" PERRY** – Died Monday, February 13, 2023 in Santa Barbara, California at the age of 73. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease and renal failure. He was born in Santa Rosa, California on June 26, 1949 to the late Ralph and Rosemary "Romie" Perry. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. Tom received his BA from Sonoma State University and worked his entire career at Pacific Gas & Electric. In 1971, he married his soulmate and partner in life, Mary, and together they raised two daughters, Erin and Ali, who were his pride and joy. He served in the United States Marine Corps from October 1967 to October 1969 with a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. Tom was a kind and caring man, always with a smile on his face and a quick laugh. He was an avid tennis player, the family jokester, and loved nothing more than cracking a cold beer and blasting classic rock after a day working in his yard. He lived for visiting with his kids and grandkids, taking family trips and long drives on the coast. Tom is survived by his sister, Linda Crise, his daughters, Erin Thoensen and Alison Bauerlein, and their son-in-laws, Bryan Thoensen and David Bauerlein, and four grandchildren, Mia Thoensen, Connor Thoensen, Dillon Thoensen, and Brianna Bauerlein, along with many other close friends and

family members. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Tom was predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Romie Perry, wife Mary Perry, and brother Ron Perry. A celebration of his life was held in Santa Rosa, California at a future date. All family and friends are welcome to come together to remember his life and share memories. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or your favorite charity.



**MICHAEL GENE PINTAR** – Drive Friday, October 7, 2022 in Woodhaven, Michigan at the age of 77. He was formerly of Trenton, Michigan. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 2, 1945 to the Victor and Gertrude Pintar. He was the beloved husband of Pamela Pintar; loving father of Jennifer (Denny) Villemure and Michael (Jillian) Pintar; dearest grandfather to Cassia, and dog grandpa to Frank, Rocky, and Bentley. He is survived by his brother Victor Pintar. He is preceded in death by his parents Victor and Gertrude Pintar, brother James Fudoli, and sister Judy Schultz. He served in the United States Marine Corps from December 31, 1964 to September 20, 1968. Michael was a part of the VFW, UAW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Heights Chapter #267**, and Teamsters. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Local VFW in Trenton. Visitation was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. The funeral services were held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment was held at the Michigan Memorial Park



**RAYMOND A. "Ray" PRYOR** - Died Friday, February 24, 2023 in Chillicothe, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Chillicothe on December 26, 1954 to the late Raymond E. and N. Imogene (née Tyo) Pryor. Ray married the love of his life, Jennifer Parsons, on September 13, 1975, who survives. He is also survived by their daughter, Leslie Smith and son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Kaylyn Pryor. Ray especially loved watching his 6 grandchildren grow and learn from auctions and sporting events to restoring tractors and farming. Grandchildren include Gavin, Braiden, Madelyn and Clayton Smith, Graeme and Annika Pryor. Ray is also survived by a sister, Dorothy Stewart, sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Earl Palmer, and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Karen and Tim Hall, uncle Bill (Bev) Tyo, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Special friends Jim and Anne Campbell also survive. Ray was preceded in death by a twin brother Richard E. Pryor, two sisters, Betty (Tony) Griggs, Kathy (Darrell) Atwood, father and mother-in-law Alvin G and Madelyn Parsons, and brothers-in-law, Greg Parsons, Benny Parsons, and Larry Stewart; special friends Dennis Simpson

and Bill Kuhner. Ray never knew a stranger and never met someone he wouldn't help. He joined the United States Navy upon graduating from Huntington High School in 1973. A true American patriot, he served on the USS Chicago, home ported in San Diego, California. Upon completing his military service, Ray went to work for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services as a Veteran's Representative until his "retirement" in 2004. Ray worked tirelessly to help local veterans in need throughout his life. He was a co-founder of South-Central Homeless Veterans, Veteran's in Transition, and Ross County Veteran's Council. He was a member of AMVETS, DAV, American Legion, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chillicothe Chapter #810*, VFW, Ross County Veterans Council, VITI, and 40and8. Ray's service reached the state house as the State Representative of the 85<sup>th</sup> District of the 128<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly. Ray was a member of Bethel Chapel. He actively testified that he loved his life and had all he could ever dream. He lived life to the fullest and loved his family deeply. The family would like to thank all of those who have called, stopped by or sent a message, the Huntington Township Fire Dept. and Adena ER for their quick response and care. Throughout Ray's 68 years, he touched more lives than most could dream. The world lost a servant when the Lord called him home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the 40et8 Voiture #43 to assist with nurses training (100 Harvestwood Drive, Chillicothe), where Raymond often helped with the Fish Stand in Yoctangee Park or Veterans in Transitions (17273 State Route 104, Chillicothe), where Raymond was a founder to assist veterans in need. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 in the Ware Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Thompson officiating. The burial was in the Floral Hills Memory Gardens where military graveside rites were conducted by the Ross County Veterans Guard. Friends visited the family at the Ware Funeral Home from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday. You may sign his online register at [www.warefh.com](http://www.warefh.com).



**RICKY E. RAPERT** – Died Saturday, January 28, 2023 in Farmington, Missouri at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1948. He was the loving father of Deana (Jason) Reimann and Jason (Kristen) Rapert; cherished grandfather of Brooke Reimann, Aidan Reimann and Westley Rapert; dearest brother of Gloria Jean (late Bob) Stoddard, Roxanne (Bruce) Anderson and Keith (Dottie) Rapert; our dear brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend to many. Ricky proudly served his country in the United States Navy and served the Saint Louis community as a police officer with the Jennings Police Department. He is gone...but never forgotten. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458*. The funeral was held at the Kutis South Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM. The interment was at the J.B. National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Missouri National Veterans Memorial, 1172 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Perryville, MO 63775 <https://mnvmfund.org/>. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM.





**ROBERT TRENT RUSSELL** – Died Wednesday, February 1, 2023 in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. Russell was born on December 1941 in Morristown. He attended Morristown-Hamblen East High School, where he met Georganna Slabbekorn; the two wed in May 1961. Russell served in the United States Air Force from 1963-1967, receiving Vietnam Service Medals in 1966 and 1967. Upon returning to the states, Russell attended the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where he earned BS and MS degrees. In 1970, he became one of the original faculty members of Walters State Community College, achieving the rank of Associate Professor while teaching courses in construction, manufacturing, engineering and architectural drawing and CAD. He retired in 1999, establishing a Walters State Foundation Endowment to assist future technology students through awarded scholarships. Russell's post-retirement work included both professional and charitable activities. He assisted the Veterans Administration part-time for 20 years in Special Adaptive Housing design processes providing handicapped accessibility in Veterans' homes. As an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Morristown Chapter #1073**, he developed and brought to fruition several programs including the "Duffel Bag Program" for homeless veterans and providing new US flags for classrooms in our region. He was also a life member of VFW #5266 and DAV. Russell was a founding member of the Hamblen County Car Club, serving as Vice President and President for several years. Growing up in the 50's, cars and "Hot Rods" were a major part of youngest men's lives. Working on and building cars from the 40's and 50's was a fantastic hobby and pastime, and something he took up again during his retirement. Russell owned and enjoyed a number of those fantastic autos, joking that more people knew his cars than knew him. Russell is survived by his wife, Georganna; his son Andrew, daughter-in-law Andrea and granddaughter Elise Russell; son Rob Russell and grandchildren Kieran, Lucinda, and Declan Russell-Berry; and his dog, Dylan. There will be no service because, according to Russell, "It's too late for prayers. I think I'm OK as is." In lieu of flowers, donations should be made in Russell's name to the Robert and Georganna Russell Endowment care of the WSCC Foundation, the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #1073, or the VFW Honor Guard Ceremony fund. Allen Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

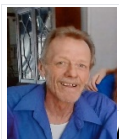


**STEPHEN ANTHONY SAPORITO** - Died Tuesday, January 31, 2023 peacefully at home in West Grove, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 13, 1945 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Sadie Saporito and the late Anthony Saporito. Stephen is the loving father of Stephanie, Stephen, and Nicholas Saporito and grandfather to Charlotte, Sawyer, Harper, Benjamin and Madeline Saporito. Cherished longtime significant other of Johanna Bifalco and her children, daughter Lisa Ann Gross and son-in-law, Billy Gross, son Neil

Bifalco and daughter-in-law Lisa Marie Bifalco and grandchildren Billy, Layla, Emma, Neil, and Caroline. Stephen is also survived by his brothers and sister, Vincent, Anne and Anthony. Stephen is a Vietnam Veteran and proudly served his country in the United States Army with 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. The family received friends on Monday, February 6, 2023 from 4:00 to 9:00 PM at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Boulevard, Staten Island, New York. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at Saint Clare Church, located at 110 Nelson Avenue Staten Island, NY. In lieu of flowers donations in Stephen's honor to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center or Wounded Warrior Project would be greatly appreciated.

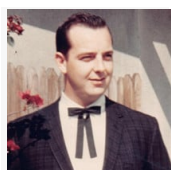


**STEVE SAWCHUK, JR.** – Died Friday, December 2, 2022 in Henderson, Nevada at the age of 79, due to a lengthy illness and many health struggles over the past several years. The actual cause of death is unknown. Steve was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 6, 1943 to the late Shirley and Steve Sawchuk, Sr. At the age of 12, Steve moved to Miami, Florida, where he was raised and graduated from North Miami High School in 1961 and soon thereafter, joined the United States Navy and served on the USS Forrestal (the first supercarrier in the world), while stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. After being discharged from the Navy, Steve worked as a professional photographer and continued with his trade even after becoming disabled. Steve moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1986, where he became a very active *Life Member* **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**, where he held the office of Treasurer as well as the Publisher/Editor of their monthly newsletter. Steve was a very social, kindhearted, and extremely positive person, never letting a negative thought cross his mind or mouth. His generosity was overwhelming and would give the shirt off his back to anyone he met. As his health continued to deteriorate, Steve was cared for by a close family friend, Andrea Carlson, and her family for many years. Steve's family is eternally grateful for their genuine care and friendship of Steve. Steve was predeceased by his wife, Virginia Sawchuk and parents Shirley and Steve Sawchuk, Sr. Survivors include his daughter Jennifer Sawchuk of Las Vegas, sister Sharon Potter of Texas, niece Kimberly Wilford (Darren) of Reno, NV, cousins Charles Betz (Myrintha Morton) of Illinois and Marsha Sawchuk of Illinois, Aunt Marcia Johnson of Washington and cousins Warren, Gary, Dianna, and David. Services and Internment, along with his wife Virginia's ashes, were held on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada.



**ALBERT C. SCHAUDT** - Died Tuesday morning, January 24, 2023 at his home in Rogers City, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 12, 1949 in Rogers City to the late Elvin and Ella (née Wolgast) Schaudt. Albert grew up on a dairy farm in Pulawski Township and graduated from Posen High School in 1967. He worked for a brief time at United States Steel before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1969 during the

Vietnam War. After returning home he went back to the Calcite Plant and retired with 40 years of service. He was united in marriage to Bonnie Muszynski on August 31, 1990. Albert always kept himself busy he enjoyed being outside cutting grass, fishing, in the summer and winter, hunting and being at camp. He was a member and past president of the Rogers City Bowling Association, he enjoyed many tournaments traveling out of state for some. A member of the Mason's Rogers City Lodge #493, and a life member and past commander of VFW Post 607. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**. Surviving are his children Jeremy (Shannon) Schaudt of Traverse City, Mindy (Kyle) Bruning of Rogers City, Kari Benton of Ohio, Katherine Brown of Black River, and Melissa (Bob) Schalk of Rogers City; brothers Wayne (Blanche) Schaudt, Larry (Peggy) Schaudt, Kevin Schaudt, and Gerald (LaVerne) Wolgast; twelve grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Bonnie in 2007, and a son Timothy in 1971. A celebration of Life for Albert took place on Thursday February 2, 2023 at the Belknap Hall. Visitation began at 3:00 PM with a military tribute at 4:00 PM with dinner following. Online condolences may be sent to [hentkowskifuneral.com](http://hentkowskifuneral.com). Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Michigan, Mason Lodge of Rogers City #493, or a charity of friend's choice.



**WAYNE EDWIN SHAFER** - Died Thursday, March 9, 2023 at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 84. He was a resident of Taylorsville, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ottumwa, Iowa on October 27, 1938 to the late John and Eva Shafer. Wayne was a Christian by faith, a Mason, and a retired auto worker from Ford Motor. He was a proud United States Navy veteran that was involved with several veterans' groups and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. Wayne played a vital role in helping establish veterans' cemeteries across Kentucky. With what started as just a letter to "Dear Abby," Wayne was directly responsible for creating the reunion of the USS Salute AM-294. He loved his children and grandchildren dearly and will be missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Eva Shafer; his son, Scott Shafer; his siblings, Fred Shafer, Jo Ann Allen, Jack Shafer, and Ralph Shafer. Wayne is survived by his loving wife of over 60 years, Carole Shafer; his sons, John Shafer (Belinda) and Cory Shafer; his sister, Phyllis Rutledge; his grandchildren, Rebecca, Addison, and Ryan Shafer. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Maraman Billings Funeral Home, with Pastor Gary McGaha officiating. Visitation hours were held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 1:00 until 8:00 PM, and on Thursday from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. Military Honors and the burial were held at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Online condolences to the family may be made at [maramanbillings.com](http://maramanbillings.com).



**CHARLES EARL SIPLEY, JR.** – Died Sunday, February 5, 2023 at home in Dundee, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Charles was born on December 18, 1949 in Newton, New Jersey to the late Charles Earl and Myrtle (née Swartz) Siple, Sr. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1967, serving in Vietnam; and received a Purple Heart, and a Bronze Star, before being Honorably Discharged in 1970. April 18, 1970 in Swartswood, NJ, he married the former Melanda M. Morel; they moved from Newton N.J. to Dundee, in 1989. Charles was a Lineman for Cable TV in New Jersey and New York before accepting a position as an Electronic Technician for IEC Electronics Corp., in Newark, NY; where he retired from in 2001. Mr. Siple was a member of the Dundee American Legion Bradley-Jessop Post #660, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**, and the Purple Heart Association. But his greatest enjoyment in life was his family. He loved his children and grandchildren, giving wheelchair rides, and being 'Poppy' who always said "Yes" when Grandma said "No". He was also an All Season Sportsman, who looked forward to fishing and hunting every year. He is survived by his wife of almost 53 years Melanda; step father Harry Elston; brother Jerry Siple; sister Barbara Johnson; children Charles E. Siple III, LaLannie Ovenshire, and Jason Siple; nine grandchildren Patrick, Bethany, Emma, Brandyn, Brayden, Karson, Sophia, Piper, and Ruby; and two great-grandchildren Adrienne and Delilah; and too many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family to mention. He was pre-deceased by his father, his mother Myrtle Elston, and a grandson Charles E. Siple IV. Calling hours were from 3:00-5:00 PM on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Baird Funeral Home, 36 Water Street, Dundee, NY; where a memorial service with Military Honors was held at 5:00 PM. A Celebration of His Life was held at the convenience of the family in the warmer weather. Memorial contributions may be made to Team Charlie c/o Brittany Gibson, 649 Shannon Corners Road, Dundee, NY 14837. Online condolences can be sent by visiting [www.bairdfuneralhomedundee.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhomedundee.com).

**DAVID F. "Dave" SMITH** – Died Sunday, January 1, 2023 in Dearborn Heights, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death prostate and kidney cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 14 1947 to the Ann Bengston. He was the dear brother of Pamela (John Skodak) Englert and Paul Smith. He is also survived by his goddaughter, Shauna (John) Rozzo. David was preceded in death by his mother, Ann Bengston and his brother, Ralph (Roseanne) Smith. David will be deeply missed by family and friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Heights Chapter #267**. Dave was a retired Veteran Service Officer from the Military Order of the Purple Heart and very well known for his help in helping veterans and their families receiving their VA benefits. Memorial visitation was on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 3:00-8:00 PM with the service held at 7:00 PM at the Allen Park Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 5900 Allen Road. Please share memories and/or leave condolences on David's guestbook at [www.voranfuneralhome.com](http://www.voranfuneralhome.com).



**WILLIAM "Kent" SOUTHARD** - Died Tuesday, September 6, 2022 in Morganton, North Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lake County, Florida on December 9, 1946 to the late William Gordon Southard and Katie (née Tallent) Southard. Kent was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, served as a NC State Trooper, and retired as a Lieutenant with NC Dept. of Corrections – IMPACT West. He enjoyed doing anything outside and demonstrated his love and reverence for God through his special love for animals and nature. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morganton Chapter #1116**. Kent is survived by his wife, Sharon (née Ward) Southard; sons, Sgt. Jamie Hastings, NCSHP and wife, Crystal, and CH (MAJ) Jason Southard, USA and wife, Angela; grandchildren, Tyler Hastings, Paige Southard Hollandsworth and husband, SSgt. Nathan Hollandsworth, USAF, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan Southard, USA; great-granddaughter, Everly Hollandsworth; brother, Jack Southard and wife, Connie, of Bryson City, NC; and the mother of his children, Kay Saulmon. The funeral was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at West Lenoir Baptist Church with Pastor Rick Safriet officiating. A private graveside service was held at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery with military honors provided by the North Carolina National Guard and the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #43, 2779 DAV Avenue, Morganton, NC 28655. The Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center assisted the family with the arrangements.



**ROBERT MICHAEL "Mike" SPENCER** - Died Monday, January 30, 2023 at the Buffalo VA Medical Center, Buffalo, New York at the age of 65. He was a resident of Lockport, New York. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Lockport on March 30, 1957 to Donald and the late Cleda (née Griswold) Spencer. Mike served in the United States Navy from 1974-1979 during Vietnam. He was *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. He was very active on the computer and enjoyed tinkering around with anything tech related. Mike enjoyed building drones and airplanes with his son Rob and together they would often fly them in the back yard. He loved watching Westerns like Bonanza and the Rifleman, was a big Buffalo Bills and Star Trek fan. Mike was predeceased by his mother, Cleda. Mike is survived by his loving companion of over 30 years, Adele LaMoy, children, Sarah (Joel) Goodrich, Robert Spencer, David Spencer, stepdaughter, Shannon Gardepe, father, Donald, grandchildren, Corey, Danielle, Sterling, Scarlett, David and Jaylen, sisters, Deanna Sink, Cheryl Krajewski, brother, Kyle Spencer, close friends, Gary Donelson, Roy Glazer, cats, Moshi and Binx, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Mike's family received friends at the Solid Rock Assembly of God Church, 8590 Gasport Road, Gasport, NY on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00-11:00 AM where his



funeral service followed at 11:00 AM. The interment was held on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Western New York National Cemetery in Corfu, NY. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Niagara County SPCA. Mike's arrangements were entrusted to the Sherrie Bream Funeral Home in Gasport, NY. To share a special memory of Mike, please visit [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com).



**SUZANNE BRIDGET "Sue" (née Wagner) SPEVACK** - Died Saturday, February 11, 2023 in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 78. She was a resident of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. She was born on September 9, 1944 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to the late Donald and Lucy (née Gallagher) Wagner; she was the middle of five children. After graduating from Liberty High School, she attended Saint Luke's School of Nursing. Wanting to apply her education, Sue was commissioned in the United States Army in 1966. She received orders to Pleiku, Vietnam in 1968 to serve as a field nurse, where she met the medic who would become her husband. She was later awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for selfless actions taken in combat to protect her patients while the hospital was attacked. Following her deployment, she returned home and married the late Thaddeus J. Spevack and continued her passion of caring for others professionally. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. She worked in the Emergency Room at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, as an Orthopedic nurse with Drs. Zeliger & Kaneda, and finally as the school nurse for Camp Curtain Elementary School in Harrisburg where she retired in 1999. She was an active member of Saint Catherine Labouré Parish and an avid gardener. Surviving are her son, Richard Joseph Spevack; daughter Rebecca Spevack (Timothy College); 3 grandchildren, Grayson, Linus, and Rupert College; brother Robert Wagner; and nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Sue was predeceased by siblings Donald Wagner, Nancy Forbes, and Sally Bradley. A viewing was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Saint Catherine Labouré Church, 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA beginning at 10:00 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM. The ability to join the funeral service via livestream can be found at <https://sclhbg.org/parish/funeralslive/>. The interment was at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at 1:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sue's memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association. via her tribute page, found at [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-AlzheimersChampionspxfid=793793&fr\\_id=1060&pg=fund](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-AlzheimersChampionspxfid=793793&fr_id=1060&pg=fund). [www.pennlive.com/obits](http://www.pennlive.com/obits).

**ROZMOND E. "Stan" STANTON** – Died Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at home in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 17, 1949. He served in the United States Army from 1969 until discharge attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Montgomery Chapter #607**. A graveside service was held on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM in the Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, AL.





**REVEREND JOHN LAWRENCE STEER** – Died Monday, January 30, 2023 in Cabot, Arkansas at the age of 74. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 26, 1948 to the late John Albert and Elizabeth (née Treat) Steer. John enlisted in the United States Army at age seventeen and volunteered to be a Paratrooper with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Division. He was sent to Vietnam in March 1967 and survived two of the bloodiest battles in Vietnam – the Slope in June 1967 and the Hill 875 in November 1967. He was wounded several times – the last time on the Hill 875 when bullets ripped across his back and shoulders and he suffered life-threatening injuries when a 500-pound bomb was dropped within their perimeter which blew off his right arm. His right leg was nearly blown off. At that moment, he cried out to God and God heard his cry and saved him. He was awarded some of the nation's highest awards for bravery and heroism – the Silver Star; two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal. After returning home and recovering from his injuries, he married the love of his life, Donna Rick on July 6, 1968. After five years, he and his wife prayed to God for special blessings and that is when they turned their lives over to God and began a ministry of testimony and song to veterans in need of healing. That is when they found a retreat and recovery center in Charlotte, Arkansas called Fort Steer. It was a haven for those veterans seeking healing from PTSD, substance abuse and homelessness. Fort Steer became the 682<sup>nd</sup> Presidential Point of Light. John was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherwood Chapter #184**. He is survived by his wife, Donna of 54 years; four children; nine grandchildren, and; two great-grandchildren.



**KAISER THOMAS "Smiley" STERBINSKY** - Died at 7:45 PM on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at Springfield Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 71. He was a resident of Springfield. The cause of death is unknown. Kaiser was born on November 14, 1950 in Charleroi, Pennsylvania to the late Kizer and Margaret (née Hair) Sterbinsky. He married Pearl Dee Barger on January 23, 1969 in Fort Bragg, NC. Kaiser graduated from Western High School in Washington, DC. He proudly served his country in the United States Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, and 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, also known as "The Herd", during the Vietnam War, where he was promoted to Squad Sergeant and later, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his heroic efforts during the Vietnam War. After returning home, Kaiser attended Germana Community College in Fredericksburg, VA, and later went on to be the owner and operator of Kaiser's Lawn Care, where you could always hear him saying, "Remember, green grass and blue skies." Kaiser spent many years coaching little league teams and, in more recent times, often referred to these times as some of his most treasured memories. After his retirement, he shifted all of his energy into the veteran's community. Kaiser was an active member of the Interveterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County and the VFW Post #10302. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

**America – Springfield Chapter #534.** He was the founding President of Chapter #21-GateWay Chapter of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Association. Kaiser was set to be awarded the 2022 Sky Soldier-of-the-Year later that month at the annual 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne reunion. Over the years, he organized many fundraisers for many organizations including Fisher House in Saint Louis, Saint Jude, Camp Coco, Home for the Troops, Shriner's Children Hospital, Saint John's Children Miracle Network, and Pedal for the Cause. Kaiser held coat drives, regularly volunteered, and donated to the local food pantries. He would also host Christmas parties for Veterans in the VA nursing homes, was a tremendous supporter of the Gold Star Families, and his accomplishments he was proudest of included campaigning and organizing for a 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne memorial bench located in Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL and one located in Jefferson Barracks Military Post, Lemay, Missouri. No obstacle was ever too big for Kaiser to reach. During his younger years, you could often catch him jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. He loved the sport so much, that all 5 of his children jumped too. Kaiser enjoyed golfing, playing pool, fishing, collecting coins, maintaining what is known to be the best yard in the neighborhood, listening to the Cubs win, being with his family, and anything to do with "The Herd", but, most of all, traveling with his wife. He was preceded in death by his parents and many brothers and sisters in arms. Kaiser is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Pearl Sterbinsky of Springfield; children, Michelle (Paul) Shaw of Springfield, Kizer (Tammy) Sterbinsky of Pawnee, Melissa (Kevin) Reed of Springfield, Kristopher (Krissa) Sterbinsky of Athens, and Margaret (Tony) Telford of Taylorville; grandchildren, Alyson, Abigail, Austen, Justin, Morgan, Addison, Bailey, Luci, Jolene, Pearldee, Lydia, and Anthony "A.K."; siblings, Sandra (Gilmer) Moore of Fredericksburg, VA, and Robin Sterbinsky of Springfield; several nieces and nephews; several great-nephews; and his beloved dog, Wrigley. Cremation was provided by Butler Cremation Tribute Center. The family received friends from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at the Butler Funeral Home – Springfield, 900 South Sixth Street, Springfield. The committal service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Camp Butler National Cemetery with military honors provided by the Department of Defense and the Interveterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County. Memorial contributions may be made to the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association, Gateway Chapter #21, C/O Nathan Whaley, 17417 Wyman Ridge Drive, Eureka MO 63025. Airborne-All The Way!



**KATHY SUE STEVENSON** – Died Wednesday, September 7, 2022 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on August 17, 1954. She was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004.*



**RICHARD GABRIEL “Gabe” STOEPPLER** - Died Sunday, January 1, 2023 in Chesnee, South Carolina at the age of 80, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 4, 1942, in the Bronx borough of New York City, New York to the late Carl and Marie (née Monetti) Stoeppler. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, MaryAnne; son Michael and wife Amanda; daughter Kristina and husband Michael; and grandchildren, Ella, Wade, Liam, Eric, and Trey. He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl John. Gabe earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Economics from the City University of New York, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Dallas, a Master of Professional Accounting from Clemson University, and was a Certified Public Accountant. He served as a decorated Captain in the United States Army 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade from 1968-1970 during the Vietnam War. There he met MaryAnne McIntyre – an Army nurse – when he was injured during the conflict. The two were married in 1971. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #644*. Gabe spent 25 years in executive leadership where he always made a point to mentor his junior colleagues. His passion for helping others succeed eventually brought him to the world of teaching. He spent 21 years sharing his wealth of knowledge as a professor of accounting at Limestone College, until his retirement in 2013. He received numerous awards for excellence in teaching, garnering unanimous praise from his students and wide respect from his colleagues. He served as Chair of the Department of Business, Economics, and International Studies, and was granted the status of Associate Professor Emeritus of Business Administration upon retirement. Those who knew him admired Gabe’s wisdom, thoughtfulness, and compassion. An ordained elder with the Presbyterian Church, Gabe sought to live his faith authentically by uplifting those around him. He shared his faith with inmates as an active volunteer with the Kairos Prison Ministry. Additionally, he was an active volunteer and board member of JumpStart, where he worked to help former inmates land on their feet upon release. He was driven by a steadfast determination to make a difference in the lives of everyone he encountered – even if only through a simple smile and friendly conversation. His calm leadership style guided others toward a better path, and his kind heart and strength of character made him a cherished family member, friend, and pillar of the community. Many were touched by Gabe’s generosity over the years, and although he will be dearly missed, his legacy will endure through those he inspired along the way. A memorial was held on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Second Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, with receiving of family and friends at 9:30 AM and services at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to JumpStart (<https://www.jumpstartvision.org/>) and Second Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg SC (<http://www.secondspartanburg.org/>). Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.mackeycenturydrive.com](http://www.mackeycenturydrive.com) for the Stoeppler family.

**NATHAN S. STONE** – Died Sunday, May 8, 2008 in Culver City, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was a United States Navy Veteran with service in World War II. In late November 1941, after having enlisted in the Navy, Nathan was in basic training in the San Diego area. During

his third week of basic training, the Japanese Imperial Navy attacked the U.S Naval forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Within days, U.S. Naval Command enacted emergency procedures and graduated Nathan's training class. Within days, Nathan found himself in a whale boat at Pearl Harbor picking up human remains and other floating objects of importance. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Culver City Chapter #526**. Nathan's wife died in 2020. He is interred at Hillside Cemetery in Culver City, California.



**JACK E. "Sumu" TAAFFE** - Died Tuesday, January 17, 2023 in Lehigh Acres, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fresno, California on December 20, 1951 to the late Lawrence and Veirle (née Paine) Taafe. Jack enlisted in the United States Army in 1969 and served his country with two tours in the Vietnam war. He married Patricia Dampier on September 14, 1974, in Janesville. He was a member of Bustin' Loose MC for several years where he served as President. He was a member of the Capital City Riders Motorcycle Club of Madison for more than 25 years after that and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Rock River (Janesville, Wisconsin) Chapter #236**. He worked as an OTR Truck Driver until his retirement. Jack enjoyed playing golf and riding his motorcycle. Jack is survived by his wife, Patricia of Lehigh Acres FL; three sons: Joseph Taafe of Janesville, Harley (Kay) Taafe of Janesville, and Luke Taafe of Milton; four grandchildren: Jillian, Annabelle, Vanessa, and Jeremiah; two brothers, Dwayne Taafe of Roseville, CA, and Rick Taafe of Beloit, WI; as well as all his brothers and sisters of the CC Riders Motorcycle Club. He was preceded in death by his parents; and in-laws, Glen and Evelyn Dampier; and sister-in-law, Carol Pick. A celebration of life was held on May 13, 2023, at the CC Riders Clubhouse, 1325 Parkside Drive, Madison, WI starting at 12:00 Noon. Military honors were performed by Vietnam Vets Rock River Chapter #236. For online condolences and guestbook, please visit: [www.schneiderfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.schneiderfuneraldirectors.com).



**DANIEL J. "Gunny" "Dan" TAYLOR** – Died Sunday, September 4, 2022 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Chicago Heights Illinois on September 4, 1945 to the late William and Genevieve (née Sukley) Taylor. He went into the United States Marine Corps in 1964, where he served in Vietnam, receiving 5 purple hearts until 1970, when he was blown up. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**. Later he served as the local VVA Chapter #1015 President. In civilian life, Dan worked mostly in truck driving, Hotel and Apartment Management and maintenance. Daniel loved camping, boating, bowling and fishing. In his younger days he even did some rodeo. He always enjoyed playing soft ball, and played in the TN Senior Olympics, encouraging his team

with camaraderie. Laughing with family and friends is what he enjoyed the most. A really great friend to all. Being of the Pentecostal faith, he knew and loved his Lord. He went home to Heaven on his 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Preceded in death by his parents, his brother Billy Taylor, sister Jimmie Lou Eckoff, and half -sister Betty Hodge. Survived by his wife, Tina Taylor. Sister Wilma (Ronald) Eckoff, Children, Danielle McDonald (David), son Steven Taylor (Carol), Malinda Cornelison (John). Stepson, Shane Honeycutt. 5 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren 3 great grandchildren. Niece Julie Eckoff. Celebration of Life with Military Services with the Local Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1015, Flag Roll. and FFG Marine Corp. Honor Guard. Services were held at Crossville Memorial Funeral Home on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with visitation at 12:00 Noon and the funeral at 2:00 PM, CST, followed by graveside services at the Pomona Cemetery. The Crossville Memorial Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**JAMES EDWARD "Jim" TAYLOR** – Died Saturday, February 11, 2023 in Lynchburg, Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newport News, Virginia on September 16, 1946 to the late James Keith Taylor and Margaret (née Layne) Taylor. Jim was a United States Navy Veteran and served two tours during the Vietnam war. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. He retired from B & W after 33 years of service. He was very community focused and enjoyed working with Junior Achievement, The Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew, serving as Chief for several years. He was a member of West Lynchburg Baptist Church and served as Deacon, worked with the Youth Group, and was involved on many mission trips. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Allison Taylor Paris. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Maryanne L. Taylor; three sons, James S. Taylor (Ingrid), Jamie C. Taylor (Melanie) and James Masten Taylor; one daughter, Amber Taylor Wilson (David); two sisters, Vivian M. Wilson (Calvin) and Norma Jean Peterson; one brother, Douglas W. Taylor (Angie), and; ten grandchildren, Savannah Revis, James Z. Taylor, Madison Brooke, Emily Paris, James A. Taylor, Reagan Taylor, Abigail Wilson, Madeline Wilson, Sam Hackworth and Gabe Hackworth. A service celebrating his life was conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the West Lynchburg Baptist Church with Pastor Chris Jordan officiating. The interment was in Fort Hill Memorial Park with Military Honors by the American Legion Post #16. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the Whitten Timberlake Chapel and at other times at the home of his daughter Amber. Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the American Legion Post #16 Honor Guard or to the West Lynchburg Baptist Church. To send condolences online, please visit [www.whittentimberlake.com](http://www.whittentimberlake.com).



**CARLTON RAY THIGPEN, JR.** - Died Sunday, March 5, 2023 at his home in Kinston, North Carolina at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 2, 1936 to the late Carlton Thigpen, Sr. and Nannie Thigpen. Carlton served in the United States Navy for 20 years and he was also a loyal patron of the G.I. Joe's in Kinston. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892**. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Judy O. Thigpen of the home; daughter, Tina Thigpen Stapleton and friend, Thomas Schroeder of Holly Springs; son, Ray Thigpen and wife Cathy of Bushnell, FL; granddaughter, Lindsey Coley and husband Brian of Durham; grandson, Justin Croom and Fiancée Ashley Smith of Zebulon; great granddaughter, Ava Smith of Zebulon. Visitation was held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at the Garner Funeral Home. The graveside service was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Pinelawn Memorial Park with Reverend Jimmy Sowers officiating with Military honors.



**JOHN F. TORR** (USA, CW3-Ret.) – Died Sunday, January 15, 2023 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dover, New Hampshire on December 5, 1934 to the late Keith and Gertrude Torr. Upon graduating from Dover High School, John served his country, completing two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the United States Army as a CW3 after twenty years, during which time he was awarded the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Service Campaign Medal. Following his Army career, he was employed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard before retiring again in 1994. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. John was a 50-year member and past Worshipful Master of Moses Paul Lodge #96 in Dover, NH and a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Portsmouth. He will be missed by his loving wife of 60 years, Mary, sons, Scott (Renée), Rodney and Todd (Emil), grandchildren, Ryan(Breanna) and Haley, and his twin brother Robert. He was preceded in death by his parents Keith and Gertrude and sister Janice. A military memorial service was held January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Florida Bushnell National Cemetery.

**WAYNE M. WATSON** - Died Thursday, July 14, 2022 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in northeast Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 21, 1947 to the late Martha and Martin Watson. His brother, Dennis, and sister, Wanda, preceded Wayne in death. He is survived by his wife, Linda M. (née Riordan) Watson of Saint Louis, MO, and his stepson, Kyle Chandler of Saint Louis, MO, His sons, Christopher Watson and Martin Watson, his nieces, Jennifer Forwood and Michelle King, both of Schwenksville, PA, and his beloved great-nephews, Jake and Conner Forwood, and his great-nieces, Brianna and Olivia King.



Wayne was a United States Army Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and instructor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. He was an active member of the Saint Louis Woodworker's Guild serving as president, vice-president, and instructor. He also advised and assisted Saint Louis area Boy Scouts in Eagle projects which involved woodworking. After retiring from rehabbing historic homes in the Soulard area, Wayne led a team of fellow woodworkers in rebuilding a wooden vinegar rail car at the National Museum of Transportation in Saint Louis County. The funeral service was held in the Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Visitation hours were held on Monday from 4:00-8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations to the Fisher House in Saint Louis, PO Box 998, Fenton, MO 63026 or at <http://www.FisherHouseinStL.org> in Wayne's honor appreciated.



**ERIC WILLIAM WELKE** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Friday, February 3, 2023 in Downingtown, Pennsylvania at the age of 71, surrounded by loving family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 19, 1952 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Herman William and Dolores Rachel (née Koch) Welke. With unbounded energy and limitless enthusiasm, Eric grew up a resilient force who always left a lasting impression on those around him. At the age of 17, Eric joined the United States Army and fought overseas in the Vietnam War. Despite being wounded in combat, he completed two tours of duty in Vietnam and continued serving his country through a lengthy, esteemed military career. A well-respected soldier, he was awarded several commendations including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and many others. He also completed advanced Army Special Forces training as well as earned the prestigious Ranger tab. Eric retired from a career with the U.S. Army as First Sergeant. After military retirement, Eric continued his commitment to hard work by engaging in other challenging professions, tackling multiple projects, helping his neighbors, and joining respected organizations. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 353, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post #845), and the Chester County Corvette Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**. Uniquely skilled at all things mechanical, working on cars was his passion—and he excelled at breathing new life into old classics. He also enjoyed doing yardwork, going fishing, building models, watching football, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his children: Hildi Kelsey (son-in-law Benjamin) and Raymond P. Gravinese, III (daughter-in-law Angela); his grandchildren: Madeline Kelsey, Daniel Kelsey, Dominic Gravinese, and Gavin Gravinese; his brother, Mark H. Welke (sister-in-law Lynne); and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Nancy Welke, and his sister, Susan Welke. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the Donohue Funeral Home, 1627 West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA 19382 with a Masonic Service at 5:45 PM. A military funeral honor ceremony was held promptly at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road Newtown, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to VFW Post #845, 4601 Lincoln Highway, Downingtown, PA 19335 in honor of Eric.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH WENCKER** – Died Tuesday, October 20, 2020 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 14, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**. Funeral services were arranged by the Neptune Society of Brenton, Tennessee.



**TERENCE GRANT "Terry" WHITESIDE** – Died Saturday, August 6, 2022 in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba, Canada at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He battled several health issues in the hospital until Terry found peace to join his beloved wife, Pat. Terry was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on December 27, 1943 to the late Edna and Douglas Whiteside. He grew up in Elmwood on Chalmers Avenue where he went to school and met his future wife, Patricia. Terry worked several jobs in Winnipeg after school before deciding to enlist in the United States Navy in 1964. When stationed at Corpus Christi, TX, he volunteered to serve in the Vietnam War from September of 1965 to Aug 1966. Upon return from Vietnam, while on leave, Terry returned to Winnipeg and married his high school sweetheart Patricia on September 10, 1966. Terry and Pat lived in Rhode Island, Massachusetts until he completed his Naval service and then returned to Winnipeg. Terry became a member of the Winnipeg police force and served the community until retirement in 1998. Friends and family of Terry growing up describe him as a very tough individual. He always presented as direct but genuine which were attributes highly respected by those that knew him. He never backed down from a bully and always put others before himself even when faced with dangerous situations which were characteristics that assisted in his success in the military and police force. In the 1980's Terry joined the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville (North Dakota) Chapter #374** as a *Life Member* where he met others who served in the Vietnam War. He was extremely proud of his service and grateful for the relationships he gained from this organization. Terry had a love for outdoorsman activities such as hunting and fishing. His love for these activities were passed on to his children Grant and Sean during their upbringing and ultimately led Terry and his wife to move to the acreage in Cooks Creek, Manitoba in 1977. Upon retirement he then moved to waterfront property in Lee River to spend his days doing what he enjoyed. Terry and Pat spent a lot of their retirement travelling the world and spending winters away from our cold climate. He is survived by his sons Grant and Sean (Trena), grandchildren Kayla and Devon, brother Derek (Rose), brother-in-law Gerry McDougall and nieces Janelle and Lisa. Terry is predeceased by his parents Douglas and Edna, brother Barry, sister Lee-Anne McDougall. A celebration of Terry's life was held at the Elmwood Legion #9 at 920 Nairn Avenue on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

**JAMES B. WRIGHT** – Died Tuesday, January 31, 2023 in Chesterfield, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 3, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Southgate Chapter #259**.

*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!*